



Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science (International students)

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| Program code | Entry requirements | Prerequisites |
| 1370 | 6.5 | NIL |
| Available at | IELTS (Academic) (more) | Assumed knowledge |
| Gold Coast Campus | CRICOS code | Any General or Applied English subject (Units 3 and 4, C) |
| Duration | 075028A | Mathematical Methods (Units 3 and 4, C) |
| 4 years full-time | Commencing in | One of Biology, Chemistry or Physics (Units 3 and 4, C) |
| Credit points | Trimester 1 and Trimester 2 | Apply Now |
| 320 | | |
| Indicative fee | | |
| \$38,000.00* per year (more) | | |
| * 2024 indicative annual fee | | |

About this program

Medical scientists perform diagnostic tests of blood, tissues and other bodily fluids to help doctors diagnose diseases such as glandular fever, diabetes, swine flu and even cancer. Medical scientists can also recommend treatment options and help manage clinical trials.

In this degree, you will develop the knowledge and skills to work as a medical scientist. In your first year, you will take courses in chemistry, cell biology, anatomy and physiology. You will learn about the body's structure, how it functions under normal circumstances and general health challenges.

From your second year, you will start to focus on specialist courses in medical laboratory science and learn how the body functions under diseased conditions.

In your fourth year, you will gain more in-depth knowledge of medical laboratory science and undertake full-time clinical placements in each of the areas of medical science.

Honours is available through an additional year of study.

| Code | Program title | Campus | Intake |
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| 1370 | Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science (this program) | Gold Coast | Trimester 1 and Trimester 2 |
| 2116 | Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science (Honours) | Gold Coast | Trimester 1 and Trimester 2 |

Progression is dependent upon satisfying admission requirements.

My attendance during the program

Attendance information

This program will be offered full-time and on-campus at the Gold Coast. The program is completed in eight trimesters.

Students commencing in this program from Trimester 2 are required to complete core courses in Trimester 3.

The Trimester 2 intake for this program will require students to undertake compulsory study in Trimester 3 in Year 1 of the program.

If you are an International student on a student visa, you must ensure that you enrol in a way that will allow you to complete your enrolment within the expected program duration as stated on your Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE).

Work-integrated learning

The Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science shares a common foundation first year with a number of other Health Group

programs. Core courses in this program involve more than 400 hours of laboratory work (Work-integrated learning (WiL)) plus approximately 560 hours Clinical Placement in fourth year. Laboratory work and research projects will provide you with a significant period of time in a professional workspace to develop technical knowledge and skills appropriate for work in research or commercial laboratories. Students will participate in the Health Foundation Year courses which include over 80 hours of laboratory work and computer laboratory work in 7 of the 8 core courses. The second year of the program includes over 120 hours of Work-integrated learning (WiL) in laboratory environments. In third year, students are expected to complete more than 300 hours Work-integrated learning (WiL). Fourth year includes 40 credit points of Practical Clinical Placement in Trimester 1. It is envisaged that this clinical placement experience will comprise 560 hours.

My career opportunities

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You may find opportunities in hospital laboratories, private pathology laboratories, state health laboratories, universities, veterinary sciences, forensic laboratories, food and cosmetic industry with specialisation in haematology, transfusion science, histopathology, clinical microbiology, clinical biochemistry and molecular diagnostics.

Program accreditation

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The Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science is provisionally accredited by the [Australian Institute of Medical and Clinical Scientists \(AIMS\)](#) and accredited by the [Institute of Biomedical Science \(IBMS\)](#).

Professional recognition

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The [Australian Institute of Medical Scientists \(AIMS\)](#) and the [Institute of Biomedical Science \(IBMS\)](#) recognises graduates of this award.

Placement requirements

Professional Practice requirements

There are placements associated with this program and before undertaking professional experience placements, all students in this program are required to have completed the following by the end of their first trimester of study:

- Vaccinations and Health Tests
- Licenses and Certificates
- Online Training
- Health Placement Requirements

Students should refer to the **checklist of professional practice requirements for their Health discipline** on the [Health Placement Support Hub](#) for full details of the requirements regarding professional placement to ensure that they meet eligibility for placement.

What are the fees?

International students

An International student is one who is not:

- an Australian or New Zealand citizen or
- a Pacific Engagement visa holder or
- a person who has Australian permanent resident status.

Indicative annual tuition fee

The indicative annual tuition fee is calculated based on a standard full-time study load which is usually 80 credit points (two full-time trimesters).

The indicative annual tuition fee is based on current conditions and available data and should only be used as a guide. These fees are reviewed annually and are subject to change.

Tuition fees

- An International student pays tuition fees.
- Students are liable for tuition fees for the courses they are enrolled in as at the census date.
- The tuition fee for students who commence their program prior to 2014 is charged according to the approved program fee for the trimester in which the student commenced the program.
- The tuition fee for students who commence their program from 2014 onwards is charged according to the approved program fee for the trimester in which the student is enrolled.

Program fees for the Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science (1370)

Fees for this program can be found on the Programs and Courses website in the "Overview and fees" section. Select your commencing year to view your fees.

Changing programs

If an International student changes to a different program they will be subject to the approved program fee for the trimester in which they are enrolled.

Permanent resident status

If an **undergraduate student** obtains permanent resident status in Australia after commencing study in a program, and the student can provide evidence of permanent resident status prior to the census date (of the trimester in which they are enrolled), the student will be provided with a domestic fee-paying place.

The student may then apply for a Commonwealth supported place at the next admission period provided that the student satisfies the conditions for transfer from a domestic fee-paying place to a Commonwealth supported place as set out in the [Undergraduate Programs Admission Policy](#).

If a **postgraduate student** obtains permanent resident status in Australia after commencing study in a program, and the student can provide evidence of permanent resident status prior to the census date (of the trimester in which they are enrolled), the student will automatically be considered for a Commonwealth supported place (subject to availability) or a domestic fee-paying place as applicable for the program.

If a **research student** obtains permanent resident status in Australia after commencing study in a program, and the student can provide evidence of permanent resident status prior to the census date (of the trimester in which they are enrolled), the student will automatically be considered for a Commonwealth Government Research Training Program (RTP) Fee Offset or a domestic fee-paying place as applicable for the program.

Further information

- [Fees and Charges Procedure](#)
 - 3.6 - Fees for International Students
 - 3.9 - Administrative and Miscellaneous Charges
 - [Fees and Charges Schedules](#)
- [Cost of studying in Australia](#)

Additional fee information

Throughout your program you may be required to pay for the following items:

first aid certificate; immunisations; uniforms; expenses associated with placements such as travel and accommodation. Fit for Professional Practice Placement costs such as Blue Card, Police Check. See [Health Placement Support Hub](#) website for more details.