

# Associate Degree of Health (AHEA) - AssocDeg Health

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

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## 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.<sup>^</sup>
- 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.

<sup>^</sup> These are determined by the University for specific programs each Semester. The 2017 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.

Bonus ranks may help you get into the program of your choice by increasing your OP/Rank. The bonus ranks don't apply to all applicants or all programs. Please read the information on USQ's [Admissions bonus scheme](#) carefully to find out what you may be eligible for.

## Requirements for professional experience placements

Practical experience is an integral component of the program and each student is required to undertake and satisfactorily complete 39 days of practical experience.

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 Students.

## Program fees

### Commonwealth supported place

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of a student's higher education and

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](#).

### **Program structure**

To qualify for the award of Associate Degree of Health (Laboratory Medicine) a candidate must complete or be exempted from courses with a total value of at least 16 units according to the following recommended enrolment pattern.

### **Required time limits**

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

### **IT requirements**

Students should visit 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.

### **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.

**Footnotes**

- \* Each of these courses has compulsory residential schools. Candidates with evidence of Recognised Prior Learning (RPL) may seek exemption from some courses and/or residential schools in the 1st year of the program.  
Current employees of pathology service providers with a minimum of 2 years full-time or equivalent relevant technical experience may seek exemption