STUDENT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
Torrens University Australia (TUA) – Health Science

- Diploma of Health Science
- Bachelor of Health Science (Clinical Nutrition)
- Bachelor of Health Science (Western Herbal Medicine)
- Bachelor of Health Science (Naturopathy)

Commonly Asked Questions:

Why did we launch the Health Science courses at Torrens University?
The decision to launch the Health Science courses at Torrens University was made to:
- establish complementary medicine health science qualifications in the University sector
- incorporate innovative learning techniques such as:
  - The Laureate Learning Model for Health Science
  - Simulation Learning
- align with government, industry, expert and professional association requirements
- align the course with allied health educational models
- enhance student further education opportunities

When were the TORRENS courses launched?
The courses were launched in May 2019 (Trimester 2 2019).

How do I find the course structure?
The course structures and other important information are available on the Student HUB for your campus location (Brisbane, Sydney or Melbourne).

How are the courses delivered?
Torrens courses are delivered in a trimester model with 3 x 12 week trimesters per year. Classes are delivered for all 12 weeks. Students must be available to attend class during this time period.

How many subjects is a full time load?
Full time load is three subjects per trimester and part-time load is two subjects per trimester.

How much study time will I need per week?
Students may need 10 study hours per week. Your study week might consist of:
- reviewing the learning materials such as readings or digital media
- completing practice assessment tasks
- engaging in online discussion or learning activities with your peers and facilitators
- researching and preparing assessments
- attending weekly classes

Is the course designed for flipped learning?
The course is flipped so you need to review your online learning materials (readings, digital media and pre-class activities) before you attend class. We have created a modern platform that leverages podcasts, video and digital media that has been specifically produced for your learning needs.

What should I expect from the learning experience?
You should expect to engage with the learning content, your peers and the facilitator. The learning platform includes:
- Interactive online learning tasks
- Video case studies
- Problem Based Learning activities
- Interactive templates for building subject specific information
- Subject specific digital learning videos

How are the classes delivered?
Theory classes may be delivered online or on campus. On campus classes require 3 hours of attendance per week.

Online classes offer weekly, real-time collaborate classes with an additional requirement for weekly online class participation.

Practical subjects such as Herbal Manufacturing and Clinical Assessment require weekly attendance on campus or attendance at weekend workshops if you choose the online study mode.

Clinical Skills and Practicum subjects require on campus attendance. Clinical Practicum is taught in a weekly format and students attend The Practice Wellbeing Clinic to complete the required hours.

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What type of assessments are required?
Our online technology has an invigilation function so quizzes and tests can be completed online. Assessment tasks may include:
- Blogs
- Posters
- Portfolios
- Presentations
- Essays
- Reports
- Case analysis tasks
- Literature Reviews

Are the courses accredited with professional associations?
We actively liaise with industry bodies and the courses meet the standards of professional associations such as:
- ARONAH, NHAA, CMA, ANTA, ATMS, ANPA, NSA

How will the courses keep current?
In accordance with best practice education, the courses will continue to go through regular cycles of feedback and improvement.

Useful Links:

Note: information is correct at the date of publication 10/11/05.