

DIPLOMA IN HEALTH SCIENCE/BACHELOR OF HEALTH SCIENCE (6000)

Approved Abbreviation: DipHlthSc/BHlthSc
Western Sydney University Program Code: 6000
AQF Level: 7

CRICOS Code: 096963K

This program is suspended from Term 1, 2025, no new students will be admitted from this session.

This program applies to students who commenced in Term 1 2021 or later.

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

Commencement Year 2017 - 6000.1 Diploma in Health Science/
 Bachelor of Health Science (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=6000.1>)

The Diploma/Bachelor of Health Science provides an understanding of health sciences. Students choose one of five specialisations.

Health Promotion
 Public Health
 Health Service Management
 Recreational Therapy
 Clinical Sciences

These specialisations prepare students for work in related fields or to undertake further study. The health promotion, public health, health services management and recreational therapy programs qualify students for highly demanded positions in the workforce. The clinical sciences testamur major prepares students for graduate entry clinical health courses. Students have flexibility in their elective choices within the course and can select from a range of majors or submajors/minors, to complement their primary testamur major and extend their health discipline-specific knowledge and skill set.

The testamur majors Public Health, Health Promotion and Recreational Therapy are also offered as fully online courses.

To facilitate the development of skills required for competent practice this program includes work placement opportunities of 120 hours (Public Health and Health Promotion), 280 hours (Health Services Management) and 720 hours (Recreational Therapy). The Clinical Sciences major does not include a work placement, but these students can choose a second major in health promotion and public health to gain a workplace experience.

The first year of this program is delivered by Western Sydney University The College, as an agent of Western Sydney University. A Diploma in Health Science exit award is available on completion of requirements specified for the first year of the program.

Western Sydney University, The College (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/thecollege/>)

Early Exit

Students may exit this program on completion of 100 credit points with a 7018 Diploma in Health Science (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/diploma-health-science/>)

Study Mode

Three years full-time or six years part-time.

Program Advice

For program advice during your first year of study, please contact The College: College Program Enquiries (<https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/email/AdminApp@westernsydney.edu.au>)

For program advice during your second and subsequent years of study, please contact the School of Health Science (<https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/contains/HealthSciences@westernsydney.edu.au>). (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
The College - Nirimba Education Precinct ¹	Full Time	Internal	See above
Campbelltown Campus ²	Full Time	Internal	See above
Campbelltown Campus	Part Time	Internal	See above
Online	Full Time	Online	See above
Online	Part Time	Online	See above

¹ This location is unavailable from Term 2 2025.

² From second year of study onwards, students can either study at Campbelltown, Sydney City campus or Online.

Accreditation

The Bachelor of Health Science (Health Service Management) has Professional Accreditation with the Australasian College of Health Service Management (ACHSM). The Bachelor of Health Science (Therapeutic Recreation) has been granted accreditation from Diversional Therapy Australia (DTA).

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

For more information on applying please see link to The College admission pages below.

https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/thecollege/how_to_apply (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/thecollege/how_to_apply/)

Domestic students are required to have

- Completed an English subject in the NSW Higher School Certificate, Or
- Competency in English at IELTS 6.0 equivalent (unless a native speaker) Or
- Passed The College Foundation Studies Academic English subject at C grade level or higher.

Met other entry requirements such as

- An ATAR identified prior to the offer of a place, Or
- Completed The College Foundation Studies program with a Grade Point Average of 5.5 or higher.

International students must satisfy one of the following language requirements

- IELTS 6.0 with a minimum 5.5 in each sub band Or
- Completed the College EAP 4 program with a 50% pass Or
- Passed The College English test at IELTS 6.0 equivalent Or
- Passed The College Foundation Studies Academic English subject at C grade level or higher for which advanced standing can be applied for.

Academic Entry Requirements vary according to country of origin. However, in general

- Completion of Year 12 or its equivalent is the minimum entry requirement Or
- Completed The College Foundation Studies program with a Grade Point Average of 5.5 or higher.

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/)

Program Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 260 credit points as per the recommended sequence below.

- Students must pass all College Preparatory subjects before progressing to the Year Two subjects.
- Students must pass at least 70 credit points of University level subjects in Year One before progressing to the Year Two subjects.

Recommended Sequence

Year 1 College Units

Full-time start-year intake

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
First Term of Study		
NATS 0006	Fundamentals of Health Science (WSTC Prep)	10
PUBH 1007	Population Health and Society (WSTC)	10
HLTH 1015	Professional Competencies in Health (WSTC)	10
HLTH 0005	The Health Science Professional (WSTC Prep)	10

Second Term of Study

HLTH 1014	Evidence in Health (WSTC)	10
BEHV 1015	Psychology and Health (WSTC)	10
Select one of the following depending on Major		10
BIOS 1038	Anatomy and Physiology in Health (WSTC) (for students in Health Promotion, Public Health, Recreational Therapy Majors)	
BIOS 1014	Cell Biology (WSTC) (for students in Clinical Sciences Major)	
MATH 1031	Statistics for Business (WSTC) (for students in Health Services Management Major)	

Third Term of Study

COMM 1008	Communication in Health (WSTC)	10
PUBH 2006	Culture, Diversity and Health (WSTC)	10
BIOS 1037	Human Development and Disease across the Lifespan (WSTC)	10
Credit Points		100
Total Credit Points		100

Full-time mid-year intake

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
Trimester 1		
First Term of Study		
HLTH 0005	The Health Science Professional (WSTC Prep)	10
NATS 0006	Fundamentals of Health Science (WSTC Prep)	10
PUBH 1007	Population Health and Society (WSTC)	10
HLTH 1015	Professional Competencies in Health (WSTC)	10
Second Term of Study		
PUBH 2006	Culture, Diversity and Health (WSTC)	10
COMM 1008	Communication in Health (WSTC)	10
HLTH 1014	Evidence in Health (WSTC)	10
Third Term of Study		
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Credit Points		100
Total Credit Points		100

Years 2 and 3 Western Sydney University Subjects

For program advice during your second and subsequent years of study, please use the contact listed for the Bachelor of Health Science

(<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-health-science/>).

Students must select and enrol in one of the following Major Testamurs. Students can then choose a second major, two minors or a selection of electives

Testamur Majors

Clinical Sciences, Testamur Major (T109) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/clinical-sciences-ug-testamur-major/>)

Health Promotion, Testamur Major (T018) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/health-promotion-ug-testamur-major/>)

Health Services Management, Testamur Major (T019) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/health-services-management-ug-pg-testamur-major/>)

Public Health, Testamur Major (T021) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/public-health-ug-testamur-major/>)

Recreational Therapy, Testamur Major (T110) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/recreational-therapy-ug-testamur-major/>)

Majors

Chosen as a second major

Health Promotion, Major (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/health-promotion-major/>)

Health Services Management, Major (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/health-services-management-major/>)

Public Health, Major (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/public-health-major/>)

Recommended Minors

Environmental Health, Minor (0208) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/environmental-health-minor/>)

Exercise Science, Minor (0279) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/exercise-science-minor/>)

Global Sustainability, Minor (0196) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/global-sustainability-minor/>)

Health Informatics, Minor (0037) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/health-informatics-minor/>)

Health Practice Management, Minor (0240) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/health-practice-management-minor/>)

Health Promotion, Minor (0052) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/health-promotion-minor/>)

Health and Recreation, Minor (0243) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/health-recreation-minor/>)

Infectious Diseases, Minor (0231) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/infectious-diseases-minor/>)

Leisure for Diverse Groups, Minor (0253) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/leisure-diverse-groups-minor/>)

Physical Activity and Health, Minor (0257) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/physical-activity-health-minor/>)

Public Health, Minor (0055) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/public-health-minor/>)

Sport Development, Minor (0254) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/sport-development-minor/>)

Note: See Bachelor of Health Science (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/bachelor-health-science/>). for detail on additional majors/minors available with this program.

Major and Minor elective spaces

Elective subjects may be used toward obtaining an additional approved major (80 credit points) or minor (40 credit points). Western Sydney University offers majors and minors in a range of areas including Sustainability and Indigenous Studies.

Global Sustainability Minor (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/global-sustainability-minor/>)

Indigenous Australian Studies Major (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/indigenous-australian-studies-major/>)

Indigenous Australian Studies Minor (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/indigenous-australian-studies-minor/>)

Western Sydney University also offers the following innovative transdisciplinary Challenge Minors (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/educational_partnerships_and_quality/home/challenge_minors/) which we encourage those students who have elective space to consider.

Equitable Technologies (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/equitable-technologies-minor/>)

Urban Evolution (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/urban-evolution-minor/>)

Migration and Global Change (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/migration-global-change-minor/>)

Personal Innovation (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/personal-innovation-minor/>)

Innovating, Creating and Problem Solving (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/innovating-creating-problem-solving-minor/>)

Eco-Socially Conscious Design and Manufacturing (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/eco-socially-conscious-design-manufacturing-minor/>)

Water for Life (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/water-life-minor/>)

Climate Justice (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/climate-justice-minor/>)

Creative and Visual Communication (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/creative-visual-communication-minor/>)

Global Workplaces (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/global-workplaces-minor/>)

Innovating For Humans (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/innovating-humans-minor/>)

Creative Living for Cultural Wellbeing (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/creative-living-cultural-wellbeing-minor/>)

Ideate. Strategise. Innovate. (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/ideate-strategise-innovate-minor/>)

Humanising Data (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/humanising-data-minor/>)

For more information, visit the Challenge Minor (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/educational_partnerships_and_quality/home/challenge_minors/) website.

Search for majors and minors (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/majors-minors/>)

Students can apply for an elective major or minor via Western Now.

WesternNow (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/westernnow/>)