



podiatric medicine

**Master a vital medical skill with UWS**

The UWS Master of Podiatric Medicine degree acknowledges the growing importance of podiatry in addressing chronic conditions such as diabetes. Podiatrists are best known for treating common and complex problems that people experience with their feet. As a podiatrist, your patients range from children to active sportspeople to the ageing.

The course strongly emphasises development of evidence-based clinical and theoretical skills. The study of research methods and evidence-based practice are important components of the course.

The second year focuses on clinical skills, practical experience and specialised areas, giving you extensive hands-on training before graduating.

**Career opportunities**

Podiatry deals with the diversity of foot and leg pathology. There is a large focus on footwear, from everyday wear to work wear and athletic shoes, as well as common problems such as ingrown toenails or bunions.

Podiatrists consider the environments in which a patient works, lives and plays social or competitive sport as the basis for treatments to improve comfort and health.

As a podiatrist you could work in urban or rural locations. You could:

- be engaged in sports medicine, helping athletes and social sportspeople to improve their performance and function

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**POSTGRADUATE  
PODIATRIC MEDICINE**

Extensive hands-on training focusing on clinical skills and practical experience.

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- be employed in a community centre to help the aged become more mobile
- work in a private practice, ensuring children have footwear that meets their needs
- be part of a hospital team, addressing problems relating to chronic diseases and acute problems such as diabetes
- undertake research, expanding understanding of podiatry
- continue your training and become a podiatric surgeon
- work in diverse government or community agencies e.g. community welfare, health services (including public health), research and development, policy development and analysis, human resources and cultural and heritage work.

**COURSE SUMMARY**

UAC CODE AUTUMN	COURSE NAME	STUDY MODE	CAMPUS
952554	Master of Podiatric Medicine	2F	Campbelltown

## STUDY SEQUENCE-FULL-TIME

Master of Podiatric Medicine	
YEAR 1	
Autumn/1H	Spring/2H
Introduction to Podiatry and Clinical Education	Podiatric Techniques 2A
Podiatric Techniques 1A	Podiatric Techniques 2B
Podiatric Techniques 1B	Evidence-Based Practice
Podiatric Practice 1	Podiatric Practice 2
YEAR 2	
Autumn/1H	Spring/2H
Podiatric Techniques 3A	Podiatric Professional Practice Studies
Podiatric Techniques 3B	Podiatric Clinical Block
Podiatric Techniques 3C	Podiatric Practice 4
Podiatric Practice 3	

### Professional accreditation

Accreditation is being sought through the Australian and New Zealand Podiatry Accreditation Committee (ANZPAC).

### Recommended study sequence

#### Course Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 160 credit points, including the units listed in the recommended sequence above.

#### Industry placement

Clinical education of approximately 1,000 hours is provided at the University's clinical training facility and at external placement sites, including three weeks in Year 1 and 16 weeks in Year 2.

This experience provides extensive clinical practice prior to graduation. Following placement in Year 2, students study a university based module that explores the lessons of the clinical experience for a professional career, focusing on professional, technical, industrial and legal issues of complex cases.

### Entry requirements

To be eligible to apply for the Master of Podiatric Medicine you must have a:

1. Bachelor degree or higher in Health Science or related discipline completed in the last 10 years with a GPA of 5.0 (credit average) or higher, provided that prerequisite studies are completed.  
There is a quota of places available. All applicants with a GPA of 5.0 or greater will be considered. If places remain available, applicants with a GPA between 4.5 and 5.0 will be considered.
2. Pre-requisite knowledge is required in human anatomy and physiology, research methods, neuroscience, and biomechanics.
3. In addition, assumed knowledge in pathophysiology and pharmacology would be an asset.

All applicants will be assessed on their prior learning and given advice if additional units need to be completed in order to have the prerequisite knowledge in behavioural and biological sciences.

Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof can be found on the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) website. Applicants must have IELTS equal to 7.0 or above, with a minimum of 6.5 in all of the components.

In order to enrol students must have:

1. National Criminal History Record Check (National Police Certificate)
2. Prohibited Employment Declaration Form prior to 1 June 2010 or a Working with Children Check Student Declaration after 1 June 2010
3. First Aid Certificate (including cardiopulmonary resuscitation).

To be eligible to undertake fieldwork placements in public hospitals, students must comply with vaccination requirements and be prepared to submit a completed Adult Immunisation Card to placement institutions. Details of necessary vaccinations are available from NSW Health.

### **Recognition of prior learning**

Students entering the graduate-entry Master of Podiatric Medicine will undertake an introductory program presenting key elements from the Bachelor of Health Science/Master of Podiatric Medicine undergraduate degree.

### **How to apply**

Applications for this course must be made online through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) at [www.uac.edu.au/postgraduate](http://www.uac.edu.au/postgraduate)

Further information on postgraduate courses and the application procedure is available at [myfuture.uws.edu.au](http://myfuture.uws.edu.au)

### **For international students**

International students need to apply direct to the University through UWS International. Part-time mode for this course is not available to international students due to Australian student visa regulations.

Application forms and information on admission are available at [www.uws.edu.au/international/admissions](http://www.uws.edu.au/international/admissions)

For information about studying at UWS, including courses, tuition fees, English requirements, intakes, assessment methods, accommodation options, and living in Australia, please visit [www.uws.edu.au/international](http://www.uws.edu.au/international)

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## **Further information**

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