

Change the (Health) World

Graduate Certificate in Health Science (Health Services Innovation)

Exclusive Metro North cohort commencing semester 2

Developed by The Australian Centre for Health Services Innovation (AusHSI) at QUT in collaboration with Metro North Hospital and Health Service (MNHHS), the Graduate Certificate in Health Sciences (Health Services Innovation) enables clinicians, administrators and operational staff to develop, implement and evaluate innovations within the healthcare setting.

The academic program has been designed to enhance MNHHS staff capability in implementation science, health systems reform, and cost-effectiveness analysis. COVID-19 provided MNHHS with an unprecedented opportunity to address novel and emerging service challenges, showing that our culture of innovation and translational research has grown, but, we still have further to go. This program supports our staff amidst increasingly complex service pressures.

The MNHHS cohort will be guided through four units, part-time over 2021/22. The subjects are taught through six 2-5 day block courses. The program is usually taught at QUT Kelvin Grove, however the uncertainty around social distancing requirements in 2021 due to COVID-19 may require some material to be delivered online.

	Unit Name	Dates	Location
Semester 2, 2021	Implementation Science: Theory and Application in Health – <i>learn an evidence based approach for introducing improvements in healthcare so they become usual practice and are sustainable.</i>	Orientation Mon 12 July 2021 (5-7pm) Thur 29 – Fri 30 July 2021 Thur 26 – Fri 27 Aug 2021 Fri 8 Oct 2021	QUT, Kelvin Grove campus
Semester 1, 2022	Health Systems – <i>explore systems of health care both in Australia and internationally and the factors that influence the design and functioning of those systems.</i>	Thur 31 March – Fri 1 Apr 2022 Thur 19 – Fri 20 May 2022	QUT, Kelvin Grove campus
Semester 2, 2022	Cost-Effectiveness Analysis for Healthcare – <i>understand how to assess the combined value of clinical outcomes and economic costs. Become a better steward and increase healthcare value.</i>	5-day learning block Mon 18 – Fri 22 July 2022	QUT, Kelvin Grove campus
Semester 1, 2023	Independent Study – <i>supported by a MNHHS mentor and AusHSI staff.</i>	Self directed learning	Work-place-based

The QUT Graduate Certificate (Health Services Innovation) is structured so that students can continue studies and obtain a Master of Health Management.

Unique support for the MNHHS cohort:

- AusHSI will provide a dedicated team of health economists, statisticians and implementation scientists to support the application of students' academic learning to the planning, implementation and evaluation of workplace-based projects.
- MNHHS has a dedicated position to support staff in their transition back to studying, providing support and advice on coordinating the workplace-based projects and identify additional support required from MNHHS to realize innovative change.

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MNHHS selection process

Please read the 2021 Guide for Applicants for full details:

- Complete an application form through “SmartyGrants” funding portal – found on <https://metronorth.health.qld.gov.au/research>
- Upload your 2 page CV
- Print application and CV and submit to your Head of Department/ Executive Director. Upload signed form.
- Submit all documents by closing date – Midnight Monday 26 April 2021
- A multi-profession selection panel will meet and inform applicants by Friday 4 June 2021 (COB)
- Applicants and Line Manager attend Q&A Webinar Wednesday 9 June 2021
- Staff upload academic history and provide personal details to QUT by 11:59pm 18 June 2021. QUT enrollment process.

Commitment

There are a limited number of positions in the course and MNHHS is heavily subsidising these. Applicants are required to invest in their learning through the following:

- Use your yearly Queensland Health professional development leave, up to a maximum of 7 days per year; less if you get less, for course work days
- Contribute to course fees as determined by your occupational classification (aligns with Queensland Health Professional Development Allowance (PDA)).
 - e.g. Health Practitioner - \$1700 PDA - \$1700 per year contribution
- If you don't receive a PDA allowance there will be an out-of-pocket fee of \$600 per year
 - e.g. Administration – no PDA -\$600 per year contribution
- Commit to attending ALL of the block course dates (not negotiable due to learning model)
- Commit to passing the subjects within the 2 year program.

Self-Funded Positions

There is an opportunity to self-fund an additional position in the course. Please be aware that self-funding does not guarantee a place but is taken into consideration when reviewing final numbers. Opportunities to nominate for a self-funded position are provided in the application.

At this stage, indicative course costs* for self funded positions as at January 2021 are \$6010 in 2021, and \$6272 in 2022. These fees are subject to change in line with fees released by QUT's Faculty of Health in December each year.

QUT Entry Requirements for Graduate Certificate Health Science (Health Services Innovation)

Students must have:

- A completed recognised bachelor degree in any discipline; or
- A completed recognised diploma qualification (or higher award) with at least three years full-time equivalent (FTE) professional work experience which includes at least one year in a supervisory or leadership role (e.g. with responsibility for decision making, team work, quality assurance, and/or policy development); or
- Current registration within the applicant's field of practice with a nationally recognised professional body with at least three years full-time equivalent (FTE) professional work experience; or
- For applicants working in a field of practice that does not have a nationally recognised professional body, at least seven years full-time equivalent (FTE) professional experience in a supervisory or leadership role (eg: with responsibility for decision making, team work, quality assurance, and/or policy development).

Course details available at <http://www.aushsi.org.au/training/graduatecertificate/>

For further information regarding the application visit <https://metronorth.health.qld.gov.au/research> or contact: Louise D'Allura Learning Coordinator Graduate Certificate Health Services Innovation on 07 3647 9761 or MNHHS-Research-GradCertHSI@health.qld.gov.au