Podiatrists are health practitioners who diagnose and treat a wide range of foot and related lower limb conditions. Podiatrists analyse the way people walk or run and correct foot and lower limb problems that can sometimes cause pain elsewhere in the body, such as the knees. Podiatrists can improve foot and lower limb function in many ways, including the use of specialised shoe inserts called orthotic devices to correct alignment and assist with walking difficulties. Podiatrists may use physical therapy techniques to assist with rehabilitation of sports injuries or correct some foot problems such as nail problems, using minor surgical techniques. Podiatrists also work alongside other health professionals to deliver the best overall care for a patient with chronic disease such as diabetes or rheumatoid arthritis.

Why choose this course? Offered on a full time basis over 2.5 years, the Bachelor of Podiatry - Graduate Entry is a smart choice for professionals working in health, sports science and biomedical science, seeking to fast-track into a new career.

Employment opportunities for podiatrists are excellent. This course was Queensland’s first degree in podiatry and offers opportunities for hands-on learning that are unique to QUT.

During this course, you will complete more than 1000 hours of clinical placement. At our on-campus podiatry clinic you will treat real patients under the supervision of registered podiatrists. You will provide specialist services in all aspects of professional practice including podiatric surgery and physical therapy. Commonly, patients present with conditions that include heel pain, running injuries, footwear problems and corrections, skin problems, and tendon and joint injuries.

Professional experience is also offered at external facilities where you can participate in biomechanics/musculoskeletal clinics, sports clinics, diabetes foot complication clinics, paediatric clinics and general podiatry clinics. You will also have the opportunity to participate in events that focus on prevention and treatment within the wider community.

Integral to the practice of podiatry is an understanding of human anatomy, biomolecular science, pharmacology, dermatology, and clinical medicine and surgery. This theoretical knowledge is supported with extensive professional placement to prepare you for
Bachelor of Podiatry - Graduate Entry

Entry requirements

Academic entry requirements
A recognised Australian medical science or health science bachelor degree completed within the past 10 years with a grade of 4 (on QUT’s 7 point scale) or better in the following QUT units or recognised equivalents:
- CSB520 Disease Processes
- CZB190 Chemistry for Health Sciences
- LSB131 Anatomy
- LSB250 Human Physiology
- PUB561 Statistical Methods in Health

Selection ranks
You will be considered solely on the basis of selection ranks from your prior degree studies plus any postgraduate studies you may have undertaken. Other qualifications and experiences may be allocated selection ranks for entry to other QUT courses, but will not be considered for this course.

Automatic advanced standing (credit)
If admitted to the graduate entry program you will automatically receive one and a half years of advanced standing which will entitle you to complete the degree in two and a half years (full-time).

Application closing date: 23 April
Applications and new preferences received after this date will not be accepted.

Careers and outcomes
Podiatrists often work with other health professionals in hospital settings, establish a private practice or complete training as a podiatric surgeon. Graduates may also build a career in paediatric podiatry, sports podiatry, forensic podiatry, community health or research.

Professional recognition
This course is accredited by the Australian and New Zealand Podiatry Accreditation Council and graduates are eligible to apply for registration with the Podiatry Board of Australia. Graduates are eligible for membership of the Australian Podiatry Association and Sports Medicine Australia.

Fees

HECS-HELP
You may be eligible for HECS-HELP, a loan scheme to help you pay your course fees, if you are an Australian citizen or hold an Australian permanent humanitarian visa. For other conditions read the HECS-HELP information.

Student Services and Amenities Fee
You’ll need to pay the student services and amenities fee as part of your course costs. You may be eligible for SA-HELP, a loan scheme to help you pay your student services and amenities fee, if you are an Australian citizen or hold an Australian permanent humanitarian visa. For other conditions read the SA-HELP information.

Additional Costs
There are requirements that you will need to meet as a student in this course. Some of these requirements have associated costs. Information is available from the Additional course requirements and costs website.

Student registration
QUT automatically registers students enrolled in this course with the Podiatry Board of Australia in accordance with the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2009. Details about student registration are available from the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency at www.ahpra.gov.au

Mid-year entry
Apply by 26 April
Start study in July
Gain practical skills and professional connections to thrive in your chosen career.

Course requirements
There are requirements that you will need to meet as a student in this course. You will need to identify these requirements and ensure you allow sufficient time to meet them. Some of these requirements may have associated costs.

Note: Clinical activities begin during first semester and you are required to provide a serology report demonstrating successful Hepatitis B vaccination. The full Hepatitis B vaccination course and serology report test can take six to nine months and must be completed before commencing this course in July. Information is available from the Additional course requirements and costs website.

Blue card: You must undergo a criminal history check for working with children and be issued with a suitability card (blue card) before commencing clinical placement/practicum in an organisation where they may work with children or young people.

The processing of your application may take several months so you must submit your blue card application to HIQA as early as possible to ensure you have your card before you begin any unit that requires contact with children. There is no charge for student blue cards. Students who already have a blue card must register it with QUT.

Graduate-entry students are required to attend pre-course workshops during Orientation Week. During this compulsory 5 day on-campus program of workshops, as part of the requirements for the foundation unit CSB525 Podiatric Medicine and Clinical Practice, you’ll complete advanced podiatry studies in a wide range of areas including:
- pharmacology
- paediatrics
- sports medicine
- podiatric medicine and surgery.

This information has been prepared for Australian and New Zealand citizens and those with Australian permanent resident status. Some courses are not open to international students, and entry requirements and fee information may be different. For more information and to check if a course is available, international students should visit www.qut.edu.au/international. Last updated on: 19/12/2019. Information contained in this document was correct at the time of printing. The university reserves the right to amend any information, and to cancel, change or relocate any course. CRICOS No.00213J