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, dietetics and non-clinical careers like public health, health promotion and health services management. This degree 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 Bachelor of Health Sciences will give you the skills necessary for a career in health and is the perfect foundation degree if you want to do a clinical degree in medicine or dietetics. 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
• Nutrition
• Public Health.

Your future in Health Sciences

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
• 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
• Health Sciences graduates can continue their chosen clinical career by applying for entry into postgraduate/graduate entry coursework 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.

International students

Standard UQ English language proficiency requirements apply for this degree. You are required as an international student to complete the degree on a full-time basis.

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