

Bachelor of Health Science



Sunshine Coast, Semester 1 2024

Program structure

Introductory courses (7) 84 units

HLT140 Think Health
HLT150 Indigenous Wellbeing Foundations
LFS103 Introductory Bioscience
PUB102 Environment and Health
PUB104 Introduction to Behavioural Health
PUB112 Public Health Foundations
SCI110 Science Research Methods

Developing courses (1) 12 units

HLT205 Health Research and Evidence

Extended majors (144 units)

Select 1 extended major (144 units) from:

- Applied Health Promotion
- Applied Environmental Health
- Health Communication
- Indigenous Health and Wellbeing

Elective courses (4) 48 units

PLUS select 4 elective courses (48 units) from the undergraduate elective course options, with the exception of WPL310 Workplace Learning I and WPL320 Workplace Learning II

Note for students enrolled in the Applied Environmental Health extended major: You are encouraged to consider courses from the following list when selecting electives. Only one (1) elective course can be at 100 level to meet program requirements.

ENS253 Geographic Information Science and Technology
HRM311 Enabling Team Synergy and Performance
INT370 Politics and the Media
PUB252 Health Promotion Assessment and Planning

Note for students enrolled in the Applied Health Promotion extended major: You are encouraged to consider courses from the following list when selecting electives however, only one (1) elective course can be at 100 level to meet program requirements.

SUS101 Foundations of Sustainability
CMN231 Communication Campaign Planning
CMN276 Social Media Communication
SCS201 International Community Development and Global Justice
SCS235 Social Justice, Welfare and the State
HRM311 Enabling Team Synergy and Performance

Note for students enrolled in the Health Communication extended major: You are encouraged to consider courses from the following list when selecting electives however, only one (1) elective course can be at 100 level to meet program requirements.

SUS101 Foundations of Sustainability
CMN204 Social Media: Content Curation and Creation
CMN252 Writing for Strategic Communication
HLT242 Indigenous Wellbeing Practice
HRM311 Enabling Team Synergy and Performance
INT370 Politics and the Media

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Note for students enrolled in the Indigenous Health and Wellbeing extended major: You are encouraged to consider courses from the following list when selecting electives. Only one (1) elective course can be at 100 level to meet program requirements.

SUS101 Foundations of Sustainability
PUB210 Concepts of Epidemiology
PUB272 Healthy Public Policy and Advocacy
SCS235 Social Justice, Welfare and the State
HRM311 Enabling Team Synergy and Performance
INT370 Politics and the Media

Note: Program structures are subject to change. Not all UniSC courses are available on every UniSC campus.

Total units: 288

Study sequence

This Bachelor of Health Science - Health Communication Extended Major - recommended study sequence is for students commencing in the current semester.

Semester 1

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
CMN120 Introduction to Contemporary Global Media and Communication	• Semester 1	12	
HLT140 Think Health	• Semester 1	12	
LFS103 Introductory Bioscience	• Semester 1, Semester 2	12	Pre: The online course offering is not available to students enrolled in a Bachelor of Nursing or Bachelor of Midwifery due to external accreditation. Anti: LFS100
PUB104 Introduction to Behavioural Health	• Semester 1	12	

Semester 2

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
HLT150 Indigenous Wellbeing Foundations	• Semester 2	12	
PUB102 Environment and Health	• Semester 2	12	
PUB112 Public Health Foundations	• Semester 2	12	
SCI110 Science Research Methods	• Semester 1, Semester 2	12	Anti: SCI201 or CPH261

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Semester 1

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
HLT205 Health Research and Evidence	• Semester 1	12	Anti: NUR131
PUB252 Health Promotion Assessment and Planning	• Semester 1	12	Anti: PUB705
PUB271 Health Promotion Principles	• Semester 1	12	

PLUS select 1 elective course from the undergraduate elective course options.

Semester 2

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
CMN207 Podcasting and Radio News	• Semester 2	12	
CMN231 Communication Campaign Planning	• Semester 2	12	
PUB272 Healthy Public Policy and Advocacy	• Semester 2	12	Anti: PUB704 and PUB742
PUB351 Health Promotion Implementation and Evaluation	• Semester 2	12	

Semester 1

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
CMN276 Social Media Communication	• Semester 1	12	

PLUS select 3 elective courses from the undergraduate elective course options.

Semester 2

COURSE	SEMESTER OF OFFER (SUNSHINE COAST)	UNITS	REQUISITES
CMN308 Social Media: Monitoring and Measurement	• Semester 2	12	
PUB210 Concepts of Epidemiology	• Semester 2	12	
PUB305 Public Health Practicum	• Session 4, Semester 2	24	Pre: Course Coordinator Consent Required and enrolled in SC344, SC354, SC367, SC373 or SC375 Anti: WPL310 or WPL311 or WPL320 or HLT326 or PUB352 or PUB332

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Program requirements and notes

In order to graduate you must:

- Successfully complete 288 units as outlined in the Program Structure
- Complete no more than 10 introductory level (100 coded) courses
- Depending on the Extended major chosen, students complete up to 4 electives

Program notes

- Completing this program within the specified (full-time) duration is based on studying 48 unit points per semester (normally 4 courses) and following the recommended study sequence
- The unit value of all courses is 12 units unless otherwise specified
- It is each student's responsibility to enrol correctly according to your course requisites, program rules and requirements and be aware of the academic calendar dates
- For Sippy Downs students some courses in this program will be taught at the Sunshine Coast Health Institute
- Courses within this program are assessed using a variety of assessment methods including essays, seminar presentations, reports, in-class tests and examinations. Not all courses will necessarily include all methods
- As part of your UniSC program, you may apply to Study Overseas to undertake courses with an overseas higher education provider
- Only a full-time study option is available to international students on a Student Visa. Please refer to the English language requirements
- Refer to the Managing your progression page for help in understanding your program structure, reviewing your progress and planning remaining courses.

WIL notes

- For students enrolled in the Environmental Health extended major this program includes compulsory placements in settings that require full COVID-19 vaccination.
- It is a Queensland Government requirement that students undertaking a placement within a clinical setting are fit tested annually for an approved respirator. Clinical settings include hospitals, residential aged care facilities, residential disability care facilities, prison health services, youth detention health services, community health care settings, and vaccination clinics). If the Fit Testing requirement applies to placement activity within your Program it will appear in your mandatory checks on Sonia Online. In accordance with Australian Standards, you must be clean shaven for your fit test. Facial hair that lies along the sealing surface of a tight-fitting respirator prevents an effective seal. Therefore, it is a requirement that there is no hair growth between the skin and the facepiece sealing surface in order to achieve a fit. At this stage, there is no exemption in Queensland to this requirement for religious or other reasons and USC is unable to waive this requirement.
- Refer to Health Science and Health Promotion - Work Practicums