



Public Health - Postgraduate

Applicant Information

Course Applications

Applications for Semester 1: Due last Friday of January*

Applications for Semester 2: Due last Friday of June*

*** At the latest – preferably submit your application as soon as possible to the Admissions address on the form.**

Please refer to the application form for instructions on supporting documentation and how to submit. It is not necessary to provide copies of previous ECU qualifications.

Fees

Please refer to our fee calculator:

<http://fees.ecu.edu.au/>. Australian citizens can defer fees through the Australian Taxation Office FEE-HELP scheme (similar to HECS) by completing a Commonwealth Assistance Form. For more information on FEE-HELP: <http://www.goingtouni.gov.au/Main/Quickfind/PayingForYourStudiesHELPLoans/FEEHELP.htm>

The Commonwealth Assistance Form (for FEE-HELP) is part of the online unit enrolment process. Each semester students obtain an electronic invoice for that semester's unit/s and have until the end of Week 4 each semester to pay the fees. The fee invoice will be available online via SIMO, the student information system approx. 2 days after you are enrolled in your first unit/s.

Course Offers & Unit Enrolment

If successful, you will receive a course offer letter which will direct you to the VIP website. The VIP website walks you through the stages of accepting the offer of a place in the course; obtaining your course structure; and activating your student login, password and ECU e-mail account. VIP will then direct you to SIMO, the system you will use to enrol in your first unit/s and order any textbooks.

Orientation & Induction

The VIP process will also direct you to the ECU Orientation website. *All students should complete the Online Orientation for Off-Campus students.* There are also on-campus Orientation activities which you are welcome to register for or attend. School-specific Induction information will be e-mailed to your ECU student e-mail account. We highly recommend students explore the Student Information Home Page. There is a link to this from www.ecu.edu.au "Current Students".

Mode of Delivery

All courses are available through part-time online study. There are no on-campus requirements. Part-time means enrolling in one or two units per semester. Full-time means enrolling in three units per semester. Most students begin by enrolling in one unit per semester. (Except Graduate Certificate Health Services Management – 2 units per semester).

Online Unit Materials

After you have enrolled in a unit on SIMO, you will receive in the post instructions for how to access your online unit materials from the [MyECU](#) website. Unit materials include topic notes; assignment questions and due dates; and a suggested timetable for reading. Students will be able to interact online with their tutor and other students in the unit via Discussion Boards. You will also be able to communicate with your unit tutor by ECU e-mail and telephone. Your tutor's contact details are on [MyECU](#) under 'Staff Details'. [MyECU](#) opens to students up to two weeks prior to the start of semester.

Course Duration

There are two 13 week semesters per year:
Sem 1: Calendar Week 9 – Week 25
Sem 2: Calendar Week 30 – Week 47
An Academic Calendar is available from: <http://www.ecu.edu.au/student/homepage/>, refer to *Pattern 1*. Each unit runs for one semester. Therefore, the number of units you choose to do each semester will determine how long your course takes. For example, a Graduate Certificate may take two semesters (one year) or three semesters (one and a half years), depending on whether you choose to enrol in one or two units per semester.

Assessments

Most units are assessed by written assignments or projects which are due on set dates throughout the semester. Some online units are not examinable. If your unit does have an exam, you must register to sit the exam (and nominate a location if you are not in the Perth metropolitan area). Other than exams, there are no on-campus requirements. Assignments are submitted to your tutor as attachments via e-mail.

Textbooks

Once you are enrolled in a unit, you will be able to see the textbook requirements via SIMO under 'book list'. You are able to order your textbook online from the ECU Bookshop and it will be posted to you.

Advanced Standing (Exemption)

Completion of a Graduate Certificate usually allows three units advanced standing in the associated Postgraduate Diploma or Master. In this instance, an advanced standing form should be submitted with your course application. If you wish to apply for advanced standing from a unit based on other studies or work experience you must:

- Choose which unit/s you believe you should receive advanced standing from. Unit descriptions are either on the course flyer, or available from the Online Handbook: <http://handbook.ecu.edu.au/> (Advanced Search). A full unit outline can be requested from the Postgraduate Administration Officer.
- Complete an advanced standing form and attach supporting documentation. If the 'grounds for credit' is work experience, please attach relevant documents, eg. job description, employer references, examples of work.

Student Support

Queries regarding your enrolment can be directed to: student.central@ecu.edu.au or (61 8) 6304 2000. If Student Central is unable to assist, you are welcome to contact the Postgraduate Student Support Officer, Wyman Low: w.low@ecu.edu.au or (61 8) 6304 5054. Academic queries regarding unit content or assessments should be directed to your unit tutor, whose contact details will be on MyECU.

Important Information

All important information will be sent to your ECU student e-mail address. You must check your student e-mail regularly, or you will miss out on essential advice. The link to "E-mail" is on the Current Student Information Home Page.

Please keep this flyer for future reference.

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