

Bachelor of HEALTH SCIENCES

Study Health Sciences at UQ for a practical degree that is the foundation to many exciting careers in health. Health Sciences is a recommended undergraduate degree if your goal is to study medicine at UQ.



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2016 **OP** 8 **RANK** 84 **ATAR** 80.50 **IB** 30

Duration Three years full-time
Part-time equivalent available to domestic students only

Commencement Semester 1 and 2

Location St Lucia and Herston

Entry requirements Year 12 (or equivalent)
English (4, SA) (one of Biology, Chemistry or Physics recommended)#

QTAC code 729002

Delivery mode Internal

Mid-year intake Available

Honours Available as an extra year of study

International availability Yes (CRICOS 055897K; Honours CRICOS 058542B)

International students must study on a full-time basis

English proficiency Standard UQ English language proficiency requirements apply for this degree

Prerequisites are expressed in terms of Queensland Year 12 subjects

Why Health Sciences at UQ?

Health Sciences opens the door to a world of career opportunities in health where you can make a difference to the lives of many. Study Health Sciences at UQ for a pathway into clinical careers such as medicine and dietetics, and non-clinical careers like public health, health promotion and health services management. This program has been created in consultation with the health industry, which means you will learn the most relevant, up-to-date theory and gain hands-on experience to help you graduate job-ready. If your goal is medicine, the Bachelor of Health Sciences is a recommended pre-medical degree as it gives you a comprehensive overview of the biomedical sciences, public health, health behaviours and the healthcare system. You will learn from some of the country's leading experts in health and our placement program in your third year means you will graduate with the practical skills and knowledge to pursue a rewarding career in health.

What you will study

The degree incorporates study in areas including biomedical sciences (e.g. anatomy and physiology), public health, preventative health (e.g. health promotion, physical activity and nutrition), the business of health (e.g. health systems management) and professional practice (e.g. law and ethics). It's the most flexible health degree available to prepare you for a clinical or

non-clinical career. In your third year you will undertake 90 hours of practical placement to gain hands-on, industry experience.

Majors

You can study a major in:

- **Health Promotion:** Learn how health services and programs are designed and delivered to promote community health and prevent disease and disability
- **Nutrition:** Gain the skills and knowledge to work in community nutrition, to educate the population to make healthier choices and to reduce the burden of diet-related disease
- **Public Health:** Learn to measure, plan, manage and evaluate health programs and services to prevent illness and promote good health in communities.

Career opportunities

Whether you want a clinical role, to prevent illness in the community, or to work behind the scenes in the business of health, this degree is your pathway to a rewarding career. Non-clinical careers focus on preventing illness and disease where you can use your skills in the assessment, management, planning and delivery of efficient, quality healthcare, such as:

- health promotion officer, community health officer, project officer
- health service manager or health information officer in hospitals and other healthcare facilities



HAIDER SHAH

Bachelor of Health Sciences graduate



I greatly valued the public health focus that UQ offered in the Bachelor of Health Sciences. I strongly feel that in medicine, interdisciplinary cooperation and having a holistic understanding of a situation is crucial in making the greatest positive impact.

As part of the degree, placement is conducted in the third and final year. For my placement I was at PsychCare Services, a psychiatric clinic in Ipswich, for 13 weeks. I found this to be an amazing experience, getting to apply many things that I had learnt in a workplace setting and also getting a more clinical experience.

- community health clinic manager
- community nutritionist
- public health manager
- public health researcher.

Clinical careers:

- **Medicine:** the Bachelor of Health Sciences is a pathway to study medicine at UQ and is open to students who receive a provisional place in the Doctor of Medicine. Students who don't receive a provisional place can complete the Health Sciences degree and sit the GAMSAT exam in their final year and apply for graduate entry into medicine.
- **Other clinical options:** if you don't receive the OP required for direct entry into your chosen clinical degree you can study the Bachelor of Health Sciences first and then undertake postgraduate study to complete your clinical degree. Alternatively, you can study Health Sciences for one year and then re-apply via QTAC for entry into your clinical degree.

Clinical careers (after further study) include:

- occupational therapist
- speech pathologist
- audiologist
- physiotherapist
- nurse
- social worker.

Your postgraduate options

- Honours is available as an additional year of study
- Continue your chosen clinical career through postgraduate degrees such as:
 - Doctor of Medicine
 - Master of Dietetics Studies
 - Master of Occupational Therapy Studies
 - Master of Physiotherapy Studies
 - Master of Speech Pathology Studies
 - Master of Audiology Studies
 - Master of Nursing Studies
 - Master of Social Work Studies.

See health.uq.edu.au/postgraduate

Exciting changes are on the way

This information was correct at the time of printing, however, we are planning exciting changes to this course. For the latest information, visit future-students.uq.edu.au. Please note that effective 1 January 2017 our School will be renamed School of Public Health, General Practice and Rural Medicine.



SAMPLE COURSES

Understanding Health Behaviours
Environmental Health
Physiology and Pharmacology of Human Disease
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Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Functional Anatomy and the Workplace



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