

Associate Degree of Health (AHEA) - AssocDeg Health

QTAC code (Australian and New Zealand applicants): Toowoomba campus: 906911; External: 906915

CRICOS code (International applicants): 096563D

This program is offered only to continuing students. No new admissions will be accepted. Students who are interested in this study area should consider the [ABSC Associate Degree of Biomedical Sciences](#) or the [AMLS Associate Degree of Medical Laboratory Science](#) which will be offered from Semester 1, 2019.

	On-campus^	External^
Start:	No new admissions	No new admissions
Campus:	Toowoomba	-
Fees:	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
	2 years full-time, 6 years part-time maximum	

Australian Qualifications Framework

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) is a single national, comprehensive system of qualifications offered by higher education institutions (including universities), vocational education and training institutions and secondary schools. Each AQF qualification has a set of descriptors which define the type and complexity of knowledge, skills and application of knowledge and skills that a graduate who has been awarded that qualification has attained, and the typical volume of learning associated with that qualification type.

This program is at AQF Qualification Level 06. Graduates at this level will have broad knowledge and skills for paraprofessional/highly skilled work and/or further learning.

The full set of levels criteria and qualification type descriptors can be found by visiting www.aqf.edu.au.

Program Information Set

View USQ's admission criteria, student profiles and a summary of all offers made under [Course Admission Information Set](#) via the QTAC website.

Admission requirements

To be eligible for admission, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

- Have achieved a minimum Overall Position (OP) **16**, tertiary entrance rank **64** or equivalent qualification.[^]
- Subject pre-requisite: English (4,SA) or equivalent.
- English Language Proficiency requirements for Category 2.

Applicants are advised to also address the following:

- Recommended prior study: one of Biological Science, Chemistry or Science21 (4,SA) or equivalent.
- Assumed knowledge expectations: Mathematics A (4,SA).

All students are required to satisfy the applicable [English language requirements](#).

If students do not meet the English language requirements they may apply to study a University-approved [English language program](#). On successful completion of the English language program, students may be admitted to an award program.

[^] These are determined by the University for specific programs each Semester. The 2019 OP and tertiary entrance ranks are based on agreed QTAC schedules which assess formal study at Year 12 or [equivalent level](#), tertiary, preparatory, professional or vocational qualifications or work experience, as detailed in the QTAC Assessment of Qualifications Manual and QTAC Assessor Guidelines.

Special admissions may help you get into the program of your choice by increasing your Selection Rank. The additional points don't apply to all applicants or all programs. Please read the information about USQ's [Special Admissions](#) carefully to find out what you may be eligible for.

Requirements for professional experience placements

For the Medical Laboratory Science major, practical experience is an integral component of the program and each student is required to undertake and satisfactorily complete 39 days of practical experience in Australia.

Progression into practical courses is dependent upon a pass grade in theoretical and other practical courses which have been set as prerequisites.

Applicants must be willing to undertake and submit the requirements of the University of Southern Queensland and Queensland Health for practical placement. Please refer to the applicable [Professional Practice Experience Handbook](#) for Associate Degree of Health (Medical Laboratory Science) students.

Program fees

Commonwealth supported place

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of a students' higher education and students pay a [student contribution amount](#), which varies depending on the courses undertaken. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Commonwealth Supported students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [HECS-HELP](#).

Domestic full fee paying place

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#) provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements.

Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are not eligible for [FEE-Help](#).

International full fee paying place

International students pay full fees. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken and whether they are studied on-campus, via distance education/online. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Program structure

The program comprises of 16 units including 8 core courses/units and one 8-unit Health major. Students may apply to the program coordinator for a variation to some courses in their 8-unit major.

Required time limits

Students have a maximum of 6 years to complete this program.

Core courses

Course	Semester(s) offered	Mode
BIO1203 Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 *	1,3	ONC, EXT
BIO1103 Pathology Studies	1	ONC, ONL
CHE1110 Chemistry 1 *	1	ONC, EXT
BIO1204 Introduction to Biomedical Sciences *	1	ONC, EXT
BIO1104 Medical Microbiology and Immunology 1 *	2	ONC, EXT
CHE2120 Chemistry 2 *	2	ONC, EXT
STA2300 Data Analysis	1,2,3	ONC, ONL
BIO2107 Cell and Molecular Biology 1	1	ONC, ONL

Residential schools

The attendance requirement of residential schools within this degree is indicated by the following letters: V = Voluntary; O = Optional; C = Compulsory; R = Recommended; HR = Highly Recommended; M = Mandatory. To find out more about [residential schools](#), visit the [Residential School Schedule](#) to view specific dates for your degree, or visit the [Policy and Procedure Library](#).

Attendance at mandatory and highly recommended residential schools at the specified USQ campus is an integral component of the program and each student is required to attend as scheduled.

Core Courses

- [BIO1104 Medical Microbiology and Immunology 1](#)
- [BIO1203 Human Anatomy and Physiology 1](#)
- [BIO1204 Introduction to Biomedical Sciences](#)
- [CHE1110 Chemistry 1](#)
- [CHE2120 Chemistry 2](#)

Biomedical Sciences

- [BIO2106 Medical Microbiology and Immunology 2](#)
- [BIO2118 Systems Physiology and Pharmacology](#)
- [BIO2120 Techniques in Comparative Physiology 1](#)
- [BIO2218 Concepts in Endocrinology](#)
- [BIO2220 Techniques in Comparative Physiology 2](#)

Medical Laboratory Science

- [BIO2106 Medical Microbiology and Immunology 2](#)
- [BIO2108 Haematology 1](#)
- [BIO2216 Histopathology and Cytology 1](#)
- [BIO2217 Transfusion Science](#)

Articulation

The Associate Degree of Health will articulate into the [BHEA Bachelor of Health](#) if students have followed the recommended enrolment pattern.

Credit

Exemptions/credit will be assessed based on the [USQ Credit and Exemption Procedure](#).

Enrolment

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Students are advised to consult with student support usq.support@usq.edu.au in situations where their progression is affected either by failure in pre-requisite courses, or where they choose a part-time study pattern.

Medical Laboratory Science major recommended enrolment pattern

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, external or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

Major study: Biomedical Sciences								
Course	Year of program and semester in which course is normally studied						Residential school	Enrolment requirements
	On-campus (ONC)		External (EXT)		Online (ONL)			
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