Bachelor of Health Science (Nutrition and Dietetics) (PU43)

Year offered: 2011
Admissions: Yes
CRICOS code: 022143C
Course duration (full-time): 4 Years
Domestic Fees (indicative): 2011: CSP $3,899 per semester (indicative)
International Fees (indicative): 2011: $11,500 (indicative)
Domestic Entry: February
International Entry: February
QTAC code: 425442
Past rank cut-off: 97
Past OP cut-off: 2
Assumed knowledge: English (4, SA), Maths B (4, SA), and Chemistry (4, SA)
Preparatory studies: For information on acquiring assumed knowledge visit http://www.qut.edu.au/assumed-knowledge
Total credit points: 384
Standard credit points per full-time semester: 48
Course coordinator: Enquiries to sph.studentcentre@qut.edu.au or phone 3138 3368
Discipline coordinator: Ms Danielle Gallegos
Campus: Kelvin Grove

Why choose this course?
The study of dietetics deals with the science of food and nutrients and their role in human health and disease. Dietitians apply this knowledge, along with an understanding of the social and psychological factors influencing eating habits, to help individuals, groups and communities choose food to help them attain and maintain good health.

Professional Recognition
Graduates of this four year full-time program will be professional dietitians, eligible to apply for the Accredited Practising Dietitian (APD) credential as well as membership of the Dietitians Association of Australia (DAA), the Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA), Sports Medicine Australia (SMA), the Nutrition Society and other bodies.

Electives
E elective studies are available in health promotion, counselling, clinical science, exercise science, research methods and projects.

Other course requirements
additional costs Students who are required to undertake placements off campus may incur additional costs (for example travel and accommodation). Hepatitis B vaccination and Blue Card clearance are required before placement in Queensland Health and Education facilities.

blue card As required by the Commission for Children and Young People and Child Guardian Act (2000), students must undergo a criminal history check and be issued with a Blue Card before commencing clinical practice/field experience/practicum in an organisation where they may work with children or young people. For more information, visit http://student.qut.edu.au/studying/jobs-and-work-experience/work-experience-and-placements/blue-cards.

Honours
A degree with honours may be awarded to students who have recorded outstanding achievement in the four-year program.

Course structure
Year 1
You will begin to develop a theoretical knowledge base in chemistry, anatomy, food science, principles of food and nutrition and be introduced to contemporary health services and public health issues which will be relevant to you in your future careers in the health sector. Tutorials, workshops and a range of resources and activities will also facilitate the development of practical skills.

Year 2
Building on the foundational studies from your first year, you will develop a more consolidated and in-depth knowledge of biochemistry, physiology and nutritional science. You will also be introduced to epidemiology and evidence based practice.

Year 3
You will now apply and contextualise knowledge and skills gained in the first 2 years, in units focussed on potential future areas of dietetic practice, such as medical nutrition therapy, food service management and public health nutrition. Combined with health promotion, nutrition education principles and quantitative analysis for health, these units further develop important skills in researching, critical analysis and practical application. This practice will be consolidated in advanced food studies and introduction to dietetic practice.

Year 4
This year predominantly involves practice based placements which allow you to work with and assist qualified practitioners in real world settings. You will demonstrate competency by managing individual cases in hospitals and undertaking food service management and community nutrition projects in varied settings such as hospitals, community health centres, schools or business operations.
organisations throughout Queensland. Advanced dietetic management and research skills will also be applied in final year projects.

Limits on grades of 3
A new policy concerning grades of 3 came into effect from 1 January 2009 (QUT MOPP C/5.2). With effect from this date grades of 3 are no longer considered a conceded or low pass but are classified as a fail grade. Any grades of 3 awarded prior to 1 January 2009 retain the conceded pass status and will be counted for graduation purposes up to the maximum number of grades of 3 permitted for your course. Grades of 3 incurred in units that commence after 1 January 2009 will not count towards your degree. Further information is available on the Student Services website.

Further Information
For more information about this course, please call the School of Public Health Student Centre on +617 3138 3368 or email sph.studentcentre@qut.edu.au

Potential Careers:
Community Dietician, Community Nutritionist, Dietitian, Health Promotion Officer, Nutritionist, Nutritionist/Dietitian, Policy Officer, Project Developer, Public Health Officer.