

BACHELOR OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE (HONOURS) (4709)

Approved Abbreviation: BPodMed(Hons)
Western Sydney University Program Code: 4709
AQF Level: 8

CRICOS Code: 0101793

Program Status:

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 - 4709.1 Bachelor of Podiatric Medicine (Honours) (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=4709.1>)

The Honours program is available to high achieving students in the Bachelor of Podiatric Medicine. Honours is a key early step in the path to leadership in the profession and opens up the world of research, without taking any longer to complete the degree. Students are offered entry to the Honours program in year 3 of their 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 podiatric problems and education across the lifespan. This research will be conducted under the supervision of experienced academic researchers.

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	Full Time	Internal	See above

Accreditation

The Western Sydney University Bachelor of Podiatric Medicine is an accredited program of study by the Podiatry Board of Australia. After graduating, students will be eligible to apply for general registration as a Podiatrist via the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). An additional pathway enabling students to graduate with eligibility to apply for registration as a Podiatrist endorsed for scheduled medicines is being prepared for accreditation assessment

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/podiatric_medicine/)

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

Admission is through direct application to the university - applications are directed to the School of Science and Health.

Students must have completed 200 credit points in the first 2.5 years of the Western Sydney University Bachelor of Podiatric Medicine program and achieved a GPA of 5.0 or greater. Students with a GPA in the range of 4.5-5.0 and a credit average in subjects completed in Bachelor of Podiatric Medicine 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/)

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/)

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 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 University podiatric medicine uniform, which complies with NSW uniform requirements. Special note: Students in this program are required to participate fully in practical classes. This involves practical hands-on podiatry / lower extremity examination and treatment techniques on both genders and students will personally experience these techniques which will be performed on them by other students and/or relevant academic staff.

Students are also required to undertake 19 weeks of clinical placement activity which can include rural and metropolitan locations. Student must meet their own travel, accommodation and living expenses during these activities.

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

Recommended Sequence Current

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
Autumn session		
PUBH 1006	Population Health and Society	10
NATS 1009	Human Anatomy and Physiology 1	10
REHA 1003	Introduction to Podiatry	10
HLTH 1010	Professional Health Competencies	10
Credit Points		40
Spring session		
NATS 1022	Functional Anatomy	10
NATS 1010	Human Anatomy and Physiology 2	10
HLTH 1012	Evidence in Health	10
COMM 1007	Communication in Health	10
Credit Points		40
Year 2		
1H session		
REHA 2005	Pathomechanics and Podiatric Medicine	10
Credit Points		10
Autumn session		
PUBH 2005	Culture, Diversity and Health	10
NATS 2038	Pathophysiology 1	10
HLTH 2024	Research Methods in Health	10
Credit Points		30
2H session		
REHA 2007	Podiatry Pre-Clinical	10
Credit Points		10
Spring session		
REHA 2003	Musculoskeletal Disorders and Imaging	10
BEHV 1014	Psychology and Health	10
NATS 2008	Clinical Pharmacology	10
Credit Points		30
Year 3		
1H session		
REHA 3028	Podiatric Practice 1	10
REHA 4021	The High Risk Foot	10
REHA 3027	Pharmacology for Podiatrists	10
Credit Points		30
Autumn session		
HLTH 2003	Biomechanics	10
Credit Points		10
2H session		
REHA 3029	Podiatric Practice 2	10
REHA 3030	Podiatric Surgery	10
Credit Points		20

Spring session		2H session	
PUBH 4001	Evidence in Professional Reasoning (Honours)	10	REHA 2007 Podiatry Pre-Clinical
REHA 3052	Prescribing Theory and Application for Podiatrists	10	Credit Points 10
At this point, students may exit with the Bachelor of Health Science (no specialisation)			Spring session
		20	REHA 2003 Musculoskeletal Disorders and Imaging
			NATS 3037 Neuroanatomy
			NATS 2008 Clinical Pharmacology
			Credit Points 30
Trimester 3			Year 3
REHA 4031	Honours Research 1	20	REHA 3028 Podiatric Practice 1
		20	REHA 4021 The High Risk Foot
Year 4			Credit Points 20
1H session			Autumn session
REHA 4017	Podiatric Paediatrics and Sports Medicine	10	PUBH 2005 Culture, Diversity and Health
REHA 4007	Dermatology and Gerontology	10	REHA 3027 Pharmacology for Podiatrists
REHA 4018	Podiatric Practice 3	10	Credit Points 20
REHA 4033	Honours Research 2 (Podiatric Medicine)	10	
		40	2H session
			REHA 3029 Podiatric Practice 2
2H session			Credit Points 10
REHA 4005	Clinical and Professional Practice (Honours)	20	
REHA 4019	Podiatric Practice 4	10	Spring session
REHA 4033	Honours Research 2 (Podiatric Medicine)	10	REHA 3030 Podiatric Surgery
Students will exit with Bachelor of Podiatric Medicine (Honours)			BEHV 1014 Psychology and Health
		40	PUBH 4001 Evidence in Professional Reasoning (Honours)
		340	
From 2023 HLTH 4002 is replaced by PUBH 4001			10
At this point, students may exit with the Bachelor of Health Science (no specialisation)			
			Credit Points 30
Trimester 3			
REHA 4031	Honours Research 1	20	
		20	
Year 4			
1H session			
REHA 4017	Podiatric Paediatrics and Sports Medicine	10	
REHA 4007	Dermatology and Gerontology	10	
REHA 4033	Honours Research 2 (Podiatric Medicine)	10	
REHA 4018	Podiatric Practice 3	10	
		40	2H session
			REHA 4005 Clinical and Professional Practice (Honours)
			REHA 4033 Honours Research 2 (Podiatric Medicine)
			REHA 4019 Podiatric Practice 4
			Students will exit with Bachelor of Podiatric Medicine
			Credit Points 40
Year 2			Credit Points 340
1H session			
REHA 2005	Pathomechanics and Podiatric Medicine	10	
		10	
Autumn session			
HLTH 2003	Biomechanics	10	
NATS 2038	Pathophysiology 1	10	
HLTH 2024	Research Methods in Health	10	
		30	

Recommended Sequence 2023

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Year 1			
Autumn session			
PUBH 1006	Population Health and Society	10	REHA 4017 Podiatric Paediatrics and Sports Medicine
NATS 1009	Human Anatomy and Physiology 1	10	REHA 4007 Dermatology and Gerontology
REHA 1003	Introduction to Podiatry	10	REHA 4033 Honours Research 2 (Podiatric Medicine)
HLTH 1010	Professional Health Competencies	10	REHA 4018 Podiatric Practice 3
		40	Credit Points 40
Spring session			2H session
NATS 1010	Human Anatomy and Physiology 2	10	REHA 4005 Clinical and Professional Practice (Honours)
COMM 1007	Communication in Health	10	REHA 4033 Honours Research 2 (Podiatric Medicine)
NATS 1022	Functional Anatomy	10	REHA 4019 Podiatric Practice 4
HLTH 1012	Evidence in Health	10	Students will exit with Bachelor of Podiatric Medicine
		40	Credit Points 40
Year 2			
1H session			Total Credit Points 340
REHA 2005	Pathomechanics and Podiatric Medicine	10	
		10	
Autumn session			
HLTH 2003	Biomechanics	10	
NATS 2038	Pathophysiology 1	10	
HLTH 2024	Research Methods in Health	10	
		30	