

Eligibility

Applications are welcome from those who have:

- ✓ A good first degree or equivalent professional qualification or experience (essential)
- ✓ An adequate level of English (essential)
- ✓ Willingness to engage with staff and students for mutual benefit (essential)

Full-time or part-time options

The full-time (1 year) or part-time (2 years) routes provide a solid framework for learning the skills and knowledge required to conduct HSR & HTA studies. The syllabus has been designed to address the needs of both UK and non-UK students, offering core and a series of optional modules so that students can tailor the course to their needs. The course is suitable for the HSR training component of MRC and Department of Health fellowships.

Diploma, Certificate and single modules

For an MPH (HSR) a student must obtain 180 credits. For those wishing to study for fewer credits, a Diploma (120 credits) or a Certificate (60 credits) is an option. Individual course modules also address the needs of health service professionals who wish to learn a specific research skill.



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Master Of
Public Health –
Health Services
Research.

What is the Master of Public Health in Health Services Research - MPH (HSR)?

The increasing emphasis on evidence-based, cost-effective purchasing and provision of health services has created a need for people with formal training in health services research (HSR) or Health Technology Assessment (HTA). The application of HSR & HTA methods to health service development are of international importance. In the UK recent changes in the allocation of NHS research funds will increase the need for health service professionals with sound research skills. This established Masters course is designed to meet these needs.

Core modules

A full Masters course consists of units of study (120 credits) and a dissertation (60 credits). Taught units are worth 15 credits:

- Research Design & Methods
- Health Needs Assessment and Economic Appraisal
- Epidemiological Research Design
- Qualitative research methods
- Systematic reviews and critical appraisal
- Statistics and quantitative data analysis

Optional modules for 2007-08

are likely to be:

- Promoting evidence based health care
- Further methods in the design and analysis of health technology assessments
- Advanced economic evaluation
- Advanced qualitative research methods
- Using sources of routine health information
- Health policy and health systems in an international context
- Health services management



What do our students think?

"I gained greater depth of critical appraisal skills from the course, especially around methodologies and statistical evidence"

"I now act as research lead within a speech and language agency, and lecture on an undergraduate research course, as a direct result of taking this course"

"The knowledge and skills gained on the course have been a great help in gaining work as a research reviewer"

"I have presented my dissertation work at two conferences"

How is the MPH (HSR) taught?

We use a variety of teaching approaches including traditional lectures coupled with tutorials and discussion forums. We are experimenting with more innovative approaches including WebCT and other internet-based media. The course is taught by experienced staff who are actively engaged in high level health services research.

Applications

The intake for the MPH (HSR) is in September, and applications will normally be accepted up to six weeks before the start of term. Application forms can be downloaded at

www.sheffield.ac.uk/postgraduate