

# 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](mailto:HealthSciences@westernsydney.edu.au) ([https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/old/srchprocess\\_handbook.php?a\\_value=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 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/podiatic\\_medicine/](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ir/inherent_requirements/podiatic_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/](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.

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

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) ([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/](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](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) ([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
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>Autumn session</b>		
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
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Spring session</b>		
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
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>1H session</b>		
REHA 2005	Pathomechanics and Podiatric Medicine	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>10</b>
<b>Autumn session</b>		
PUBH 2005	Culture, Diversity and Health	10
NATS 2038	Pathophysiology 1	10
HLTH 2024	Research Methods in Health	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>30</b>
<b>2H session</b>		
REHA 2007	Podiatry Pre-Clinical	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>10</b>
<b>Spring session</b>		
REHA 2003	Musculoskeletal Disorders and Imaging	10
BEHV 1014	Psychology and Health	10
NATS 2008	Clinical Pharmacology	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>30</b>
<b>Year 3</b>		
<b>1H session</b>		
REHA 3028	Podiatric Practice 1	10
REHA 4021	The High Risk Foot	10
REHA 3027	Pharmacology for Podiatrists	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>30</b>
<b>Autumn session</b>		
HLTH 2003	Biomechanics	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>10</b>
<b>2H session</b>		
REHA 3029	Podiatric Practice 2	10
REHA 3030	Podiatric Surgery	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>20</b>

**Spring session**

PUBH 4001	Evidence in Professional Reasoning (Honours)	10
REHA 3052	Prescribing Theory and Application for Podiatrists	10

At this point, students may exit with the Bachelor of Health Science (no specialisation)

**Credit Points** 20

**Trimester 3**

REHA 4031	Honours Research 1	20
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**Credit Points** 20

**Year 4****1H session**

REHA 4017	Podiatric Paediatrics and Sports Medicine	10
REHA 4007	Dermatology and Gerontology	10
REHA 4018	Podiatric Practice 3	10
REHA 4033	Honours Research 2 (Podiatric Medicine)	10

**Credit Points** 40

**2H session**

REHA 4005	Clinical and Professional Practice (Honours)	20
REHA 4019	Podiatric Practice 4	10
REHA 4033	Honours Research 2 (Podiatric Medicine)	10

Students will exit with Bachelor of Podiatric Medicine (Honours)

**Credit Points** 40

**Total Credit Points** 340

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

**Recommended Sequence 2023**

Course	Title	Credit Points
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>Autumn session</b>		
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
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Spring session</b>		
NATS 1010	Human Anatomy and Physiology 2	10
COMM 1007	Communication in Health	10
NATS 1022	Functional Anatomy	10
HLTH 1012	Evidence in Health	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>1H session</b>		
REHA 2005	Pathomechanics and Podiatric Medicine	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>10</b>
<b>Autumn session</b>		
HLTH 2003	Biomechanics	10
NATS 2038	Pathophysiology 1	10
HLTH 2024	Research Methods in Health	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>30</b>

**2H session**

REHA 2007	Podiatry Pre-Clinical	10
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**Credit Points** 10

**Spring session**

REHA 2003	Musculoskeletal Disorders and Imaging	10
NATS 3037	Neuroanatomy	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

**Credit Points** 20

**Autumn session**

PUBH 2005	Culture, Diversity and Health	10
REHA 3027	Pharmacology for Podiatrists	10

**Credit Points** 20

**2H session**

REHA 3029	Podiatric Practice 2	10
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**Credit Points** 10

**Spring session**

REHA 3030	Podiatric Surgery	10
BEHV 1014	Psychology and Health	10

PUBH 4001	Evidence in Professional Reasoning (Honours)	
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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
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**Credit Points** 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

**Credit Points** 40

**2H session**

REHA 4005	Clinical and Professional Practice (Honours)	20
REHA 4033	Honours Research 2 (Podiatric Medicine)	10
REHA 4019	Podiatric Practice 4	10

Students will exit with Bachelor of Podiatric Medicine

**Credit Points** 40

**Total Credit Points** 340