

Bachelor of Medical Health Science (BMHS)

The Bachelor of Medical Health Science Programme is designed for acquiring health sciences academic knowledge base as well as to strengthen a prospective medical student's credentials for admission into medical school. The programme consists of a robust and comprehensive graduate curriculum in the basic medical sciences in Fiji and Internationally with the potential of including a research component.

Students will engage in a rigorous curriculum, encompassing courses in all areas of basic sciences: Anatomy, Biochemistry, Neuroscience, Physiology, Cell Biology, Pharmacology, and Immunology and Microbiology. Beyond these other appropriate post-modern courses such as Public Health & Epidemiology, and Digital Medicine and Legal Principles will be introduced. The content and rigor of these courses are aligned with a medical school curriculum and therefore will offer students a sense of the challenges of a medical school curriculum if they choose to enter an MD programme in future.

The University of Fiji's Bachelor of Medical Health Science programme consists of 24 courses and total of 360 credit points. Students must complete 24 compulsory courses. A student would complete all 100 level Year 1 courses before progressing to 200 level Year 2 courses and so on.

Duration

The Bachelor of Medical Health Science programme is a trimester-based programme for 2 years of full-time study or 4 years of part time study.

Admission Requirements

1. To enter Bachelor of Medical Health Science programme applicants must:
 - a) Pass the Fiji Year 13 Examination or its equivalent with special entry requirements as per 2; or
 - b) Pass the University Foundation Studies programme or Unclassified Studies programme, or their equivalent as per 3; or
 - c) Be eligible for Mature Student Admission as per 4,
2. Fiji Year 13 Examination Applicants must obtain an aggregate of at least 200 marks out of 400 including a minimum of 50% in English.
3. Foundation Studies Programme & Unclassified Studies Programme: The full Foundation Studies Programme normally requires the completion of 7 courses. However, those who meet specific criteria can be enrolled under Unclassified Studies.
4. Meet the following "Mature Student Admission" requirements:
 - a) They are over 21 years old, and
 - b) Senate or its delegate determinates that they will likely complete the programme successfully based on their academic background and work experience; and

- c) They pass any course [s] or examination[s] that may be required by the Senate or its delegate on a case by case basis for admission for a specific programme.

Year 1 Courses

Students must complete 12 compulsory courses

Trimester 1

Course Title

BMHS100 Introduction to Health Care

BMHS101 Professionalism

BMHS102 The Patient

BMHS103 Legal Principles

Trimester 2

Course Title

BMHS104 Medical Terminology

BMHS 105 Introduction to Basic Anatomy

BMHS106 Vital signs

BMHS107 First Aid and Health Assessment

Trimester 3

Course Title

BMHS200 Public Health

BMHS201 Research Methods

BMHS202 Infectious Disease Epidemiology

BMHS203 Health System and Structure in Fiji

Year 2 Courses

Students must complete 12 courses in Year 2

Trimester 1

Course Title

BMHS204 Tropical Diseases

BMHS205 Basic human physiology, homeostasis

BMHS206 Telemedicine and Virtual Consulting

BMHS207 Digital Medicine

Trimester 2

Course Title Credit Points

BMHS300 Introduction to Biochemistry

BMHS301 Human Physiology

BMHS302 Introduction to Microbiology and Infectious Disease

BMHS303 Introduction to Public Health

Trimester 3

Course Title

BMHS304 Basic Pathophysiology

BMHS305 Introduction to Pharmacology and Therapeutics

BMHS306 Molecular Genetics