

Graduate Certificate of Agricultural Health and Medicine



The Graduate Certificate of Agricultural Health and Medicine (GCAHM) delivers specialist knowledge and skills to students currently employed, or wishing to gain employment, in rural and remote related professions.

This course aims to provide you with the necessary tools and knowledge to improve the social, physical and mental health of agricultural workforces across Australia and globally. It focuses on improving health outcomes on the 'other side of the fence' and how poor health impacts not only agricultural populations, but agribusiness, agricultural production and sustainability. You will learn about the interplay between diverse topics that span environmental, social, physical and mental health in addition to community stressors that impact on the wellbeing of rural and remote communities. The interdisciplinary and hands-on nature of the GCAHM will highlight what is needed to improve the determinants of health in farming communities both in Australia and abroad.

Course details

Course code: H522

Offered at: Cloud Campus (online). Some attendance is required at the National Centre for Farmer Health in Hamilton, Deakin centre, affiliated industry or other physical site. Melbourne Burwood Campus, Cloud Campus (online)

Duration: students are likely to undertake the GCAHM on a part-time basis over Trimesters 1 and 2, with the option of concluding elective units in Trimester 3.

Intake: Trimester 1, Trimester 2.

Why study this course?

Agricultural workforces in Australia and abroad experience high work-related mortality, tolerate high rates of physical and mental ill-health, are affected by limited access to health services and have low health literacy. This results in poor health outcomes for diseases and illnesses that are

readily manageable in urban settings. The GCAHM highlights the ways in which the physical and mental health of rural and remote workforces can be improved.

This course highlights how health, safety and wellbeing are essential for productivity in primary industries and agribusiness. The GCAHM expands upon the individual determinants of health to explore issues of climate change, agricultural practices, remote community sustainability and other social determinants of health in farming communities. Undertaking the GCAHM will be beneficial to students wishing to undertake further study and improve health provision, research, safety, policy and literacy in rural and remote communities or to improve agricultural production and sustainability.

Career outcomes

The Graduate Certificate of Agricultural Health and Medicine (GCAHM) opens a variety of exciting career paths by providing students with a strong foundation in agricultural health, safety, wellbeing and sustainability. After successful completion of this course you will have the academic, practical and research skills to work in a range of career paths spanning health service provision, rural research, health management, health promotion, agricultural productivity, sustainability and rural policy. The GCAHM provides an important opportunity to those who are currently, or plan to be, rural and remote professionals in the fields of medicine, nursing, health, health management, rural policy, WH&S and agriculture.

Professional recognition

This course is currently accredited as at the date of publishing. The eligibility of students to be recognised as an AgriSafe™ practitioner is subject to meeting the requirements of AgriSafe™. Deakin University makes no representation that students will meet those requirements.

15% postgraduate bursary

Deakin alumni, their spouses and immediate family may be eligible to receive a 15% reduction per unit on their enrolment fees on any postgraduate award course (excluding students enrolled in a Commonwealth supported place (CSP)) at Deakin University.

deakin.edu.au/alumni/alumni-benefits/postgraduate-bursary

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'As a health professional, I decided to do the GCAHM because I wanted to develop a stronger knowledge base and set of skills to specifically be able to care for farmers and families in rural communities. I highly recommend this course to anyone who works in rural agricultural areas and is passionate about making a difference to farmers and rural families' lives.'

Sophie Robertson
Graduate Certificate of Agricultural Health and Medicine



Who can study this course?

The Graduate Certificate of Agricultural Health and Medicine has been developed to appeal to a wide variety of graduate levels from nursing, medicine, health, agricultural science, agribusiness, social work, veterinary and environmental science backgrounds. By undertaking this course rural and health professionals, health care administrators and policy makers will enhance their knowledge of the physical and mental health issues facing today's rural and remote communities. Upon successful completion of the course, graduates with a relevant health degree will be eligible to become an AgriSafe™ provider.

Credit for prior learning

Credit for prior learning may be granted for up to two credit points. Students must submit a completed Credit for Prior Learning application form at deakin.edu.au/courses/credit-for-prior-learning, and contact the course director.

Course structure

To complete the Graduate Certificate of Agricultural Health and Medicine students must attain 4 credit points, of which 2 credit points must be the core units HMF701 Agricultural Health and Medicine and HMF702 Healthy and Sustainable Agricultural Communities.

The course structure is highly flexible and permits you to commence your studies with either HMF701 in Trimester 1 or HMF702 in Trimester 2 and then to complete either a 2 credit point minor research project or alternatively undertake 2 credit points from the course-grouped electives in the coursework stream.

If you are undertaking the coursework stream you will have the flexibility to choose any combination of the 6 listed elective units or alternatively you may choose unlisted 700-level units provided the units are relevant to the field of Agricultural Health and Medicine and you have written approval from your course director.

More information on course structure and available elective units can be found at:
deakin.edu.au/course/graduate-certificate-agricultural-health-and-medicine

Year 1	Trimester 1	Agricultural Health and Medicine HMF701	Elective
	Trimester 2	Healthy and Sustainable Agricultural Communities HMF702 HSH761	Elective

This sample course structure is correct as at 18 July 2018 and should be used as a guide only. Course advice should always be sought from the relevant enrolment officer.

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