Teachers play a vital role in encouraging healthy habits and motivating younger generations to be healthy and active. When you help young people to discover the fun of physical activity and the importance of being healthy, you’ll be influencing their attitudes for life.

Why study the Bachelor of Health, Sport and Physical Education (Honours) at UQ?

UQ’s Bachelor of Health, Sport and Physical Education (Honours) educates the next generation of specialist health, sport and physical education teachers, and junior science teachers. It is the longest-running university-based physical education program in Australia, with more than 70 years of teaching, research and graduate excellence. Learn how to help young people explore a range of sport and physical activities confidently and competently, and develop a lifelong love of being healthy and active. You will engage in extensive practical learning experiences, as well as develop a solid understanding of the sciences behind human movement including biomechanics, motor development, psychology, skill acquisition, and exercise physiology.

You will also:

- join a well-respected program that boasts an exceptionally high graduate employment rate
- put theory into practice with more than 100 days of professional teaching experience, including a full school term placement in your final year
- be taught by leading academics who are also active researchers in areas such as health and physical education curriculum, young people and physical activity, digital technology in health and physical education, and school-based health education
- learn and train in world-class sporting facilities
- graduate with a highly respected honours qualification, with advanced knowledge and skills that will set you apart in the job market

- study at one of the best human movement schools in Australia, where our staff and research have been independently ranked as among the best in the world and was voted Top 5 in the world for exercise and sport science (QS 2018 World University Rankings by Subject, Shanghai Rankings, and CEOWorld Magazine)
- enjoy the benefits of smaller cohorts and interactive student-centred learning experiences
- have fun – learning experiences in this program have been purposely designed to be fun, involve physical activity and encourage team work.

Practicals, placements and internships

You will undertake more than 100 days of supervised teaching experience in a range of schools around Queensland. You will have the opportunity to explore a range of teaching areas, including health, sport and physical education. You will also have the chance to collaborate with other subject areas such as English, Science and Mathematics.

Before starting placement courses, you must obtain, and hold for the duration of the program, a current First Aid Certificate (including CPR) and Blue Card. You may also be required to provide evidence that you do not carry blood-borne transmissible viruses or tuberculosis (TB) and comply with a schedule of immunisations.

See ‘Program table explained’ on page 49.
of settings including primary, secondary and schools for children with special needs. Apply your theoretical knowledge to practice and develop your teaching skills in a real-life setting.

The practical teaching experience in your third year includes observing a primary school program for five days, participating as a staff member at a secondary school for at least 25 days and spending one day per week at a primary school planning and implementing Health, Sport and Physical Education (HPE) lessons.

In your final year you will be immersed in the life of a school for 12 weeks and, in particular, the HPE department. By week five of this placement, you will be teaching a full load in HPE and junior science. Students may receive the opportunity to undertake a practical placement outside of the Brisbane metropolitan area. In such cases, students fund all or part of their travel, accommodation and living expenses.

**Career outcomes**

Our graduates pursue a broad range of careers as confident and capable educators in schools and community environments. You will qualify as a specialist teacher of physical education, health education and junior science that is recognised worldwide. Other career opportunities include:

- corporate health officer
- director of physical performance
- health promotion officer
- outdoor education coordinator
- recreation manager
- research and academia
- sports academy, charity and institute roles
- sports administrative officer
- sports coach.

**Professional memberships**

Graduates may be eligible for membership with the following professional bodies:

- Australian Council for Health, Physical Education and Recreation
- Queensland College of Teachers.

**Accreditation body**

- Queensland College of Teachers.

Completion of the degree may not result in graduates receiving automatic registration. Please contact the registration body for details of any conditions for registration.

**Additional costs**

Annual CPR recertification (approx. $55); First Aid Certificate (approx. $155). Costs for vaccinations and serology are the responsibility of the student and will vary based on individual requirements. Students in an education/teaching degree need to satisfactorily complete the Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education Students prior to graduation (to be eligible for teacher registration in Australia), which involves additional costs.

**Your postgraduate options**

Coursework degrees are available in:

- Master of Educational Studies
- Master of Sports Coaching.

Higher degrees by research (MPhil and PhD) are also available in your area of interest. See future-students.uq.edu.au for more information.