### Bachelor of Podiatry

Podiatrists 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. They may use orthotic devices to correct alignment and assist with walking difficulties, provide physical therapy for rehabilitation of sports injuries, or correct some foot problems using minor surgical techniques. They also care for patients with chronic diseases such as diabetes or rheumatoid arthritis.

### Why choose this course?
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. Our teaching and clinical staff are practising podiatrists who maintain links with the profession ensuring our courses are up-to-date and relevant.

During this course, you will complete more than 1,000 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 transition into the workforce.

### Assumed knowledge
Before you start this course we assume you have sound knowledge in these areas:
- Chemistry (Units 3 & 4, C)
- English, or Literature, or English and Literature Extension, or English as an

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| Domestic fee (indicative, subject to annual review) | 2021: CSP $9,100 per year full-time (96 credit points)  
2020 CSP $8,900 per year full-time (96 credit points) |
| Offer Guarantee | Yes |
| Course contact | askqut@qut.edu.au  
3138 2000 |
| Campus | Kelvin Grove |
| Start months | February |

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**Jason McLellan**

**Make a difference**

'The thing I enjoy most about my job is the day-to-day contact that I have with families and being able to make a difference in a child's life. There's no real way to describe the feeling that emanates when a child looks you in the eye and thanks you for helping them. I'm very, very lucky working as a paediatric podiatrist; my job satisfaction is very, very high every single day. And even in those children with chronic illness we're still able to thankfully make a difference to their wellbeing and quality of life every single day.'

Additional Language (Units 3 & 4, C)
• Mathematical Methods (Units 3 & 4, C)

We assume that you have knowledge equivalent to four semesters at high school level (Years 11 and 12) with sound achievement (4, SA).

Honours pathway
At the end of the second year of study in this course you will have the option to apply for the Bachelor of Podiatry (Honours). This allows you to complete an honours research project that extends your knowledge of the professional field, offering a competitive advantage in your career. Entry to the program is competitive and based on grade point average. On entry to the course you will retain all of the credit you have successfully completed in the Bachelor of Podiatry and will complete a further two years of full-time study.

Careers and outcomes
Podiatrists often work with other health professionals in hospitals, establish a private practice or train as a podiatric surgeon. Other careers include paediatric podiatry, sports podiatry, high-risk podiatry, community health or research.

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

With additional postgraduate training, podiatrists can apply to the Podiatry Board of Australia and seek authorisation to prescribe scheduled medicines.

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.

Additional course requirements and costs

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

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 have associated costs.

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 HiQ 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.

Information is available from the Additional course requirements and costs website.

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
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