

# Health Sciences and Community Care 2017





**The University of Tasmania is ranked in the top 2% of universities in the world.\***  
In addition, in the last two years we have received **more teaching awards than any other Australian university.**<sup>^</sup>

With programs embedded within local and national industries, and additional campuses in Sydney and China, our students gain practical learning and research opportunities recognised around the globe.

## We help you become who you want to be



Our University has long recognised the importance of research driven teaching, especially in health.

Our aim is for our graduates to help discover and deliver the next generation of transformative health and medical research outcomes and provide exceptional client advice and care skills to the community.

The health sector in Australia is currently growing much faster than the average rate of all other industries, reflecting changing health, lifestyle, research and workforce needs and the opportunities that brings.

The demand for better health outcomes and an ageing population are leading to the development of specialist areas in medical research, health sciences and community care.

There are opportunities in developing new medicines or therapies and undertaking trials or diagnostic tests. Sports science is an emerging field and specialist positions exist in training and measuring performance. Community care workers provide care, supervision and support for disadvantaged, disabled and aged people dealing with chronic illness, dementia, disability or other factors affecting their quality of life.

Paramedics have the knowledge and skills to assess and manage the broad range of clinical presentations in an out-of-hospital setting. They are often the first among trained healthcare professionals in critical situations.

We offer our health courses across campuses in Tasmania and Sydney for face-to-face learning. However, some courses are also provided fully online.

Our health courses and teaching are informed by wide-ranging applied research.

We undertake diverse and exciting research programs ranging from policy and practice research in the delivery of health services, issues relevant to rural and regional Australia, to clinical and health science, sports and nutrition.

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\* Times Higher Education World University Rankings, 2016. Available at: <https://www.timeshighereducation.com/world-university-rankings>  
QS World University Rankings, 2016. Available at <http://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings/university-subject-rankings/2016>  
Shanghai Ranking Consultancy, 2015 Academic Ranking of World Universities 2015 (ARWU). Available at: <https://www.shanghairanking.com/ARWU2015.html>  
<sup>^</sup> The Office of Learning and Teaching, Australian Government, 2014, 2015. Available at <http://www.olt.gov.au/awards>



# Studying Health Sciences and Community Care

## Who Studies Health Sciences and Community Care?

People with an aptitude for science, an accurate eye for detail as well as a deep commitment to caring for people and improving their lives. Working in health sciences provides unique challenges and rewards. It's an area that attracts people who are interested in technically oriented healthcare fields and those with an entrepreneurial spirit.

Health science courses encourage inquiry, investigation and research, with many opportunities to go beyond the classroom and work closely with academic mentors and work or volunteer in the community.

These courses develop valuable knowledge and skills for jobs where personal integrity and professionalism are essential qualities. Whether you're looking to extend your study in a medical area, go into sports science or concentrate on community care, the workplace skills you learn, such as evidence-based problem-solving, critical thinking and decision-making, effective communication and time management, are all appreciated by employers.

## Career opportunities

### Allied Health

Health science degrees qualify graduates to undertake further, more specialised, study in a number of disciplines and to pursue various career opportunities, including roles such as:

- Audiologist
- Chiropractor
- Dietitian
- Genetic counsellor
- Music therapist
- Hospital pharmacist
- Occupational health and safety officer
- Occupational therapist
- Orthoptist
- Orthotist/prosthetist
- Osteopath
- Paramedic
- Perfusionist
- Physiotherapist

- Podiatrist
- Psychologist
- Social worker
- Sonographer
- Speech pathologist

### Community Care

- Aged care
- Dementia care
- Health education and promotion

### Diagnostic Medicine

- Laboratory scientist
- Medical scientist
- Nuclear medical technologist
- Radiation therapist
- Radiographer

### Paramedicine

Paramedic Practice graduates could find work as a paramedic in organisations such as:

- Your state based emergency service around Australia or New Zealand
- International ambulance services
- Industry emergency response units
- Non-emergency transport
- Community based emergency health settings

### Sports Science

Sport scientists and graduates in the sport, physical activity and recreation fields get the best out of their clients by applying knowledge and techniques in many areas, including:

- Biomechanics
- Exercise physiology
- Fitness instruction
- Motor learning
- Nutrition
- Physiology
- Physiotherapy
- Psychology and sport assessment
- Skill acquisition
- Sports science

## Professional recognition

Specific professional degrees can satisfy membership with relevant professional associations, such as:

- Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency
- Australian Institute of Medical Scientists (AIMS)
- Australian Institute of Radiography
- Exercise & Sports Science Australia
- Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia
- Paramedics Australasia

More generic degrees and qualifications in the health sciences are not limited to a single, professional discipline. Graduates of these are able to undertake further specialised study in a number of disciplines and to pursue relevant career opportunities and recognition.

## Your study opportunities

Different students have different goals.

If you simply want to give yourself the best start for a better chance at a great career, a degree course is an excellent option.

If you want to pursue a passion or want more specialist knowledge and expertise in a chosen field, a double degree or a degree with honours can give you expanded career opportunities. Many of our courses also let you add units from different study areas to diversify your career options.

## Degrees

A single degree usually takes three years to finish and requires the successful completion of 24 units.

Each course structure may be different. Depending on your degree, there could be a combination of core units, major (eight units) and minor (four units) studies and/or electives.

### Major and Minor (specialist) studies

Studying a particular area of interest can focus your learning, research and communication skills.

Your major specialist area of study represents eight of the 24 units (two introductory, two intermediate, four advanced units).

You can complement this knowledge with a minor area of study. This is made up of four units (two introductory, two intermediate).

Depending on your chosen course, you may be able to combine learning on and off campus, or study part-time or online. Flexible study options can make it easy to fit study around your work and life commitments.

### Double or Combined degrees

Double degrees are pretty much exactly how they sound. A double degree merges the core requirements of two different degrees. This lets you graduate with the equivalent of two degrees faster than it would take to do two separate degrees.

Double degrees can give you greater depth of knowledge in more than one area. This gives you more career options. If you're academically capable and want to challenge yourself, a double degree is an ideal way to get the most from your time at university.

### Honours

Honours can help you gain deeper knowledge in your specialist area. An additional Honours year can mean you start your career higher up the ladder and progress in your career faster. It can also lead to postgraduate study and a career in scientific research or academia.

Honours are available with the Bachelor of Biomedical Science, the Bachelor of Biotechnology, the Bachelor of Health Science and the Bachelor of Exercise Physiology (Professional Honours).

## Alternative entry pathways

If you don't have the pre-requisites or ATAR score for direct entry into your chosen degree, an alternative entry pathway can help you get into the course you want.

### Health Science pathways

The Bachelor of General Studies (Health Science Pathway) is an alternative entrance program for the Bachelor of Health Science or Bachelor of Exercise Science. It is designed for mature age students returning to study, VET graduates or students who do not have the pre-requisites for direct entry.

Students who meet the pre-tertiary prerequisite subjects but do not meet the ATAR score for degrees in Biomedical Science, Exercise Science or the combined degree in Health Science/Medical Radiation Science can choose to study the Bachelor of Health Science for one year full-time before reapplying into their preferred degree. Transfers will be based on academic merit.

*For further information on Health Science pathways, please refer to the course information in the following pages.*



# Your study experience

Your Health Sciences education could be a combination of classroom, laboratory and practical placement.

The University's internationally-recognised Faculty of Health, Menzies Institute for Medical Research, Wicking Dementia Research and Education Centre, and Health Services Innovation Tasmania are central to strong partnerships with government and non-government health organisations. These include the Tasmanian Department of Health and Human Services and the State's three major teaching hospitals in Hobart, Launceston and Burnie.

Our students enjoy close contact with our expert teaching staff. They are supported by state-of-the-art learning environments, resources and equipment that include cutting-edge laboratories, simulation facilities and public clinics.

We also provide online academic skills tutorials for all students, to help with your research assignments, as well as access to programs designed to develop your communication, mathematical and English language skills. Students also have 24-hour access to computer labs.

Bachelor of Dementia Care students experience a fully online learning environment with learning support available.

## Study Abroad

We have exchange agreements with a number of universities around the world, in Asia, Europe and the Americas, including Canada and the USA. The international exchange program lets you take a semester of study where a suitable exchange is possible.

## Study Abroad Scholarships

The University actively encourages our students to extend their learning opportunities by undertaking international study exchange. To facilitate this, we offer a range of scholarships and financial assistance.



## Professional Experience Placement (PEP)

In some courses, as part of your professional training, you may be required to undertake practical placements.

You will work under professional supervision with experienced industry partners including hospitals, local health districts and aged care facilities. This gives you the hands-on practice that employers value and actively look for in graduates.

For some placements, you may be part of a roster and you must be available five days a week (mornings, evenings, weekends and night shifts as per roster).

As a Paramedicine student, you will need to undertake clinical placements in various ambulance stations and specialist health facilities.

In order to commence workplace-integrated learning outside of the University of Tasmania you are required to demonstrate compliance with relevant policies.

These can include a National Police Check, Infectious Disease Policy, Code of Conduct and Student Placement Agreement.

## Exercise Physiology Clinic

The Exercise Physiology Clinic in Launceston provides practical educational experiences for our students. Under professional supervision, students undertake exercise assessment, prescription and counselling services to individuals who have been referred by their General Practitioner under a Chronic Disease Management Plan.

The Clinic also runs group classes in Cardiac Rehabilitation, Pulmonary Rehabilitation and Therapeutic Pilates.

## Scholarships

Each year, the University offers more than 900 awards, across all academic areas. The awards are based on merit and equity and reward excellence and improve access for new or continuing students. Application details and selection criteria for each award are clearly noted for each award on our website and within the online application.

See: [utas.edu.au/scholarships-bursaries](https://utas.edu.au/scholarships-bursaries)





# Course information

Health Sciences and Community Care at the University of Tasmania covers a huge range of fascinating and exciting fields.

For students interested in working in the wider health sector or patient care, we also provide many alternative opportunities in health-related areas of study, such as pharmacy, nursing, medicine and paramedicine.

## Biomedical Science

### ▼ Bachelor of Biomedical Science

<b>Duration</b>	3.5 years full-time or equivalent part-time
<b>Prerequisites</b>	Successful completion of TCE (Tasmanian Certificate of Education) including Chemistry, General Maths or Maths Methods or interstate equivalent or General Entry Requirements*
<b>Entry</b>	February
<b>Location</b>	Launceston
<b>Course code</b>	M3G
<b>2016 Round 1 Clearly-in ATAR</b>	75

This degree gives you the skills and knowledge to work in medical laboratories. It provides instruction in professional areas such as clinical chemistry, endocrinology, haematology, blood transfusion science, histopathology, microbiology, human molecular biology, and immunology. Graduates are trained to undertake valuable diagnostic services and to provide information used in the diagnosis and treatment of patients.

Biomedical Science is a degree used by some students as a pathway to enter undergraduate and postgraduate medicine courses around Australia.

### Special requirements

You must meet the Faculty of Health Safety in Practice, Code of Conduct, and AHPRA student registration requirements.

### Alternative entry

If you are not accepted into the course in your first attempt, you can try to gain entry through study of an alternative pathway. We recommend the Bachelor of Health Science as your second preference. For more information on alternative pathways, visit [utas.edu.au/health/study](http://utas.edu.au/health/study)

### Career opportunities

Graduates from this degree have outstanding employment opportunities in Australia and overseas. These include:

- Blood transfusion services
- Hospital, clinical and pathology laboratories
- Public health laboratories
- University or industry medical research
- Veterinary laboratories

### Professional recognition

The Bachelor of Biomedical Science is accredited by the Australian Institute of Medical Scientists (AIMS). Employers recognise that graduates from the course have been specifically trained for the industry – and are ready to be employed as medical scientists.

## Dementia Care

### ▼ Bachelor of Dementia Care<sup>^</sup>

<b>Duration</b>	Three years full-time or equivalent part-time
<b>Prerequisites</b>	Successful completion of TCE (Tasmanian Certificate of Education) or interstate equivalent or General Entry Requirements*
<b>Entry</b>	February and July
<b>Location</b>	Distance
<b>Course code</b>	M3S
<b>2016 Round 1 Clearly-in ATAR</b>	N/A

With an ageing population, dementia is quickly becoming a serious issue in today's society. The Bachelor of Dementia Care is Australia's first degree in Dementia Care. The course develops specialised knowledge in this field so that you can make a difference to the lives of people living with dementia.

This fully online course focuses on understanding dementia at the individual, family and health services level and aims to develop your understanding and skills in dementia care. You learn about the possible causes of dementia and how these affect the nervous system and progression of the disease. You will also learn about the concepts of normal ageing, dementia and associated behaviours and the techniques and strategies for dealing with these.

The course is a nested suite of qualifications and you may complete these or continue with a diploma (8 units), associate degree (16 units) and degree (24 units).

### Areas of study

- Case management in aged and dementia care
- Clinical research
- Models of healthcare
- Neuroscience
- Understanding dementia

### Recommended prerequisites

There are no formal prerequisites, however a good level of computer competency and willingness to engage in online learning is highly recommended.

Applications are considered on a case by case basis. We consider applicants from a broad range of life experiences and backgrounds, those with professional learning or formal study qualifications and skills and those entering University study as a mature age student with little previous formal qualifications and/ or experience in this field.

### Career opportunities

Future holders of the Bachelor, Associate Degree or Diploma of Dementia Care will be well positioned to engage in the likely future advances in health and social care for people living with dementia. Future career paths could include:

- Aged care advocacy
- Carer
- Health administration officer
- Health promotion
- Leadership in the aged care industry

### Understanding Dementia

The University of Tasmania also runs a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) in Understanding Dementia. This is a nine-week online course that builds on the latest international research on dementia. It's free and anyone can register.

The course is taught through the Wicking Dementia Research and Education Centre and draws on the expertise of neuroscientists, clinicians and dementia care professionals. The programs are run throughout the year. Find out when the next one is at [utas.edu.au/wicking/wca/mooc](http://utas.edu.au/wicking/wca/mooc)



Vice-Chancellor's National University **Scholarships** valued at \$18,000 per year, for up to five years of study in any course

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^Please note this course is only available by distance.

## Exercise Science

### ▼ Bachelor of Exercise Science

<b>Duration</b>	3.5 years full-time or equivalent part-time
<b>Prerequisites</b>	Successful completion of TCE (Tasmanian Certificate of Education) including Physical Sciences or Physics plus one other Science or Maths subject, or interstate equivalent or General Entry Requirements*
<b>Entry</b>	February
<b>Location</b>	Launceston
<b>Course code</b>	M3Q
<b>2016 Round 1 Clearly-in ATAR</b>	75

This degree provides an understanding of the basic sciences and concepts affecting and involved in the role of physical activity in the health of individuals and communities.

You learn a wide range of human life sciences, including biology, biochemistry, anatomy, physiology and psychology as well as their practical application.

Practical placements also help you gain the knowledge and skills to provide assessment, monitoring and program prescription for fitness and exercise.

#### Area of study

- Anatomy and physiology
- Biochemistry and kinesiology
- Biomechanics
- Exercise physiology, nutrition and disease
- Exercise prescription
- Strength and conditioning

#### Special requirements

You must meet the Faculty of Health Safety in Practice, Code of Conduct requirements.

#### Career opportunities

- State and national sporting academies and institutes
- Fitness centres or gymnasiums
- Hospitals or private health practices
- Allied health assistant
- Respiratory or sleep technician
- Medical sales representative
- Health/education project officer
- Sports development officer

#### Professional recognition

The Bachelor of Exercise Science is accredited with Exercise & Sport Science Australia (ESSA). Students who continue on to further study and complete the Bachelor of Exercise Physiology (Professional Honours) will be accredited by ESSA as an Exercise Physiologist.

#### Pathways

This course is also a pathway to a career in exercise physiology. On completion of this course, you can undertake the one-year Bachelor of Exercise Physiology (Professional Honours) at the University of Tasmania.

The course is a pathway to the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery. If you would like specific details on a degree in Medicine or Medical Research, please refer to the Medicine brochure.

If you're aiming for a career in teaching health, food studies or science, you could continue studying in the Master of Teaching.

## Health Science

### ▼ Bachelor of Health Science

<b>Duration</b>	Three years full-time or equivalent part-time
<b>Prerequisites</b>	Successful completion of TCE (Tasmanian Certificate of Education) including one science subject, or interstate equivalent or General Entry Requirements*
<b>Entry</b>	February and July
<b>Location</b>	Launceston
<b>Course code</b>	M3H
<b>2016 Round 1 Clearly-in ATAR</b>	65

This is a multidisciplinary degree that prepares students for career opportunities in the allied health sector, including administration, management and research. You'll undertake core units in applied life sciences and be introduced to community health care and management, with elective units in Bioscience, Public Health and Lifestyle, and Psychology/Management.

The Bachelor of Health Science can provide a pathway into the Bachelor of Exercise Science or Bachelor of Biomedical Science. It also prepares students for specialist graduate studies.

The course is a pathway to the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery. If you would like specific details on a degree in Medicine or Medical Research, please refer to the Medicine brochure.

#### Recommended knowledge

Students must have completed a pre-tertiary level science subject. It is an advantage to have completed Chemistry and Maths Applied for study in Bioscience electives.

#### Career opportunities

- Clinical research
- Health administration and management
- Health promotion
- Health sector project management
- Rehabilitation and health and fitness education
- Sales representation across a broad range of medical and health products

#### Further study options

The Bachelor of Health Science could also provide a platform for further study in Exercise Science or Biomedical Science at the University of Tasmania.

Graduates may choose to enrol in the Master of Teaching to pursue careers in teaching health, food studies and science.

## Medical Radiation Science

### ▼ Bachelor of Health Science /Medical Radiation Science^

<b>Duration</b>	Five years full-time
<b>Prerequisites</b>	Successful completion of TCE (Tasmanian Certificate of Education) including Physical Sciences or Physics, plus General Maths or Maths Methods, or interstate equivalent or General Entry Requirements*
<b>Entry</b>	February
<b>Location</b>	Launceston
<b>Course code</b>	M3L
<b>2016 Round 1 Clearly-in ATAR</b>	80

Medical radiation is a field that's constantly evolving – and with that comes a growing need for qualified medical radiation scientists to work in our public and private hospitals.

Those scientists start here.

This double degree, offered by the University of Tasmania and Charles Sturt University (CSU), teaches you the ins and outs of radiation science, specialised equipment, patient care and human biology.

Your first two years of study are at our Launceston campus, with the next two taking place at CSU's Wagga Wagga campus.

At the beginning of your third year, you'll choose a specialisation and study units directly related to this. Your final year is a professional development year, where you'll put the skills you've learnt to practice in a private or public hospital.

#### Specialist streams

Medical Imaging – to work as a diagnostic radiographer or medical imaging technologist.

Nuclear Medicine – learn to use radioactive substances to diagnose and treat diseases.

Radiation Therapy – learn to design and deliver radiation treatment plans for people diagnosed with cancer and other pathological conditions.

#### Special requirements

Students must meet the Faculty of Health Safety in Practice, Code of Conduct and AHPRA student registration requirements.

Some students may be required to travel and provide their own accommodation for allocated clinical placements.

#### Professional recognition

Once you graduate, you will have the knowledge and skills to register with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency and the Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia.

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## Nursing

Health Science can provide a career in patient care. If you have considered a degree in Nursing, you may wish to refer to our Nursing brochure.

## Paramedic Practice

### Your Paramedic experience with us

We want to help you get the most from your time while studying with us.

You'll be taught by people who work in the public and private health sectors. So, you'll get up-to-date, high-quality training opportunities and insights.

We teach students of the Bachelor of Paramedic Practice in Hobart and Sydney. In Hobart, you will study at the Medical Sciences Precinct, a purpose-built health hub with close ties to our partners Ambulance Tasmania. The Rozelle campus, in Sydney, is positioned to provide students and staff with close ties to our partners the Sydney Local Health Districts and New South Wales Ambulance.

At both campuses, you will have access to state-of-the-art learning environments, resources and equipment. These include cutting-edge labs and simulation facilities, including model hospital wards and high-fidelity simulation experiences.

Our administration team are available to discuss unit choices, degree planning, credit and advanced standing. Dedicated Student Advisers are also available for advice, support and assistance with academic studies or things affecting your personal wellbeing or circumstances.

We also provide online tutorials to help with your research assignments and develop your skills faster.

Those students required to undertake clinical placements will be in various ambulance stations and specialist health facilities.

### Year 1 Paramedic Practice

In your first year you are introduced to the various functions, roles and responsibilities paramedics have within primary health care. You'll gain the fundamental knowledge you need, and experience your first clinical placement with an ambulance service. You begin to develop the skills to identify, assess and manage common medical emergencies encountered in an out-of-hospital setting.

### Year 2 Paramedic Practice

In the second year, you will further develop and build on your knowledge and skills in the critical care environment and integrate your understanding of out-of-hospital health care and its critical place in the continuum of emergency patient care.

### ▼ Bachelor of Paramedic Practice

<b>Duration</b>	2 years fast-track
<b>Prerequisites</b>	Successful completion of TCE (Tasmanian Certificate of Education) or interstate equivalent or General Entry Requirements*
<b>Entry</b>	February
<b>Location</b>	Hobart, Rozelle (NSW)
<b>Course code</b>	53A
<b>2016 Round 1 Clearly-in ATAR</b>	75

This two-year course is designed to give you the knowledge and skills to make effective treatment decisions, often operating in unpredictable and challenging environments.

The course consists of specialist paramedic units along with general health units.

You'll learn bioscience, general health units and specialist paramedic skills and undertake clinical placements in various ambulance stations and health facilities.

### Additional prerequisites

While there are no prerequisites required, we recommend you have a foundation knowledge of English Studies, Health Studies and Biology.

### Special requirements

Students must meet Faculty of Health Safety in Practice, Code of Conduct and AHPRA student registration requirements.

You may be required to travel and provide your own accommodation for some allocated clinical placements.

### Professional recognition

Graduates will be eligible to apply for employment as an Intern Ambulance Paramedic and be eligible for membership to Paramedics Australia.

### Paramedicine pathways

If you successfully study one year of the Bachelor of Health Science you will be eligible to apply into the Bachelor of Paramedic Practice.

If you are already a qualified paramedic with a vocational qualification, including training within the armed forces, you can apply into the Bachelor of Paramedic Practice (Conversion). This includes existing qualifications such as a Diploma or Advanced Diploma of Paramedical Science or an Associate Degree in Paramedic Studies.

### ▼ Bachelor of Paramedic Practice (Conversion Pathway)

<b>Duration</b>	Two years part-time
<b>Prerequisites</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Diploma of Paramedical Sciences (Ambulance)</li> <li>– Advanced Diploma of Paramedical Sciences (Ambulance)</li> <li>– Advanced Medic qualification in the Australian Defence Forces</li> <li>– Associate Degree in Paramedic Studies or equivalent</li> </ul>
<b>Entry</b>	February and July
<b>Location</b>	Distance
<b>Course code</b>	53C
<b>2016 Round 1 Clearly-in ATAR</b>	N/A

This two-year, part-time program lets practising paramedics or advanced medics upgrade existing qualifications to a Bachelor degree.

The course is offered through flexible delivery (it is fully online) to eligible Australian domestic students currently employed in a Paramedic position with an ambulance service, or an advanced medic position within the Australian Defence Forces.

This degree will increase your professional knowledge and standing which will help you stay ahead in a competitive field.



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## Pharmacy

If you're looking for specific details on a Pharmacy degree, please refer to the Pharmacy brochure.

## Social Work

### ▼ Bachelor of Social Work

<b>Duration</b>	Two years full-time or equivalent part-time
<b>Prerequisites</b>	This course has a range of entry criteria. See below for details.
<b>Entry</b>	February
<b>Location</b>	Hobart, Launceston, Cradle Coast
<b>Course code</b>	13L
<b>2016 Round 1 Clearly-in ATAR</b>	N/A

This degree equips you with an understanding of social problems and social services, as well as the skills to provide assistance to people in your community.

It follows on from two years' study in Arts, Social Science (or other areas involving the study of the individual or society) For each of the two years of study, you undertake one semester of academic study in Social Work Theory and Context and one semester of practical field placement\*. This is a professional qualifying course which is nationally accredited and recognised in many overseas countries. As such, we require applicants to have greater study experience than most other Bachelor degrees.

#### Entry Requirements

Two years' full-time study in a Bachelor degree or other degree program (or equivalent)

or

A Diploma of Social Science (Community Services) from TAFE (or equivalent) and completed 75% of a full year of the BA or BSocSc (or other relevant degree).

or

An undergraduate degree (or equivalent).

All studies at degree level must have included four units relating to studies of society and of the individual.

It is preferred that students have undertaken some units in Aboriginal studies.

Exemptions regarding entry requirements may be made at the discretion of the Head of Social Work.

#### Career opportunities

- Child welfare officer
- Corrections officer
- Counsellor
- Manager of human services
- Social worker
- Women's and youth services officer

#### Area of study

You will complete twelve academic units which include two fieldwork placements (Practicum 1 & 2).

Placements require a national police record check and other checks when working with children as well as compliance with UTAS Safety in Practice policy.

#### Professional recognition

The Bachelor of Social Work is the only undergraduate course in Tasmania which leads to accreditation with the Australian Association of Social Workers.

#### Alternative pathway

An alternative pathway to professional qualification is available through postgraduate study. (Refer to the Master of Social Work in [utas.edu.au/courses](http://utas.edu.au/courses)).



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# Pathway degrees

## Health Pathway towards Nursing and Paramedic Practice

### ▼ Bachelor of General Studies (Health Pathway)

<b>Duration</b>	One year full-time or equivalent part-time
<b>Prerequisites</b>	Successful completion of TCE (Tasmanian Certificate of Education) or interstate equivalent or General Entry Requirements*
<b>Entry</b>	February
<b>Location</b>	Hobart, Launceston, Cradle Coast, Distance
<b>Course code</b>	X3M
<b>2016 Round 1 Clearly-in ATAR</b>	N/A

The Bachelor of General Studies – Foundation Year Pathway is the first year of the Bachelor of General Studies and is designed as an alternative entry pathway to university study. In the foundation year, you study units giving you the skills and knowledge related to your intended pathway. If you successfully complete your Foundation Year Pathway you will be guaranteed entry to nominated degrees, have 1–2 units credit and also qualify for a Diploma of University Studies in your area.

#### Additional prerequisites

None

#### Areas of study

You study six Foundation level units and two Introductory level units.

This Pathway is an alternative entrance program for the Bachelor of Nursing, Bachelor of Nursing (Fast Track) and Bachelor of Paramedic Practice. Students successful in the Pathway will enhance your chances of success in an application for these courses and may make you eligible for credit for completed Introductory units.

#### Career opportunities

Degrees from the Faculty of Health provide graduates with the knowledge and expertise required for a professional career in health. The Bachelor of General Studies – Health Pathway is a pathway to degrees in the Faculty of Health and is not a stand-alone qualification with health career outcomes.

## Health Science Pathway towards a Bachelor of Health Science

### ▼ Bachelor of General Studies (Health Science Pathway)

<b>Duration</b>	One year full-time or equivalent part-time
<b>Prerequisites</b>	Successful completion of TCE (Tasmanian Certificate of Education) or interstate equivalent or General Entry Requirements*
<b>Entry</b>	February
<b>Location</b>	Hobart, Launceston
<b>Course code</b>	X3H
<b>2016 Round 1 Clearly-in ATAR</b>	N/A

The Bachelor of General Studies – Foundation Year Pathway is the first year of the Bachelor of General Studies and is designed as an alternative entry pathway to university study. In the foundation year, you study units giving you the skills and knowledge related to your intended pathway. If you successfully complete your Foundation Year Pathway you will be guaranteed entry to nominated degrees, have 1–2 units credit and also qualify for a Diploma of University Studies in your area.

#### Additional prerequisites

None

#### Areas of study

You study six Foundation level units and two Introductory level units.

#### Career opportunities

Degrees from the Faculty of Health provide graduates with the knowledge and expertise required for a professional career in health. The Bachelor of General Studies – Health Science Pathway is a pathway to degrees in the Faculty of Health and is not a stand-alone qualification with health career outcomes.

# Financial matters

When you commence study with the University of Tasmania in a Commonwealth supported place (CSP), you must contribute towards the cost of your tuition. The amount you pay depends on which units you study and the payment method you choose.

### Student contribution amounts and rules

To be eligible for a CSP you must be an Australian citizen, a New Zealand citizen or hold a permanent visa.

The student contribution is calculated based on the units of study that you enrol in. Each unit is assigned to a 'band' according to the subject area it comes from. The band tells us how much to charge for one equivalent full-time student load (EFTSL), equivalent to 100 credit points, or 100% load.

Most units at the University of Tasmania are 12.5 credit points (0.125 EFTSL), so to calculate the cost of a unit we multiply the contribution amount for that designated band by 0.125. For example, the student contribution amount for a 12.5 credit point Nursing unit of study would be \$6256×0.125=\$782. A typical three-year degree is made up of 24 units.

### HECS-HELP

The majority of university students across Australia choose to defer their student contribution until after they have commenced in the workforce. You can do this by taking out a HECS-HELP loan. HECS-HELP is available to eligible students enrolled in a CSP. This loan can cover all or part of the student contribution amount. You are eligible for HECS-HELP if you are an Australian citizen or the holder of a permanent humanitarian visa. Under this option, the Commonwealth Government pays the loan amount directly to the University of Tasmania. Then, when your salary reaches the minimum repayment threshold, you will make compulsory repayments through the tax system. To learn more, visit [studyassist.gov.au](http://studyassist.gov.au)

### 2016 student contribution by band

BAND 1	BAND 2	BAND 3
\$6,256* per full-time year (100% load)	\$8,917* per full-time year (100% load)	\$10,440* per full-time year (100% load)
Nursing*	Mathematics*	Law
Education*	Statistics*	Accounting
Humanities	Science*	Administration
Social Studies	Computing	Economics
Psychological Science <sup>^</sup>	Built Environment	Business/Commerce
Clinical Psychology	Other Health	Dentistry
Foreign Languages	Allied Health	Medicine
Visual & Performing Arts	Engineering	Veterinary Science
	Surveying	
	Agriculture	
	AMC	

\*The student contribution amounts for mathematics, statistics and science are subject to passage of the Higher Education Support Amendment (Student Contribution Amounts and Other Measure Bill 2012).

1. Education and nursing students who began their course as a Commonwealth supported student before 1 January 2010 may be charged less than the 2016 maximum amount listed above for units in education and nursing.
2. If you are a mathematics, science, education, nursing or midwifery graduate you may be eligible for a HECS-HELP Benefit.

### Other costs

Students are required to pay a student services and amenities fee (SSAF). In 2016, the fee is around \$290 for a full-time undergraduate student. Part-time students are charged on a pro-rata of study load undertaken. Students who are unable to pay the fee up-front can defer all or part of the fee through an element of the Higher Education Loan Program, known as SA-HELP. The fee contributes to funding student services such as legal and health services, counselling, and sport and recreation activities.

You will also need to cover costs such as textbooks, materials, art supplies or software for your course. These costs can vary from course to course.

Accommodation and general living expenses will also vary depending on your chosen living arrangements. To learn more about accommodation options, visit [utas.edu.au/accommodation](http://utas.edu.au/accommodation)

\*General Entry Requirements are briefly outlined in the 'How to apply' section. Visit [utas.edu.au/admissions](http://utas.edu.au/admissions) for further details.

# How to apply

Applications should be made directly to the University of Tasmania, depending on your course and when you want to commence.

## Year 12 applicants

For Year 12 students, applications for Semester 1 should be submitted electronically via the University's online application process.

The 'timely' application period opens in August and closes in the last week of September. Late applications will be accepted by the University, but some programs that have special requirements will not accept late applications.

## Changing your preference

You can change your original 'timely' application course preferences during the Change of Preference period in December. This allows you to modify your course selection depending on your results from your final examinations.

Learn more by visiting [utas.edu.au/apply](http://utas.edu.au/apply)

## Non-school leaver (mature aged) applicants

If you are not a Year 12 student, you apply directly to the University via the online application process. As a non-year 12 student your application will be considered on a broad range of factors, including previous studies, work experience and any extra requirements specified for the course.

To meet the General Entry Requirements (GER) into an undergraduate degree, at least one of the following must be completed:

- Year 12
- Certificate IV, diploma or advanced diploma and/or
- Successful completion of a University enabling program
- Personal competency statement demonstrating how work experience or background meets the University's General Entry Requirements

Particular degrees may also require you to sit a Special Tertiary Admissions Test.

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# Quick reference guide

## Degrees

COURSES	DURATION	Clearly-in ATAR	LOCATION
Bachelor of Biomedical Science	3.5 yrs FT or equivalent PT	75	L
Bachelor of Dementia Care	3 yrs FT or equivalent PT	N/A	D
Bachelor of Exercise Science	3.5 yrs FT or equivalent PT	75	L
Bachelor of Health Science	3 yrs FT or equivalent PT	65	L
Bachelor of Health Science/Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science	5 yrs FT	80 <sup>^</sup>	L
Bachelor of Paramedic Practice	2 yrs FT	75	H, SR
Bachelor of Paramedic Practice (Conversion)	2 yrs PT	N/A	D
Bachelor of Paramedicine with Clinical Honours	1 yr FT or equivalent PT	N/A	D
Bachelor of Social Work	2 yrs FT or equivalent PT	N/A	H, L, CC

## Pathways

COURSES	DURATION
Bachelor of General Studies (Health Pathway)	1 yr FT or equivalent PT
Bachelor of General Studies (Health Science Pathway)	1 yr FT or equivalent PT
University Preparation Program (UPP)	1 yr FT or equivalent PT

## Key to main campuses:

- CC – Cradle Coast
- D – Distance
- H – Hobart
- L – Launceston
- SR – Sydney, Rozelle

NB as some courses may be split between campuses, please refer to course details above.

Availability at each campus may depend on demand.



▼ To find more information about all University of Tasmania courses, visit [utas.edu.au/courses](http://utas.edu.au/courses)



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<sup>^</sup>This course is a quota course and capped entry applies, including quotas for interstate applicants.



## KEY DATES

### **1 August 2016**

Applications open

### **30 September 2016**

On-time applications close, 5.00pm

### **Year-round availability**

One-on-one course advisor appointments

## OPEN DAYS

### **7 August 2016**

University of Tasmania Open Day  
Hobart, Launceston, Burnie (TAS)

### **27 August 2016**

University of Tasmania Open Day  
Darlinghurst (NSW)

### **28 August 2016**

University of Tasmania Open Day  
Rozelle (NSW)

## FURTHER INFORMATION

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