

# GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN HEALTH SCIENCE (4700)

**Approved Abbreviation:** GradDipHlthSc  
**Western Sydney University Program Code:** 4700  
**AQF Level:** 8

**CRICOS Code:** 064831J

This program applies to students who commenced in 2020 or later.

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

For Commencement Year 2016 to 2020 - please refer to 4700.2 Graduate Diploma in Health Science (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=4700.2>)

For Commencement Year 2015 - please refer to 4700.1 Graduate Diploma in Health Science (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=4700.1>)

The Graduate Diploma in Health Science provides students with an opportunity to delve deeper into issues relevant to the Australian healthcare system as well as international models of healthcare. It explores the socioeconomic, behavioural, biological and societal determinants of health and disease, providing a sound knowledge in epidemiology and the use of healthcare data for decision-making. It provides an entry point to the Master of Health Science for those who wish to continue on their professional development journey with further studies.

## Study Mode

One year full-time or two years part-time.

## Program Advice

[healthsciences@westernsydney.edu.au](mailto: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
Online	Full Time	Online	See above
Online	Part Time	Online	See above
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Full Time	Internal	See above
Parramatta Campus - Victoria Road	Part Time	Internal	See above

## 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.

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This course will include WIL opportunities that involve using the workplace and community as a site and as a source for learning. WIL partners include various Local Health Districts, hospitals, aged care providers, and other health service providers found within the community. Two units will be focused on WIL, one using workplaces and communities as sources for learning through project-based learning, and the other following the more traditional WIL format of using the workplace and community as a site for learning. Details of the units are as follows:

**Professional Project 1** – this unit 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 unit 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.

**Professional Internship in Health** – this unit will use workplace and community as a site for learning and will involve 320h 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

Applicants must have either

An undergraduate or higher degree in a relevant health-related discipline,

Or

A graduate diploma or graduate certificate in any discipline **and** two years full-time equivalent work experience 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](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.

## Program Structure Current

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 80 credit points which include the subjects listed in the recommended sequence below.

Students must complete the following subjects.

Subject	Title	Credit Points
<b>Domain Subjects</b>		
PUBH 7031	Health Systems and Policy	10
PUBH 7016	Introduction to Epidemiology	10
PUBH 7033	The Social Determinants of Health	10
HLTH 7025	Healthcare Data for Decision-Making	10
<b>Focus Subjects</b>		
HLTH 7022	Advanced Health Service Management	10
PUBH 7030	Health Systems Planning and Evaluation	10
Select two alternate subjects from the list below		20
<b>Total Credit Points</b>		<b>80</b>

## Alternate Subjects

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POLI 7002	Translation from Theory and Research to Policy	10
REHA 7027	Research into Practice: bridging the clinician-researcher divide in applied and creative therapies	10
BUSM 7027	Employment Relations Professional Practice	10
BUSM 7043	Industrial Relations and Workplace Change	10
BUSM 7081	Reward Management	10
BUSM 7087	Strategic Employment Relations	10
ACCT 7015	Financial Reports for Decision Making	10
BUSM 7024	Developing Human Capital and Organisational Capability	10
BUSM 7025	Diversity, Labour Markets and Workforce Planning	10
BUSM 7045	Innovation Through Digital Technology	10
BUSM 7040	Governance, Ethics and Social Entrepreneurship	10
BUSM 7072	New Venture Finance	10
BUSM 7028	Entrepreneurial Management Capabilities	10

BUSM 7046	Innovation for New Markets	10
BUSM 7048	Innovation, Creativity and Foresight	10
INFS 7001	Advanced Healthcare Data Environments	10
INFS 7002	Advanced Healthcare Software and Systems	10
BUSM 7064	Managing Project Teams and Stakeholders	10
BLDG 7013	Project Procurement Systems	10
BUSM 7082	Risk Management and Decision Making	10
BUSM 7090	Strategic Project Management	10
BUSM 7097	Time and Quality Management	10
NURS 7028	Leadership in Clinical Practice	10
MGMT 7003	Financial Management of Projects	10
PUBH 7020	Policy, Power and Politics in Health Care Provision	10
PUBH 7026	Supporting Aged Communities	10
PUBH 7018	Leadership for Quality and Safety in Health Care	10
PUBH 7014	Health and Socio-political Issues in Aged Care	10
PUBH 5001	Infectious Diseases and Outbreak Response	10
PUBH 7011	Health Advancement and Health Promotion	10
HLTH 7002	Building Organisational Capacity in Health Care	10
PUBH 7028	Surveillance and Disaster Planning	10
AGEN 7005	Research Protocol Design and Practice	10
HLTH 7008	Introduction to Biostatistics	10
NURS 7019	Cultural and Social Diversity in Health Care	10
PUBH 7015	Introduction to Clinical Epidemiology	10
PUBH 7010	Epidemiology of Non-Communicable Diseases	10
PUBH 7002	Analytic Approaches in Epidemiology	10
PUBH 7025	Statistical Methods in Epidemiology	10
PUBH 6001	Epidemiology of Climate Change	10
PUBH 7006	Data Management and Programming for Epidemiology	10
HLTH 7015	Qualitative Research Methodology in Health	10
HLTH 7024	Health Services Financing	10
HLTH 7025	Healthcare Data for Decision-Making	10
PUBH 7029	Digital Health Management	10
PUBH 7032	Patient-centred digital healthcare	10
HLTH 7029	Quality and Safety	10
PUBH 7034	Workplace Safety and Risk Management	10
BUSM 7078	Project Management	10
TEAC 7029	Disability in Context	10
TEAC 7084	Person-Centred Practice	10
TEAC 7041	Effective Working Relationships	10
LAWS 7014	Human Rights in Practice and Theory	10
LAWS 7008	Bioethics	10
LAWS 7015	Information and Data Governance Law and Policy	10
LAWS 7018	International Corporate Governance	10

## Discontinued Subjects

The subjects listed below count towards completion of this program for students who passed the subject in 2024 or earlier.

LAWS 7006 Australian Legal System and Common Law

## Equivalent Subjects

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HUMN 4009 - Research Design 1: Theories of Enquiry

HUMN 4012 - Research Literacies

Further information on recommended progression is available on the Postgraduate Health Science progression page.

Postgraduate Public Health Progression ([https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0011/1628291/Proposed\\_Progression\\_Postgraduate\\_Health\\_Science.pdf](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0011/1628291/Proposed_Progression_Postgraduate_Health_Science.pdf))

## Program Structure 2023

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HUMN 4001	Researcher Development 1: Reading, Writing, and the Business of Research	10
HUMN 4003	Writing Beyond the Academy: Knowledge Translation and Public Audience Communication	10

Alternate subjects available from 2023

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