

Course Detail

Master of Primary Health Care Management (International Program)

1. **Course Title:** Master of Primary Health Care Management (International Program)
2. **Master' Degree:** Master of Primary Health Care Management (M.P.H.M.)
3. **Academic Institution:** ASEAN Institute for Health Development, Mahidol University
4. **Duration:** 1 Academic Year (August 2025-July 2026)
5. **Background and Rational:**

The Master of Primary Healthcare Management is an international program designed to equip learners with the knowledge and skills necessary for analyzing, researching, and synthesizing new knowledge in primary healthcare management. The program's focus is on improving local health systems through primary healthcare, enabling participants to address community health issues and create equitable access to quality health services.

The curriculum supports learners in identifying policies and management models that strengthen primary care systems at both local and national levels. It emphasizes research processes, analytical thinking, and creative problem-solving, preparing students to become independent researchers capable of improving health management and contributing to health system development locally and internationally.

Graduates are expected to play a key role in healthcare education and the management of local health systems, using primary healthcare principles to promote universal access to quality healthcare and improve the overall quality of life. The program aims to foster leadership and innovation, preparing professionals to advance primary healthcare management on both national and global stages.

6. Objectives:

Program Objectives By the end of the study, students are able to:

- 1) Exhibits the discipline and honesty, behave according to morals and ethics of personal and professional practice.
- 2) Explain the theoretical concepts and the interconnection of various fields of knowledge in primary health care management.

- 3) Evaluates information and its sources critically and incorporates selected information into his or her own learning base and research to solve the problems associated with primary health care management system.
- 4) Be able to working as a team with effective interpersonal communication skills to establish and enhance personal and work-based relationships.
- 5) Perform the statistical analysis and its interpretation, communication and presentation with appropriate information technology.

Program -Level Learning Outcomes (PLOs) When completing the program, the graduates will be able to:

- 1) Exhibits responsibility, discipline and honesty in accordance with organizational rules, academic and professional ethics and morality.
- 2) Explain the interconnection among multidisciplinary knowledge areas associated with primary health care management.
- 3) Design research in primary health care management based on a systematic process.
- 4) Defend in significant ways with questions or points of view or controversies regarding different areas of the primary health care system.
- 5) Interact professionally when working as both a leader and a team member for solving and managing work assignments.
- 6) Perform statistical data analysis to support evaluation , planning and management of the primary health care system.
- 7) Communicate clearly and effectively with diverse audiences for various purposes.
- 8) Use information technology effectively to support the study, research and students' efforts to accomplish a specific purpose.

7. Course Synopsis and Methodology:

7.1 Study plan: Plan A type A2- Coursework and thesis (August 2025-July 2026)

Year	Semester 1 (1)	Semester 2 (2)
1	<u>Require courses</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADPM 629 Research Methodology in Primary Health Care Management 2 (2-0-4) 	<u>Require courses</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADPM 622 Management of Environmental Health for Sustainable Development 3 (3-0-6)

Publication												
Internship (optional)												

7.3 Course Content

1) Required Courses 15 Credits

Credits (lecture – practice – self-study)			
ADPM	622	Management of Environmental Health for Sustainable Development	3(3-0-6)
ADPM	629	Research Methodology in Primary Health Care Management	2(2-0-4)
ADPM	660	Primary Health Care and Health Services Management	3(3-0-6)
ADPM	662	Epidemiology for Primary Health Care Management	3(3-0-6)
ADPM	663	Universal Health Coverage for Primary Health Care Management	3(3-0-6)
ADPM	671	Seminar in Primary Health Care Management	1(1-0-2)

2) Elective Courses 9 Credits

Credits (lecture – practice – self-study)			
ADPM	613	Health Economics	2(1-2-3)
ADPM	640	Strategic Purchasing for Universal Health Coverage	2(1-2-3)
ADPM	641	Health Providers in Health Systems	2(1-2-3)
ADPM	642	Health Financing for Social Health Protection	2(1-2-3)
ADPM	643	Multisectoral Actions and Policies for Health	3(3-0-6)
ADPM	644	Self-Care and Health Promotion: A Primary Health Care Approach	3(3-0-6)
ADPM	645	One Health and Environmental Health in Primary Health Care	3(3-0-6)
ADPM	646	Social and Cultural Perspectives and Politics in Primary Health Care	3(3-0-6)
ADPM	647	Health and Service Data for Decision-Making and Evidence Informed Policy	3(3-0-6)
ADPM	648	Management of Human Resources for Primary Health Care	3(3-0-6)
ADPM	649	Effective Communication and Management of Training Program for Primary Health Care Managers	3(3-0-6)

Credits (lecture – practice – self-study)			
ADPM	650	Sufficiency Economy Philosophy for Primary Health Care Management	3(3-0-6)
ADPM	651	Primary Health Care for Aging Society	3(3-0-6)
ADPM	652	Practicum in Primary Health Care Management	3(0-6-3)
ADPM	653	Practicum in Social Health Protection	3(0-6-3)
ADPM	654	Digital Health and Innovation for Primary Health Care Management	3(3-0-6)
ADPM	661	Health Leadership and Change Management for Primary Health Care Manager	3(3-0-6)
ADPM	664	Applied Statistics for Primary Health Care Research	3 (1-2-3)
ADPM	665	Field study	2 (0-4-2)

3) Thesis

Plan A, Type A 2			
ADPM	698	Thesis	12(0-36-0)

8. Graduation Conditions:

- 1) Total time of study should not exceed the study plan.
- 2) Students must complete courses as stated in the curriculum, at least 24 credits of course work with a minimum CUM-GPA of 3.00 and thesis (12 credits).
- 3) Students must meet the English Competence Standard of Graduate Students, Mahidol University defined by the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University.
- 4) Students must participate and pass in skill development activities of the Graduate Studies, Mahidol University.
- 5) Students must submit, present theses, pass the public oral thesis defense and approve by the thesis examination committee which was appointed by the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University.
- 6) Parts of the thesis required to be published or accepted in national or international academic databased journal according to the announcement of the office of higher

education commission or present in international conference with proceeding according to the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University.

9. Applicant Qualifications

- 1) Holding a Bachelor degree in health sciences and other related subjects from the university are accredited by the Office of the Higher Education Commission.
- 2) Having a cumulative GPA not less than 2.50.
- 3) Have an English Proficiency Examination score as the requirement of The Faculty of Graduate Studies, Mahidol University. The minimum English proficiency standards as follows:
 - IELTS 5.0 (Writing =5.0, Speaking = 5.0)
 - TOEFL-iBT 64 (Writing =17, Speaking = 15)
 - MU GRAD Plus 70 (Writing = 10, Speaking = 10)
 - MU ELT 84 (Writing = 10, Speaking = 10)
- 4) Applicants with different qualification mentioned in the above 2) and 3) may be considered for admission by the Program Administrative Committee and the Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

10. Contact:

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