

# BACHELOR OF PHYSIOTHERAPY (HONOURS) (4733)

**Approved Abbreviation:** BPhysio(Hon)  
**Western Sydney University Program Code:** 4733  
**AQF Level:** 8

**CRICOS Code:** 0101791

This program applies to students who commenced in 2022 or later.

Students should follow the program structure for the session start date relevant to the year they commenced.

Commencement year 2017 to 2021 - Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours) (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=4733.1>)

The Honours program is available to high achieving students in the Bachelor of Physiotherapy. Honours is a key early step in the pathway to leadership in the profession and opens up the world of research, without taking any longer to complete the degree. Students apply for entry into the Honours program in year 3 of the combined degree. They begin advanced research training in the latter half of year 3. Clinical placements and an honours thesis are completed during the fourth year of the program. The thesis presents research that addresses real physiotherapy problems. This research will be conducted under the supervision of experienced academic researchers.

## Study Mode

Four years full-time

## Program Advice

[healthsciences@westernsydney.edu.au](mailto:healthsciences@westernsydney.edu.au)

Prospective students should visit the following websites for general enquiries about this program.

Enquire about this program (<https://enquiry.westernsydney.edu.au/courseenquiry/>) | Local Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/>) | International Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/>) |

## Location

Campus	Attendance	Mode	Advice
Campbelltown Campus	Full Time	Internal	See above

## Accreditation

The Bachelor of Physiotherapy and Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Hons) are accredited by the Australian Physiotherapy Council and are approved programs of study by the Physiotherapy Board of Australia.

## Inherent Requirements

There are inherent requirements for this program that you must meet in order to complete your program and graduate. Make sure you read and understand the requirements for this program online.

Inherent requirements ([https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ir/inherent\\_requirements/inherent\\_requirements\\_for\\_physiotherapy\\_courses/](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ir/inherent_requirements/inherent_requirements_for_physiotherapy_courses/))

## Work Integrated Learning

Western Sydney University seeks to enhance student learning experiences by enabling students to engage in the culture, expectations and practices of their profession or discipline. This program includes a placement or other community-based unpaid practical experience.

There is a mandatory work component required for completion of this program. Please contact the Program Advisor listed above for information.

International students should also refer to the link below for more information and a link to the Commonwealth Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS).

Work Integrated Learning (WIL) for international students ([https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current\\_students/services\\_and\\_facilities/international\\_student\\_support/working\\_in\\_australia/work\\_integrated\\_learning/](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/services_and_facilities/international_student_support/working_in_australia/work_integrated_learning/))

## Admission

Admission is through direct application to the University – applications are directed to the School of Health Sciences.

Students must have completed 200 credit points in the first two and a half years of the Western Sydney Bachelor of Physiotherapy program and achieved a GPA of 6.0 or greater. Students with a GPA in the range of 5.0-6.0 and a credit average in subjects completed in Bachelor of Physiotherapy Levels 2 and 3 will also be considered (in accordance with the Honours Policy clause 13 and the Graduations Policy clause 53).

International students applying to The University through the International Office can find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on their website

[https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/entry\\_requirements](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/entry_requirements) ([https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/entry\\_requirements/](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/entry_requirements/))

For courses that will lead to AHPRA registered careers and students studying Sport and Exercise Science and Speech Pathology, students are required to have a minimum IELTS score of 7.0 overall with a minimum score of 7.0 in Speaking and Listening, and 6.5 in Writing and Reading or equivalents, in an acceptable language test.

International Office Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Department of Education, Skills and Employment to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and Western Sydney University.

## Special Requirements - NSW Health Legislative Pre-requisites

### Student Compliance Information for all Health-Related Placements

To enrol in this program, students must meet Western Sydney University program requirements. To attend a health-related placement in this program, Special Legislative Requirements will be assessed from the first year of study.

### Western Program Requirements

Visit the Special Requirements webpage for details about your program.

Special Requirements ([https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current\\_students/enrolment/special\\_requirements/](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/currentstudents/current_students/enrolment/special_requirements/))

## Mandatory NSW Health student placement policy requirements

To be able to undertake placement in any NSW Health facility you must be assessed as compliant with NSW Health student placement policy in the first year of your program, regardless of when you expect to go on your first placement. Access and read the NSW Student Compliance Information Booklet

NSW Student Compliance Information Booklet ([https://issuu.com/uwspublications/docs/wsu\\_student\\_compliance\\_booklet\\_2020\\_v6/](https://issuu.com/uwspublications/docs/wsu_student_compliance_booklet_2020_v6/))

Please ensure that you

1. Find your existing National Police Check or apply for one
2. Gather documentary evidence of your vaccination history
3. Print and complete all relevant NSW Health forms relevant to the campus you are enrolled at or online enrolment requirements
4. Follow booklet instructions on how to have your compliance documents assessed by NSW health staff.

International students have additional requirements: the link to the booklet will inform you of these requirements.

## School Requirements

Contact your School for further details regarding your School's requirements, if any, such as

- If you live outside of NSW or Australia and need to meet your state, territory or country's compliance requirements
- If you need to meet different state, territory or country compliance requirements.
- NSW Working with Children Check (WWCC) or other state equivalent, valid for your entire program.
- Current approved first aid certificate valid for your entire program - approved program providers can be found at the Government Training website
- <http://training.gov.au>
- Other non-health related requirements

Student Compliance Resources are also available on the Placements Hub web page (NSW students only)

[https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/learning\\_futures/home/placements\\_hub/placements\\_hub/student\\_compliance](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/learning_futures/home/placements_hub/placements_hub/student_compliance) ([https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/learning\\_futures/home/placements\\_hub/placements\\_hub/student\\_compliance/](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/learning_futures/home/placements_hub/placements_hub/student_compliance/))

## Special Requirements Prerequisites

In order to enrol in Second Year Spring subjects, all students must have completed the NSW Health requirements above. In clinical placement subjects, students must wear the Western Sydney physiotherapy uniform, which complies with NSW uniform requirements. Special note: Students in this program are required to participate fully in practical classes. This involves disrobing to shorts and singlet or swim-suit equivalent in mixed gender classes. Students will practice hands-on physiotherapy examination and treatment techniques on both genders, and will personally experience these techniques which will be performed on them by other students and relevant academic staff.

## Recommended Sequence

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 340 credit points which include the subjects listed in the recommended sequence below.

Course	Title	Credit Points
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>Autumn session</b>		
PUBH 1006	Population Health and Society	10
NATS 1009	Human Anatomy and Physiology 1	10
REHA 1002	Introduction to Physiotherapy Practice	10
HLTH 1013	Professional Competencies in Health	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Spring session</b>		
NATS 1010	Human Anatomy and Physiology 2	10
COMM 1007	Communication in Health	10
HLTH 1012	Evidence in Health	10
NATS 1022	Functional Anatomy	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>Autumn session</b>		
HLTH 2003	Biomechanics	10
PUBH 2005	Culture, Diversity and Health	10
NATS 2038	Pathophysiology 1	10
HLTH 2024	Research Methods in Health	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>2H session</b>		
REHA 2001	Core Competencies in Physiotherapy Practice	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>10</b>
<b>Spring session</b>		
NATS 3037	Neuroanatomy	10
NATS 2008	Clinical Pharmacology	10
BEHV 1014	Psychology and Health	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>30</b>
<b>Year 3</b>		
<b>1H session</b>		
REHA 3009	Exercise Rehabilitation	10
REHA 3017	Neurological Physiotherapy	10
REHA 3015	Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy A	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>30</b>
<b>Autumn session</b>		
REHA 3003	Clinical Education (General)	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>10</b>
<b>Spring session</b>		
REHA 3001	Cardiorespiratory Physiotherapy	10
REHA 3018	Neurological Rehabilitation	10
REHA 3016	Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy B	10
PUBH 4001	Evidence in Professional Reasoning (Honours)	
From 2023 HLTH 4002 is replaced by PUBH 4001		10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Year 4</b>		
<b>1H/2H Sessions</b>		
Students must complete the four subjects Clinical Education A, B, C, D in Year 4 of the program. Due to availability of clinical placements, these subjects are available in both 1H and 2H sessions.		
REHA 3004	Clinical Education A (Acute Care)	10
REHA 4001	Clinical Education B (Rehabilitation)	10
REHA 4002	Clinical Education C (Ambulatory Care)	10

REHA 4003	Clinical Education D (Paediatrics)	10
<b>1H session</b>		
REHA 4014	Paediatric Physiotherapy	10
REHA 4015	Physiotherapy for Chronic Illness and Disease	10
<b>Autumn Session</b>		
REHA 4031	Honours Research 1	20
<b>Spring Session</b>		
REHA 4032	Honours Research 2	20
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>100</b>
<b>Total Credit Points</b>		<b>340</b>

### Equivalent Subjects

The subjects listed below count towards completion of this program for students who passed these subjects in 2020 or earlier.

BIOS 1015 Functional Anatomy, replace by NATS 1022 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2023-2024/subject-details/nats1022/>) Functional Anatomy

BIOS 2029 Pathophysiology 1, replaced by NATS 2038 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2023-2024/subject-details/nats2038/>) Pathophysiology 1

The subjects listed below count towards completion of this program for students who passed these subjects in 2021 or earlier.

HLTH 1010 Professional Health Competencies, replace by HLTH 1013 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2023-2024/subject-details/hlth1013/>) Professional Competencies in Health

HLTH 1001 Foundations of Research and Evidence-based Practice, replaced by HLTH 1012 (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2023-2024/subject-details/hlth1012/>) Evidence in Health