

Thailand International Postgraduate Program: TIPP

Year 2026-2028

Theme: Health and wellness

1. **Course Title:** Master of Primary Health Care Management (International program)
2. **Master degree:** Master of Primary Health Care Management
3. **Academic Institution:** ASEAN Institute for Health Development, Mahidol University
4. **Duration:** 1 year (12 months)
5. **Background and Rational:**

Master of Primary Health Care Management degree program has been operated since the year 1986 with the cooperation between ASEAN Institute for Health Development (AIHD), Mahidol University, Thailand International Cooperation Development Agency (TICA), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The program emphasizes the development of managerial and leadership skills for medical and paramedical public health care professionals from all over the world, especially Asia. Primary Health Care development is recognized as an appropriate channel for public health service in the improvement of existing human resources, making use of appropriate technology, and encouraging community participation. Since 1986, AIHD has produced more than 750 graduates from 39 countries, currently working as PHC leaders with the common goals of efficient and effective health services and improvement in the quality of life.

6. Objectives:

The ultimate goals are for people to have an equal opportunity to universal access to quality health care service and better quality of life. The teaching and learning processes of the curriculum aim to provide basic knowledge to support learners for their learning, which include research processes and strategies, analytical and critical thinking, researching system development, and initiating creativity as the basis of resolving health problems and improving health management at local areas.

The curriculum will emphasize and utilize real situations when conducting research, proficiency to develop independent researchers who can manage their research and achieve the status of being a leading and quality researcher in the country and internationally. The graduates will also play a major role in the future education and development of the country's healthcare organization and local health system management by using primary health care

principles, be able to apply their knowledge on primary healthcare management in moving the discipline of primary healthcare management forward, at both national and international levels.

7. Course synopsis and methodology

7.1 Study plan

The academic year is divided into three semesters.

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|------------------|-------------------|
| First Semester: | August – December |
| Second Semester: | January – May |
| Summer: | May – July |

Number of credits

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1) Required courses | 15 credits |
| 2) Elective courses not less than | 9 credits |
| 3) Thesis | 12 credits |
| Total not less than | 36 credits |

| Year | Semester 1 | Semester 2 |
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| 1 | <p>Required courses</p> <p>ADPM 660 Primary Health Care and Health Services Management 3 credits</p> <p>ADPM 629 Research Methodology in Primary Health Care 2 credits</p> <p>ADPM 662 Epidemiology for PHC management 3 credits</p> <p>ADPM 697 Thesis Seminar 1 credit</p> <p>Elective courses not less than 6 credits</p> | <p>Required courses</p> <p>ADPM 622 Management of Environmental Health for Sustainable Development 3 credits</p> <p>ADPM 663 Universal Health Coverage for Primary Health Care Management 3 credits</p> <p>ADPM 698 Thesis 12 credits</p> <p>Elective courses not less than 3 credits</p> |
| | Total 15 Credits | Total 9+12 Credits |
| | Summer | |
| | ADPM 698 Thesis 12 credits (Cont.) | |
| | Total 36 Credits | |

Remark: Thesis plan

February: Proposal Examination

April: Data Collection

May-June: Thesis Writing

July: Thesis Defense and publication

7.2 Course contents:***Require course 15 Credits***

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

Elective course not less than 9 Credits

| | | | Credits (lecture – practice – self-study) |
|------|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| ADPM | 613 | Health Economics | 2 Credits |
| ADPM | 640 | Strategic Purchasing for Universal Health Coverage | 2 Credits |
| ADPM | 641 | Health Providers in Health Systems | 2 Credits |
| ADPM | 642 | Health Financing for Social Health Protection | 2 Credits |
| ADPM | 643 | Multisectoral Actions and Policies for Health | 3 Credits |
| ADPM | 644 | Self-Care and Health Promotion: A Primary Health Care Approach | 3 Credits |
| ADPM | 645 | One Health and Environmental Health in Primary Health Care | 3 Credits |
| ADPM | 646 | Social and Cultural Perspectives and Politics in Primary Health Care | 3 Credits |
| ADPM | 647 | Health and Service Data for Decision-Making and Evidence Informed Policy | 3 Credits |
| ADPM | 648 | Management of Human Resources for Primary Health Care | 3 Credits |
| ADPM | 649 | Effective Communication and Management of Training Program for Primary Health Care Managers | 3 Credits |
| ADPM | 650 | Sufficiency Economy Philosophy for Primary Health Care Management | 3 Credits |
| ADPM | 651 | Primary Health Care for Aging Society | 3 Credits |
| ADPM | 652 | Practicum in Primary Health Care Management | 3 Credits |
| ADPM | 653 | Practicum in Social Health Protection | 3 Credits |
| ADPM | 654 | Digital Health and Innovation for Primary Health Care Management | 3 Credits |
| ADPM | 661 | Health Leadership and Change Management for Primary Health Care Manager | 3 Credits |
| ADPM | 664 | Applied Statistics for Primary Health Care Research | 3 Credits |
| ADPM | 665 | Field Study | 2 Credits |

Grand total not less than 36 Credits

8. Graduation requirements:

- 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 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. Applicants qualifications

All applicants must fulfill the following:

- Hold a M.D., D.D.S., D.V.M. or co-medical science degree from an accredited institution;
- Have extensive working in health-related experience at least 2 years;
- Certificate of good health
- English test certificate (according to the English Proficiency requirements: IELTS 5.0, TOEFL-iBT 64, MU GRAD Plus 70, MU ELT 84)

10. Document required:

- Academic transcript
- English proficiency test certificate
- CV

- Recommendation letters
- A draft of the purpose research project (approximately 3-5 pages)

11. Contacts

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