# Duration of programme

MPhil: Part-time, 3 - 5 years;

Full-time, 2 – 3 years

**PhD**: Part-time, 5 – 7 years;

Full-time, 3 - 5 years

# Thesis Requirement

The PhD thesis should make a distinct contribution to the content and advancement of public health, and



show evidence of originality either through the discovery of new facts or by the exercise of independent critical analysis. It should meet the

professional standards of the discipline, be satisfactory in literary presentation, and suitable for publication. The examination for the degree is by assessment of the thesis and by oral examination.









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# University of the West Indies Faculty of Medical Sciences DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH & PSYCHIATRY

#### SECTION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH



# Master and Doctor of Philosophy (MPhil/PhD) in Public Health

#### MISSION:

To improve social, mental and physical health by enabling global solutions to Caribbean public health challenges, through leadership, innovative teaching, research and service.

# Master and Doctor of Philosophy (MPhil/PhD) in Public Health

## Description:

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree programme at the University of the West Indies is a research-focused programme that equips students to contribute to the maintenance and improvement in public health primarily through public health research and teaching.

# Programme Structure

The programme is intended to develop the research skills of graduate students with particular application to solving public health problems of lower and middle income developing countries. The programme is geared towards honing skills in quantitative and qualitative research methodology, statistical analyses, policy application and health promotion.



# Programme Structure cont'd

The programme consists of a minimum of 9 credit hours of coursework, research seminars (MPhil candidates: at least 2 seminars; PhD candidates: at least 3 seminars) and a thesis. MPhil/PhD candidates are also expected to participate in routine journal club meetings and other departmental seminars.

### **Entry Requirements**

- The minimum requirement of the UWI to enrol in a research degree (MPhil/PhD) is an Upper Second Class Honours degree or its equivalent.
- Post-graduate students with an approved Masters Degree in an appropriate field of study in Public Health may register directly for the PhD programme.
- All other graduates are required to enrol for the MPhil degree and on successful completion of qualifying courses, request transfer to the PhD programme; however, the transfer may not be requested before completing one year as a MPhil candidate.



# Special Areas of Research

Each candidate's MPhil/PhD committee jointly determines the programme of study. Research interests should include problems with application to public and population health. Existing areas of departmental research include but are not limited to:

- Applied Nutrition
- Health Education/Promotion
- Primary Health Care
- Sexual and Reproductive Health
- · Environmental Health
- Non-Communicable Diseases
- Health Management