

BACHELOR OF PHYSIOTHERAPY (4706)

Approved Abbreviation: BPhys

Western Sydney University Program Code: 4706

AQF Level: 7

CRICOS Code: 0101790

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 2015 - 2021 - 4706.1 - Bachelor of Physiotherapy (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=4706.1>)

Commencement Year 2013 - 2014 - 4662.4 - Bachelor of Health Science/Master of Physiotherapy (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=4662.4>)

Physiotherapy is a highly regarded profession and demand for physiotherapists is strong. Physiotherapists work in private practice, aged care settings, private and public hospitals, workplaces, community based agencies, schools, rehabilitation centres and chronic health management clinics. Patients range across the life span, from birth to athletes and the elderly. The program in physiotherapy is offered as a 4-year Bachelor of Physiotherapy. The first three years of the program combine studies in physiotherapy with a broad understanding of biomedicine and health science fields to develop the professional competencies important for ethical and safe practice, high quality care and the skills to work in multidisciplinary teams. The final year focuses predominately on the development of physiotherapy practice skills, which are used during clinical placements to treat patients in the community. Evidence-based practice is one of the most important trends in healthcare today and a strong feature of the program.

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.

Early Exit

Students may exit this program on completion of 240 credit points with a 4789 Bachelor of Health Science (Clinical Sciences) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-health-science-clinical-sciences/>)

Study Mode

Four years full-time

Program Advice

HealthSciences@westernsydney.edu.au (https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/old/srchprocess_handbook.php?a_value=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/)

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/)

Admission

Assumed knowledge: any 2 subjects of English.

Recommended studies: Biology

Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas may be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) . Use the links below to apply via UAC.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>

Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UAC website. Local applicants applying directly to the University should also use the information provided on the UAC website.

International students currently completing an Australian Year 12 in or outside Australia, an International Baccalaureate in Australia or a New

Zealand National Certificate of Educational Achievement (NCEA) level 3 must apply via UAC International.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>

All other International applicants must apply directly to the University via the International Office.

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

International Office

Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Education International - National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and Western Sydney University.

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/entry_requirements (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/entry_requirements/)

For programs 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/)

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://www.westernsydney.edu.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0007/1647655/NSWH_Student_Compliance_Information_Booklet.pdf)

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/)

Special Requirements

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.

Program Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 320 credit points which include the subjects listed in the recommended sequence below.

Recommended Sequence

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
Autumn session		
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
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
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
Credit Points		40

Year 2**Autumn session**

HLTH 2003	Biomechanics	10
PUBH 2005	Culture, Diversity and Health	10
HLTH 2024	Research Methods in Health	10
NATS 2038	Pathophysiology 1	10
Credit Points		40

Spring session

NATS 3037	Neuroanatomy	10
NATS 2008	Clinical Pharmacology	10
BEHV 1014	Psychology and Health	10
REHA 2001	Core Competencies in Physiotherapy Practice	10
Credit Points		40

Year 3**1H session**

REHA 3009	Exercise Rehabilitation	10
REHA 3017	Neurological Physiotherapy	10
REHA 3015	Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy A	10
Credit Points		30

Autumn session

REHA 3003	Clinical Education (General)	10
Credit Points		10

Spring session

REHA 3001	Cardiorespiratory Physiotherapy	10
REHA 3018	Neurological Rehabilitation	10
HLTH 3005	Evidence-Based Practice	10
From 2023 HLTH 3005 is replaced by PUBH 3023 Evidence in Professional Reasoning		
REHA 3016	Musculoskeletal Physiotherapy B	10
At this point, students may exit with the Bachelor of Health Science (Clinical Science)		
Credit Points		40

Year 4**1H/2H session**

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
Credit Points		40

1H session

REHA 4014	Paediatric Physiotherapy	10
REHA 4015	Physiotherapy for Chronic Illness and Disease	10
Credit Points		20

2H session

REHA 4006	Complex Cases and Professional Issues	10
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REHA 4008	Integrating Research into Physiotherapy Practice	10
Credit Points		20
Total Credit Points		320