What can I do with a Bachelor of Science (Health Sciences)?

The Bachelor of Science (Health Sciences) is a broad degree that provides you the opportunity to develop understanding of current health issues and organisations, management theory, health law, resource management and information technology. The degree also gives you the opportunity to combine units of study from the many health sciences disciplines offered a Curtin (eg. Psychology, Health Promotion, Nutrition, Biomedical Sciences, Human Biology, Occupational Health and Safety, Speech Pathology, Food Science and Technology) as well as business units. This diverse combination of units positions graduates in with great flexibility towards graduate employment opportunities. The degree also is a good base to entry to graduate entry masters courses in Occupational Therapy, Speech Pathology, Physiotherapy and Pharmacy, as well as other postgraduate courses.

A general health sciences degree is a great base which develops many skill sets both transferable and technical, that are in demand from a wide range of employers. These include:

- Excellent analytical and problem solving skills
- Outstanding research and information sourcing skills
- Strong critical thinking, judgment and decision making skills
- Understanding of the delivery of healthcare, medical services, primary care and community health services within the Australian context
- Understanding of business practices as they relate to health promotion, intervention, regulation, governance, policy and funding
- Exceptional interpersonal skills, oral and written communication skills
- Appreciation for diversity and a global understanding that can bridge cultural differences
- Ability to use appropriate technologies for research and administrative purposes.
- Strong team work skills with the ability to work collaboratively

Due to the flexible nature of the Bachelor of Sciences (Health Sciences) degree it allows you to explore the many fields and special interest areas. Reflection on the units and topics of study you enjoyed most will assist with clarifying your preferred career direction. For more detail about the range of units and their key learning outcomes go to: http://handbook.curtin.edu.au/courses/31/311753.html

- Epidemiology
- Addiction studies
- Working within indigenous contexts
- Chronic diseases
- Food processing
- Anatomy and Physiology
- Marketing/ public relations
- Health promotion strategies and evaluation
- Injury management
- Psychology
- Industrial relations
- Management
- Chemistry and Physics
Who employs Bachelor of Science (Health Sciences) graduates?

Many of the skill and knowledge sets mentioned above are required by all employers. This places health sciences graduates uniquely to create their own career path and capitalise on their strengths, interests and unique qualities to market themselves towards employment. Self-awareness is the key to understanding what type of opportunity you are most suited towards. Your preferred career future may change over time as your life roles change, develop new and enhance existing skill and knowledge sets and engage in lifelong learning such as professional development, networking and work shadowing activities. Depending on which unit groups you have studied will equip you to enter graduate employment within a specialised area.

To gain a stronger understanding of the types of roles, tasks, duties and responsibilities each of these positions require, start using online search engines to identify positions with these titles and analyse the job description. Often a similar role with one organisation or company may have different titles. What transferable, technical skills and knowledge as well as personal qualities are they looking for in a potential employee?

- Health Promotion Officer
- Project Officer
- Member Liaison Officer
- Community Development Officer
- Community Education Co-ordinator
- Health Lifestyles Co-ordinator
- Health Promoter
- Health Planning Co-ordinator
- Indigenous Health Worker
- Health and Wellbeing Co-ordinator
- Health Advisor
- Mental Health Worker
- Disabilities Worker
- Research Assistant
- Policy Analyst
- Policy Writer
- Partnerships Manager

These are just some of the areas you may work in as a Health Sciences graduate. Networking with industry professionals and finding out about the pathways other health sciences graduates have taken will assist with you uncovering the wide variety of opportunities available to yourself. Working with a mentor, who is an experienced industry professional, may assist with uncovering these opportunities and expanding your occupational knowledge. Professional Associations are also an excellent way to find out more about the types of career pathways within specific health specialisations. Go to [http://www.journoz.com/ausproforgs.html](http://www.journoz.com/ausproforgs.html) to find a list of Australian professional associations, organisations and societies.
Where should I start looking for jobs? What companies are interested in health sciences graduates?
Register with websites for specific job alerts – Consider both broad and narrow search terms that are related to your area of interest with health sciences
This will ensure that email alerts of appropriate jobs are sent directly to you.

If positions on Seek, Health and Community Jobs (HACs Jobs) or Career one etc., give the name of the recruiting company – go directly to their website and check for other employment opportunities. Apply directly from the company website if possible.
www.seek.com.au
www.careerone.com.au
www.jobs.wa.gov.au
www.careerjet.com.au

State Government
• Department of Health
• Disability Services Commissions
• Department of Communities
• Department of Sport and Recreation
• Department of Indigenous Affairs
• Drug and Alcohol Office
• Breastscreen WA
• Healthway
• Worksafe WA

Federal Government
• Australian Defense Force
• Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs (FaHCSIA)
• Department of Health and Aging
• Department of Human Services
• Commonwealth Rehabilitation Services
• Centrelink
• Medicare

Not for Profit/ Community based organizations
Probono has an online directory of Not for profit organizations within Australia:
• Canteen
• Cancer Council
• WA Aids Council
• Australian Red Cross
• Family Planning WA
• Australian Kidney Foundation
• Juvenile Diabetes Foundation
• Prostate Cancer Foundation
• Beyond Blue
• Inspire Foundation
• Starlight Foundation
• SIDS
• Diabetes WA
• Juvenile Diabetes Foundation