

# GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PERSON-CENTRED DIABETES CARE AND EDUCATION (4762)

Western Sydney University Program Code: 4762  
AQF Level: 8

This program applies to students who commenced in Spring 2022 or later.

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

This clinically focused course is designed for multidisciplinary clinicians who would like to specialise in diabetes clinical care and education. Underpinned by an empowerment approach to person-centred diabetes care, students will learn about the clinical management of diabetes and how best to support and educate people with diabetes manage their condition and optimise their health. In addition to examining the aetiology, pathophysiology, clinical assessment and management of different types of diabetes, and short- and long-term complications, this course will explore self-management support at the system, organisational and individual level. This inter-professional course provides the opportunity for the student to learn with, about, and from other health disciplines in delivering diabetes care. The majority of units are delivered online. However, students must attend a **compulsory** one-week face to face clinical skills workshop (subject to COVID restrictions) and also 40 hours of mandatory clinical practicum in a specialised diabetes service. This course is developed and facilitated by experts in clinical diabetes care and diabetes research.

## Study Mode

Two year part-time.

## Program Advice

Program Advice (<https://hbook.westernsydney.edu.au/programs/graduate-diploma-person-centred-diabetes-care-education/medicine@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	Part Time	Internal	See above

## 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 for these programs in Person-centred Diabetes Care and Education are outlined in the Western Sydney University Inherent Requirements for Medicine Programs available at:

Inherent Requirements for Medicine ([https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ir/inherent\\_requirements/inherent\\_requirements\\_for\\_medicine\\_courses/](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/ir/inherent_requirements/inherent_requirements_for_medicine_courses/))

## 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.

There is a compulsory 40-hour clinical placement in a service that provides health care to people with diabetes with maximum learning opportunities. The clinical location/venue will have at minimum one supervising CDE/ mentor.

Forty hours of Clinical Practicum takes place during the Graduate Certificate Level during Clinical Practice in Diabetes II

Applicants for the Graduate Diploma in Person-centred Diabetes Care and Education can apply through four entry pathways:

### Entry Pathway 1: Health Practitioner Applicants

Applicants must have successfully completed an undergraduate degree in health or behavioural science i.e. Registered Medical Practitioner, Registered Nurse, Accredited Practising Dietitian, Registered Midwife, Registered Podiatrist, Registered Pharmacist, Accredited Exercise Physiologist, Registered Physiotherapist, Aboriginal Health Worker/ Practitioner, Registered Chiropractor, Registered Psychologist, Registered Optometrist, social workers OR appropriate equivalent health professional qualification in a relevant health profession (e.g. hospital trained nurses who do not hold an undergraduate degree).

And

Be registered with their professions' national regulatory body.

And

Have completed at least one year full time equivalent work experience in their primary health discipline.

### Entry Pathway 2: Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders Health Worker/ Health Practitioners

Must have successfully completed a Certificate IV, or higher, in Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders Primary Health Care for Aboriginal Health Workers.

And

Be registered with their professions' national regulatory body.

And

Have completed at least one year full time equivalent work experience where they have had the opportunity in providing health care.

### Entry Pathway 3: Non-health Practitioner Applicants (will be assessed on a case by case basis by course coordinators)

Applicants seeking admission on the basis of work experience:

Must have extensive experience in a diabetes associated field such as a pharmaceutical representative of diabetes therapeutics or nutritionists

OR

Must have extensive experience in a diabetes related research/public health/policy work environment.

All applications must provide a Statement of Service detailing employment history

#### Entry Pathway 4:

Have completed the Graduate Certificate in Person-centred Diabetes Care and Education or equivalent qualification accredited by the Australian Diabetes Educators Association. Student who enter via Pathway 4 are eligible for advance standing.

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.

If you hold overseas qualifications from countries where English is not the standard language of instruction, you must provide evidence of English language proficiency. Refer to Western Sydney's English language proficiency requirements on UAC's website. For this course a minimum IELTS Overall Band score 7.0 is required.

<https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/admission-criteria/>

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

Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local and International 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/>  
<https://westernsydney.uac.edu.au/ws/>

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.

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))

## Special Requirements

To be eligible to enrol in a subject and attend a health-related placement in this program, students must meet Western Sydney University program requirements AND Special Legislative Requirements in your state, to enrol in some subjects. Please check with your Program coordinator to determine your requirements.

You may be expected to provide evidence of:

1. National Criminal History Check: Students must have a current check valid for their entire course. A valid National Criminal history check must be an Australia wide check, include the student's full name matching their Student ID card and date of birth and not have any offences listed. If a student has a criminal history identified on

their check, they must provide a clearance or authority document or conditional letter from their relevant authorised state organisation. International students must additionally have a translated International Police Check or statutory declaration.

2. A Working with Children Check (WWCC) clearance letter or state equivalent, valid for their entire course.

3. A current approved first aid certificate valid for their entire course, approved provider courses can be found at

<http://training.gov.au>. (<http://training.gov.au/>)

4. A completed vaccination/immunisation card with all serology results attached - currency must be maintained by the student to ensure compliance for their entire program.

5. Undertaking/Declaration form (or state equivalent documents)

6. Additional forms as required per state related to, but not limited to, Tuberculosis Assessment tool, Hepatitis B statutory declaration form, Signed Code of Conduct, Student Deed Poll and all other state equivalent documents as required. Contact your school for further details. Resources are also available on the Placement Hub web page

[https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/placements\\_hub](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/placements_hub) ([https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/placements\\_hub/](https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/placements_hub/))

7. Relevant Local Health District specific documentation as requested. Contact your School for further details. Resources are also available on the Placement Hub website:

[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/))

Some external sites may have additional requirements. Students will be advised of any such specified requirements which must be complied with before commencing clinical placements.

## Program Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 80 credit points which includes the subjects listed below.

## Recommended Sequence

### Part-time

Subject	Title	Credit Points
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>Spring</b>		
MEDI 7039	Clinical Practice in Diabetes 1	10
MEDI 7041	Diabetes Self-Management Support 1: Individuals	10
<b>Autumn</b>		
MEDI 7040	Clinical Practice in Diabetes 2	10
MEDI 7042	Diabetes Self-Management Support II: Systems and Organisations	10
<b>Year 2</b>		
<b>Spring</b>		
PUBH 7016	Introduction to Epidemiology	10
MEDI 7044	Diabetes in Primary Care	10
<b>Autumn</b>		
MEDI 7045	Diabetes in the Hospital	10

MEDI 7043	Diabetes in Paediatrics, Transition and Pregnancy	10
<b>Total Credit Points</b>		<b>80</b>