DO YOU WANT TO PROGRESS YOUR CAREER IN HEALTH?

Endorsed by the Royal Society for Public Health, this course has been designed to meet the needs of a wide range of professionals who work in the area of health improvement and health promotion. It aims to provide you with the opportunity to develop the skills required to meet existing and emerging challenges in this profession.
WITH STRATEGIES FOR SUSTAINABLE HEALTH IMPROVEMENT AND HEALTH PROMOTION FIRMLY ON THE AGENDA OF GOVERNMENTS ACROSS THE GLOBE, INVESTING IN POSTGRADUATE STUDY RIGHT NOW WILL BE THE RIGHT CHOICE FOR YOUR CAREER.

This course has been specifically designed to address the significant changes that have taken place in health care. The course will provide you with the knowledge and skills necessary to improve the population’s health and well-being. It will enable you to plan, implement and evaluate health promotion programmes in communities, schools and non-traditional health care settings. You will explore the major principles of health promotion and address current issues in improving health and the prevention of disease.

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR?

This distance learning course will benefit those working in the key areas of health, health improvement, community health partnerships, local authorities, social care and the voluntary sectors, both in the UK and internationally, by providing them with a professional qualification that will develop their understanding of this complex field and strengthen, enhance and improve their career prospects.

THE BENEFITS FOR YOU

The convenience of distance learning means that you can study at a pace and time that fits in with your work commitments and home life.

As a student, you will apply the theoretical constructs of health improvement and health promotion directly to your own work practice.

Learning will occur both individually and within a group environment, with formal and informal discussion forums taking place with your student peers through the Virtual Campus.

This course can open up more employment opportunities whilst also allowing you to build on your previous career experience, enabling you to enhance your ability to develop your professional role.

If you don’t want to commit to studying a full Masters degree, you can complete single modules and qualify for either a Postgraduate Certificate or a Postgraduate Diploma.

THE BENEFITS FOR YOUR EMPLOYER

Professional Development can increase staff morale and improve retention of highly skilled professionals.

Students can focus on specific employer requirements and learning can be applied to the student’s current area of work.

This course supports the Government’s Health Improvement Strategy - to help people to sustain and improve their health and reduce health inequalities.

Students will acquire the necessary skills in strategic and policy development that can then be applied to your organisation.
The course consists of seven modules followed by a dissertation, enabling you to exit with an MSc award. On completion of each module, you will be awarded a number of credit points (15 or 30), which you can use to gain a credit award. You may exit after 60 credits (PG Certificate) or continue to PG Diploma (120 credits) or Masters level (180 credits).

You will study the following modules:

**Year 1**
- Health Promotion and Improvement – Principles and Concepts (30)
- Social Policy: Impact on Health (15)
- An Introduction to Health Psychology and Principles of Behavioural Change (15)

**Year 2**
- Partnership Working for Health (15)
- Working with Communities (15)
- Planning and Managing Health Improvement Programmes (15)
- Research Methods (15)

**Year 3**
- Dissertation

**HOW YOU WILL LEARN**
As the ‘Professional University’ - named Scottish University of the Year in The Sunday Times University Guide 2011 – we offer the flexibility of distance learning together with dedicated support tailored to your needs.

Campus Moodle is the University’s virtual learning environment (VLE). It is a valuable tool that provides an integrated package of resources and facilities to all of our students via the internet. You will have access to a wide variety of learning materials and will be able to interact with fellow students and tutors through innovative technologies including the Wimba Classroom, synchronous chat and discussion forums.

“Studying for the MSc has given me the confidence and underpinning knowledge to apply for my current post, and I believe completing the MSc will improve this further. From studying this course, health inequalities have become a keen area of interest for me and I have become much more sensitive to ensuring that any work I undertake does not seek to increase inequality. I am also able to identify health improvement opportunities within all aspects of daily life and look for ways to incorporate these into the work I am involved in.”

Public Health Practitioner for Healthy Weight, NHS

“As an employer within the field of Health Promotion, I feel that the modules studied on this course are directly relevant to the practising Health Promotion Specialist or Health Improvement Officer. The diversity of the health promoting agenda means that the course content is also attractive to the wider Public Health workforce, including those from partner organisations who have a desire to enhance their knowledge in relation to their health improvement role.”

Head of Health Promotion, NHS Grampian
KEY DETAILS

Start date
January

Duration
3 years, part time

Mode of delivery
Online Distance Learning

Fees
www.rgu.ac.uk/stud_finance

Entry Requirements
We consider applications on their individual merit, however we are typically looking for: a degree/honours degree and one year’s work experience in a health related industry or a professional qualification and a minimum of two years work experience in a health related industry.

If you are an international student, you will also need an English Language Qualification i.e. IELTS 7.0/TOEFL Score 600 (internet-based test 100 - with a minimum of 27 in writing) or other equivalent recognised language qualification.

TALK TO US:
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