

**Bachelor of P**

- (4) Apply ethical and evidence based knowledge to ensure informed decision making appropriate to the discipline;
- (5) Demonstrate effective technical, oral and written communication skills relevant to paramedics;
- (6) Apply the highest legal, ethical and professional standards.

## **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 07. Graduates at this level will have broad and coherent knowledge and skills for professional work and/or further learning.

The full set of levels criteria and qualification type descriptors can be found by visiting [www.aqf.edu.au](http://www.aqf.edu.au).

## **Admission requirements**

To be eligible for admission to the program applicants are required to have Australian Year 12 or equivalent with English (4,SA); plus recommended study of one of Biology, Chemistry or Physics.

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

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

## **Program fees**

### **Commonwealth supported place**

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of your higher education and you as a student pay a [student contribution amount](#), which varies depending on the courses undertaken. You 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. You 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 [HECS-HELP](#)

## Program completion requirements

To complete the program, a student must receive passing grades in all 23 compulsory courses (24 units) in accordance with the course list.

A student must enrol in the program full-time, except where:

- the student is required to complete specific courses to comply with the defined progression in the program; or
- the enrolment is approved by the Discipline Leader / Program Coordinator or Head of School .

## Required time limits

This is a three year full-time program. Unless approved by the Head of School, a student must undertake the program without interruption.

## Clinical requirements

There are four practical placements that must be satisfactorily completed. One 150 hour placement in Year 1 Semester 3 (4 weeks full time), one 150 hour placement in Year 2, Semester 2 (four weeks full time), one 185 hour placement in Year 3 Semester 1 (five weeks full time) and a final 185 hour placement in Year 3, Semester 2 (five weeks full time).

A student must comply with all Queensland Ambulance Service or other student placement organisation requirements before and during placements.

- **Subject to the *Anti-Discrimination Act 1992 (QLD)***
  - Before starting placement in Year 1 a student must complete placement requirements of the Queensland Ambulance Service (QAS) or other student placement organisation;
  - A student must undertake a medical assessment with a QAS approved medical providers; and
  - If, after considering the answers to the placement requirements, and the report from the medical practitioner (if any), the University decides that the student is unable to fulfil the genuine educational requirements of the program, the University may cancel the student's enrolment.
- **Blood-borne virus**

A carrier of a blood-borne virus must not undertake invasive procedures. Before commencing placement, a student must provide evidence of their status with respect to blood-borne viruses.
- **Medical Assessment**

**Validity: 3 years**

The Medical Assessment is comprised of a health related questionnaire to be completed by the student and a medical assessment performed by a Medical Officer (from a QAS approved Medibank Health Solutions Clinic) using the QAS Medical Assessment - Undergraduate Student form.

The QAS Medical Assessment must be completed by a Medibank Health Solutions (MHS) Clinic. Details of your nearest MHS can be found in the Undergraduate Practical Placement Information Kit.

The Medical Assessment must be completed before undertaking the HRFA and students must submit their 'Fit Slip' to the University.
- **Hepatitis B Immunisation**

**Validity: Once a student has proven immunity, they are not required to submit another Hep B serology report to the University.**

As part of the Medical Assessment, students are required to complete a course of vaccination against Hepatitis B and provide evidence of immunity to the University. Students are encouraged to commence this vaccination course as soon as possible after accepting a place in the program, as acquiring immunity may take up to 7 months.
- **Undergraduate University Student Induction**

Students must complete an Undergraduate University Student Induction which will be conducted by the

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**Validity: 3 years**

Note that international history checks will vary.

If a student has resided in a country outside of Australia for a period of 12 months or more (cumulative) in the past 10 years, they are required to provide a Criminal History Report from the appropriate authority in that country. If a student has spent a total of 12 months or more in Country A and a further 12 months or more in Country B in the last 10 years, a report is required from each of those countries. Information on the relevant authority for each country can be viewed at the Department of Immigration & Citizenship site.

- **Uniform & Personal Protective Equipment**

Students must purchase and wear appropriate clothing/uniform as stipulated by QAS/USQ and must purchase and carry stipulated Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) whilst on placement.

Students will be given access to order their uniforms shortly after the commencement of the program.

**IT requirements**

Students should refer to the USQ [minimum computing standards](#) to check that their computers are capable of running the appropriate software and versions of Internet web browsers and to check the minimum and recommended standards for software.

**Other program requirements**

A student must, throughout the program, hold:

- an Apply First Aid (formerly Senior First Aid) certificate that includes a CPR component, issued by the St John Ambulance Association or a comparable body approved by the Program Coordinator; and
- a current Blue Card, issued by the Queensland Government Public Safety Business Agency, or have an employment exemption from holding a card.

**Immunisation Schedule**

Before commencing a course in which, in the opinion of the University, the student may be at risk of contracting or transmitting a blood-borne virus or other disease, the student must complete a schedule of immunisations approved by the University.

This requirement may be waived only if:

- the student provides evidence of his or her status with respect to immunity against blood-borne viruses or other diseases prescribed in the schedule; or
- approved by the Discipline Leader (or nominee).

**Credit**

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

**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.

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