

BACHELOR OF HEALTH SCIENCE (PARAMEDICINE) (4669)

Approved Abbreviation: BHlthSc(Paramedic)
Western Sydney University Program Code: 4669
AQF Level: 7

CRICOS Code: 079923D

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 2014 to 2021 - 4669.1 Bachelor of Health Science (Paramedicine) (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=4669.1>)

Paramedics play an integral role in the health system, responding to emergencies involving patients with acute and sub-acute health problems in a range of diverse and uncontrolled settings. Paramedics provide unscheduled, out-of-hospital care to patients of all ages, dealing with health complaints that span the spectrum of illness and injury severity and complexity. This contemporary program has a strong evidence-based focus and uses innovative blended learning and assessment strategies, together with diverse clinical placements, to develop high level practical and clinical decision making skills. Completion of the program will enable you to work effectively as a paramedic in an ambulance service, the private paramedical industry, or the defence forces.

Note: This program involves a mandatory health and medical assessment that must be completed prior to enrolling in HLTH 1009 Paramedic Practice 1 offered in Spring Year 1, and undertaking the associated ambulance service clinical placement. Students who are unable to pass the assessment by the end of Autumn session in the first year of the program will be required to take a leave of absence pending re-assessment in the following year, or transfer to an alternative health science program such as 4656 Bachelor of Health Science.

Study Mode

Three years full-time

Program Advice

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	Course Advice (https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/programs/bachelor-health-science-paramedicine/HealthSciences@westernsy)

Accreditation

The Bachelor of Health Science (Paramedicine) has been granted the status of an 'approved course' by the Paramedicine 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

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 units of English; Mathematics
- Recommended studies: Biology; PDHPE

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.

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 (<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://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/)

Special Requirements

In clinical placement units, students must wear the Western Sydney University paramedicine uniform, which complies with NSW uniform requirements. This uniform will be purchased at the student's expense.

Recommended Sequence

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 240 credit points as per the recommended sequence below.

Course	Title	Credit Points
Year 1		
Autumn session		
HLTH 1003	Introduction to Paramedicine	10
NATS 1009	Human Anatomy and Physiology 1	10
PUBH 1006	Population Health and Society	10
HLTH 1013	Professional Competencies in Health	10
Credit Points		40
2H session		
HLTH 1009	Paramedic Practice 1	10
Credit Points		10
Spring session		
NATS 1010	Human Anatomy and Physiology 2	10
COMM 1007	Communication in Health	10
HLTH 1012	Evidence in Health	10
Credit Points		30
Year 2		
1H session		
HLTH 2017	Paramedic Practice 2	10
HLTH 2009	Mental Health and Substance Abuse	10
Credit Points		20
Autumn session		
PUBH 2005	Culture, Diversity and Health	10
NATS 2038	Pathophysiology 1	10
Credit Points		20
2H session		
HLTH 2018	Paramedic Practice 3	10
HLTH 2015	Out-of-hospital Medical Care 1	10
Credit Points		20
Spring session		
NATS 2008	Clinical Pharmacology	10
BEHV 1014	Psychology and Health	10
Credit Points		20

Year 3**1H session**

HLTH 3011	Obstetrics and Paediatrics	10
HLTH 3014	Paramedic Practice 4	10
Credit Points		20

Autumn session

HLTH 3012	Out-of-hospital Medical Care 2	10
HLTH 2024	Research Methods in Health	10
Credit Points		20

2H session

HLTH 3003	Clinical Leadership and Patient Safety	10
HLTH 3017	Traumatic and Environmental Emergencies	10
Credit Points		20

Spring session

PUBH 3018	Professional Transition Project	10
HLTH 3018	Ethical and Legal Issues in Health Care	10
Credit Points		20
Total Credit Points		240

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
 HLTH 1001 Foundations of Research and Evidence-based Practice
 BIOS 2029 Pathophysiology 1
 JUST 3005 Ethical and Legal Issues in Health Care