

MASTER OF HEALTH SCIENCE (4698)

Approved Abbreviation: MHLthSc

Western Sydney University Program Code: 4698

AQF Level: 9

CRICOS Code: 064020M

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

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

Commencement Year 2020 - 4698.3 Master of Health Science (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=4698.3>)

Commencement Year 2016 - 4698.2 Master of Health Science (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=4698.2>)

Commencement Year 2015 - 4698.1 Master of Health Science (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=4698.1>)

Commencement Year 2011 - 2014 - 4651.3 Master of Health Science (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=4651.3>)

The Master of Health Science program is designed to prepare new, aspiring and middle tier health service practitioners, planners and managers to assume a leadership role in the strategic and operational management of a wide range of health services and facilities. The content aims to develop skills in managing people, resources, systems, and processes within health services to meet the changing needs of communities, clinicians, governments and organisations. The objective of the program is to develop decision-ready practitioners who can impact positively on health service issues and systems. Graduates of this program are exposed to academic and industry leaders who share their experience and knowledge to facilitate insight into the contemporary health service management, digital health, and workplace safety environments.

Early Exits

Students may exit this program on completion of 40 credit points with a 4701 Graduate Certificate in Health Science (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/graduate-certificate-health-science/>) or on completion of 80 credit points with a 4700 Graduate Diploma in Health Science (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/programs/graduate-diploma-health-science/>)

Study Mode

Two years full-time or four years part-time. One and a half years full time (three years part-time) or one year full time (two years part-time) programs are also available, depending upon entry qualifications (see Pathways listed under Program Structure below).

Program Advice

apa_pghealthsci@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/>) |

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Location

Campus	Attendance	Mode	Advice
Online	Full Time	Online	Dr Sadia Hossain
Online	Part Time	Online	Dr Sadia Hossain
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Full Time	Internal	Dr Sadia Hossain
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Part Time	Internal	Dr Sadia Hossain
Sydney City Campus*	Full Time	Internal	Dr Sadia Hossain

* Programs delivered through an agreement with another party

Accreditation

The Master of Health Science (Health Service Management) has Professional Accreditation with the Australasian College of Health Service Management (ACHSM).

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 an optional work component available in this program. Please contact the Program Advisor listed above for information.

International students should be aware that if an elective is a requirement of the program but the work itself was not registered with CRICOS, students can still complete these electives but it would be counted towards the work limitation. For more details, refer to the 'Work Integrated Learning (WIL) for international students' website.

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/)

HLTH7027 Professional Project 1 – this subject will use the workplace as a source of learning, by bringing industry partners to campus to present “wicked problems” that students will then work on solving. Industry partners will then return to, together with the subject coordinator and other academic staff, assess the solutions presented by students, potentially selecting some that can be used in their real healthcare services. Industry partners will be involved in mentoring activities with students while academic staff will support students throughout the process.

HLTH7026/HLTH7030 Professional Internship in Health – this subject will use workplace and community as a site for learning and will involve 300 hours of placement with a healthcare service. Assessment is undertaken by the on-site supervisors using a comprehensive form and supporting documentation and resources. Mid-placement checks with both students and supervisors are undertaken to pre-empt any concerns as well as random checks throughout. Students are required to complete academic assessment tasks, including an e-Portfolio and a workplace product at the end.

Admission

Master of Health Science (160 credit points)

Applicants must have either

An undergraduate, master or doctoral degree in any discipline

Or

A graduate diploma or graduate certificate in any discipline and three years full-time equivalent work experience in a relevant health-related discipline

Master of Health Science (120 credit points)

Applicants must have either

An undergraduate degree or a graduate certificate in a relevant health-related discipline

Master of Health Science (80 credit points)

Applicants must have an undergraduate honours, graduate diploma, master or doctoral degree in a relevant health-related discipline.

Applicants seeking admission on the basis of work experience must support their application with a Statement of Service for all work experience listed on the application.

Statement of Service form (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/content/dam/digital/pdf/Statement_of_Service.PDF)

Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas may be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) or directly through the Western Portal. Use the links below to apply via UAC or Western Sydney University. Applications made directly to Western Sydney do not have an application fee.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>
<https://westernsydney.uac.edu.au/ws/>

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.

<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 (<http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/>)

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.

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

For students who elect to undertake the HLTH 7030/ HLTH 7026 Professional Internship in Health subject, please be aware that if you are undertaking the placement; (1) a public hospital, you must meet the necessary legislative requirements as part of their employment conditions. (2) a private hospital, you must meet any special requirements of the hospital which may differ from public institutions, (3) an organisation either in or outside of NSW, you will

need to comply with the requirements of the relevant state-based body and the organisation.

Program Structure

Sydney City Campus

Click here for the recommended sequence at Sydney City Campus (https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/city/courses/postgraduate/master_of_health_science/).

Online and Parramatta Campus

Health Services Management

This specialisation is designed for medical, nursing, allied health and other health professionals who require skills in contemporary management and their application in the health care setting. Particular emphasis is placed on critical and analytic skills in health service governance, financing, quality and safety, planning and evaluation, and health policy thus providing graduates with the ability to respond effectively to changes as they arise. Students in this specialisation can further focus their studies in areas relevant to health service managers, such as project management, aged care management, human resource management, and research and development.

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

Occupational Health and Safety

This specialisation introduces the practice of workplace health within national and international frameworks. It explores issues such as the physical, social and mental impact of the occupational environment on health and health management. Strategies for the management of workplace health are examined, together with methods of monitoring and evaluating occupational health programs. Students have the opportunity to develop a safety systems program concentrating on hazard identification, risk assessment and devising control measures incorporating safety management principles. Students in this specialisation can further focus their studies in areas relevant to workplace health and safety, such as project management, and research and development.

Occupational Health and Safety, Testamur Major (T032) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/occupational-health-safety-pg-testamur-major/>)

Digital Health

The Digital Health specialisation combines the opportunity to study contemporary issues associated with information management in healthcare organisations with the integration of a sound understanding of the impact of digital health, as well as the development and implementation of projects and programs relating to this growing and critical area in both organisations and professional practice. The specialisation would be of interest to clinicians, health management and science (information engineering) professionals, and personnel working in health corporate roles with responsibilities in health data and information. Students in this specialisation can further focus their studies in aspects of innovation and entrepreneurship, and research and development in the digital health space.

Digital Health, Testamur Major (T089) (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/archives/2024-2025/majors-minors/digital-health-testamur-major/>)