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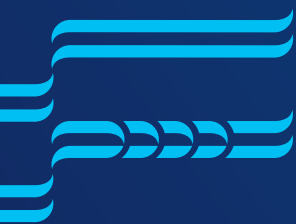


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Health study is changing in 2027



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Your place in the future of health





A career in health offers many opportunities to make a real difference to our people and communities.

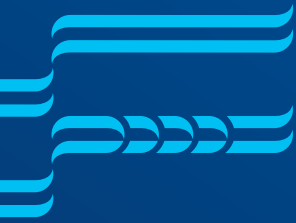
Health professionals today work in many ways: directly with people, improving systems, researching new solutions, and supporting wellbeing in communities. As health needs evolve, so do the skills and pathways needed to build a career in this field.

From 2027, you'll have more ways to start and shape your journey into health, with new and refreshed study options designed for the future.

Our goal is to make your pathway into health simpler, more flexible, and better connected to modern health careers.

If you're ready to make a difference, your future in health starts here.





What's changing in 2027?

From 2027, you'll have more options and clear pathways into the health career you want, with a new degree, refreshed programmes, and specialised health majors.

Whether you already have a career goal in mind or are still exploring your interests, these study options are designed to help you discover what excites you, as you build future-focused skills for a changing health workforce.



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I'm convinced working in public health will help me create meaningful and positive change. My degree has given me unique and valuable opportunities. I can't wait to use my knowledge in the workforce or pursue postgraduate studies in Aotearoa or overseas.”



Sankalp Lanka

Student: Health Sciences



More choice

Start your health journey in a programme that matches your interests, whether that's science and discovery, people and communities, or flexible science-based health study.

From 2027, you can choose from four Year 1 pathways into health, including:

- A new Bachelor of Biomedical Science
- A refreshed Bachelor of Health Sciences with two specialised health majors
- Six health majors within the Bachelor of Science
- The established Bachelor of Nursing programme

Specialised health majors

Across Health Sciences and Science, you can choose from eight specialised health majors. From community wellbeing, health systems to biomedical science, or nutrition, there are more ways to shape a degree around your goals.

All these options are designed to give you flexibility, and to find the path that's right for you.

Find out more

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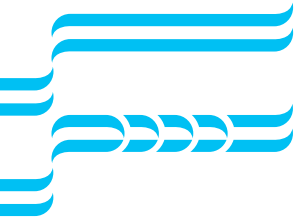




Clear pathways

If you're interested in a clinical career, our refreshed programmes and health majors offer multiple Year 1 pathways to apply into clinical programmes in Medical Imaging, Medicine, Optometry, and Pharmacy.

They also provide pathways into a wide range of non-clinical health careers, research, and postgraduate study, which means you can keep your options open as your interests evolve.



From 2027, health study is designed to give you options to explore different pathways, build future-focused skills, and find the path that's right for you.





Built for tomorrow's health

Our programmes are shaped by industry and health professionals to reflect the future of health in Aotearoa.

You'll gain the latest knowledge and skills you'll need in the workplace in areas such as data, genomics, biotechnology, community health, digital health, and population wellbeing.

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Biomedical science opens the doors to so many pathways such as clinical, research, industry and postgraduate study. The field is constantly evolving, it feels like what we're learning is actually relevant to what's happening in the world.”

What I also enjoy is the flexibility. You get exposure to lots of different areas and can explore what interests you before deciding where you want to focus. The lab side has been a real highlight for me because it allows you to apply what you've learned and see it in action. I've also gained valuable skills in critical thinking, data analysis, and understanding scientific research, which will be useful no matter what pathway I choose in the future.”



Aiswarya Bhandari
Student: Biomedical Science



Study options

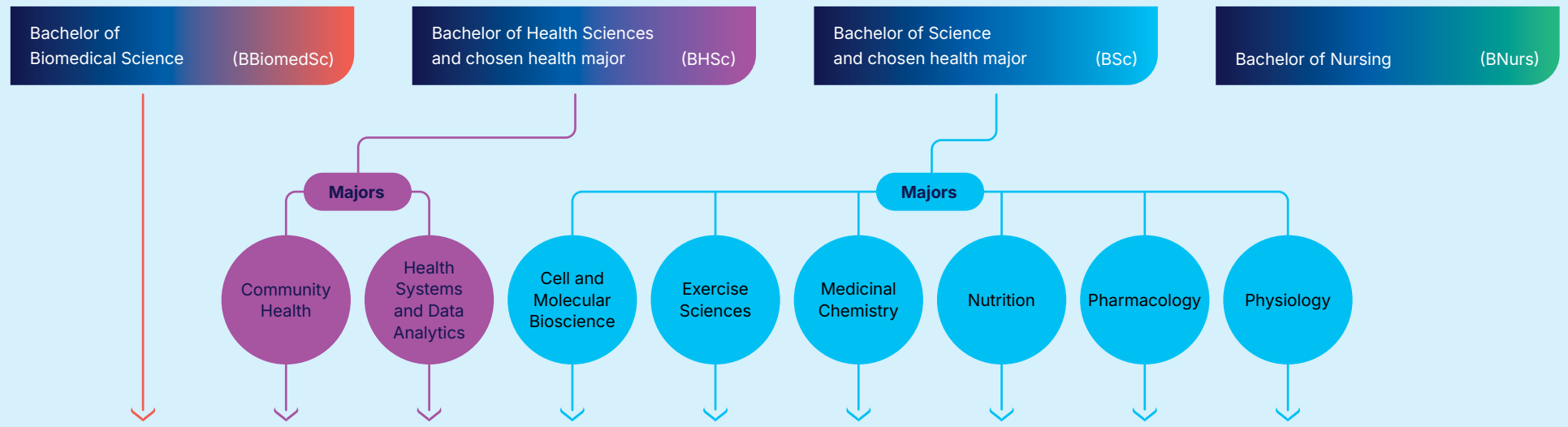


Find the path that's right for you.

You can choose your programme and then shape your studies through single or double majors, conjoint degrees, or clinical pathways, giving you the flexibility to explore and specialise.

This diagram outlines the study options available from 2027, showing how undergraduate programmes and majors connect, and where different pathways can lead.

YEAR 1 choose your programme



YEAR 2

Continue your studies in a Bachelor of Biomedical Science, Bachelor of Health Sciences, or Bachelor of Science with a chosen health major. Or you can choose to apply into clinical programmes in Medical Imaging, Medicine, Optometry, and Pharmacy.



Discover the science behind health and disease

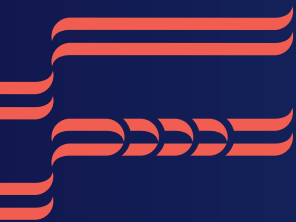
Bachelor of Biomedical Science **Brand new in 2027**

If you want to understand disease at its roots and explore the science behind modern medicine, our Bachelor of Biomedical Science is designed for you.

This degree is ideal if you're curious about how the human body works and motivated to improve health outcomes through science and discovery.

Highlights

- Build a strong foundation in biomedical science.
- Learn how the systems inside the human body function and what happens when things go wrong.
- Explore everything from cells and molecules to whole-body systems, and discover how biomedical science contributes to new diagnostics, medicines, and healthcare technologies.
- Broaden your options with conjoint degrees.
- Provides a Year 1 entry pathway to apply into clinical programmes in Medical Imaging, Medicine, Optometry and Pharmacy.



Choose Biomedical Science if you're curious about how the human body works, interested in disease, and excited by science, research, and innovation.

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Where can the degree take you?

Biomedical Science opens the door to a wide range of science and health-related career pathways. Starting in laboratory or research roles, you'll build expertise in disease at the molecular and cellular level, with opportunities to progress into biotechnology, diagnostics, or translational research that improves lives.

For example, you could work as a:

- Biomedical researcher
- Biotechnology specialist
- Pharmaceutical industry professional
- Clinical research assistant
- Diagnostic scientist
- Regulatory affairs officer
- Science communicator and policy advisor

Quick facts

BBiomedSc

Full-time: 3 years

Points per degree: 360

Application closing date:

8 December 2026

Conjoint options available

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Whether it's for treating disease or just for pure curiosity, this discipline gives you the tools to understand the world in a deeper way, and the opportunity to make a real impact in the world.”



Harrison Madden

Student: Biomedical Science





Understand health. Strengthen communities. Shape change.


Bachelor of Health Sciences Two new health majors in 2027

If you're passionate about improving health outcomes, supporting communities, and understanding how health systems work, our Bachelor of Health Sciences is a great place to start your journey.

From 2027, you can choose from two specialised health majors, giving you more choice in how you shape your degree and the impact you want to make.

Highlights

- Learn what shapes health, why inequities exist, and how health systems are designed, delivered, and improved to support communities.
- Choose from two specialised health majors to tailor your studies.
- Broaden your options with a double major or conjoint degree.
- Gain real-world experience through work placements in your final year.
- Provides a Year 1 entry pathway to apply into clinical programmes in Medical Imaging, Medicine, Optometry and Pharmacy.



Choose Health Sciences if you're interested in improving wellbeing, supporting people and communities, addressing health inequities, and understanding how healthcare systems work.

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Where can the degree take you?

Our Bachelor of Health Sciences offers great prospects for employment in the public, private or community non-profit sectors.

For example, you could work as a: data analyst, health policy advisor, community health lead, digital health specialist, health services manager, health promoter, health researcher, health services consultant.

Quick facts BHSc

Full-time: 3 years

Points per degree: 360

Application closing date:

8 December 2026

Conjoint options available

Choose your health major

Community health

For those interested in working with people and communities, in areas such as health promotion, advocacy, prevention, and improving equity for underserved groups.

Health systems and data analytics

Ideal for those who enjoy problem-solving, data, and systems thinking, and want to influence how health services are designed, delivered, and improved.

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It gives you the tools to understand why some populations struggle more than others, and how we can move from simply providing treatment to empowering communities to take charge of their own wellbeing.”



Rishta Sharma

Graduate: Bachelor of Health Sciences





Study health through a scientific lens

Bachelor of Science

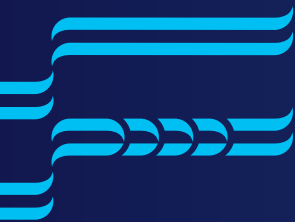
More choice in 2027 with six health majors

If you're interested in health and enjoy science, the Bachelor of Science with a health major offers a flexible and future-focused pathway.

From 2027, you can choose from a broader range of new and refreshed health majors, giving you more ways to study health through a scientific lens while keeping multiple career pathways open.

Highlights

- Explore health from a science perspective, from understanding how the body works, to developing treatments and supporting long-term wellbeing.
- Choose from six health majors, giving you more choice in how you shape your degree.
- Broaden your options with a double major or combine health with another science discipline.
- Provides a Year 1 entry pathway to apply into clinical programmes in Medical Imaging, Medicine, Optometry and Pharmacy.
- Build strong foundations for science and non clinical health careers.



Choose Science with a health major if you're interested in understanding health through science and want the flexibility to keep your options open.

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Where can the degree take you?

A Bachelor of Science prepares you for a wide range of career opportunities across: biotechnology, pharmaceutical industries, medical research, healthcare, education, and science communication.

Quick facts

BSc

Full-time: 3 years

Points per degree: 360

Application closing date:

8 December 2026

Conjoint options available

Choose your health major

NEW

Cell and Molecular Bioscience

Understand how cells and molecules shape health and disease, including gene editing, biotechnology, and medical advances.

Exercise Sciences

Examine the science of human movement across physical activity, sport, and rehabilitation.

NEW

Medicinal Chemistry

Learn how medicines are designed, including biochemical effects and ethical considerations in treating disease.

NEW

Nutrition

Discover how food influences health and wellbeing, from nutrients and metabolism to social and environmental factors.

Pharmacology

Explore how drugs interact with the body, from treatment and safety to the development and testing of new therapies.

Physiology

Study how the body's systems work together, from cellular processes to whole-body function, and how disruption leads to disease.

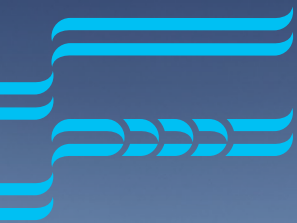
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From initial consultations to exercise testing and prescription, each new situation I am presented with provides an opportunity to build upon my skills and apply my clinical knowledge in a practical setting.”



Isabella Fogarty

Graduate: Bachelor of Science
(Physiology and Exercise Sciences)



Entry requirements

From 2027, entry requirements for some of our programmes have changed, including updated rank scores for selected degrees.



2027 admission requirements

To gain entry into our Biomedical Science, Health Sciences, Science (with a health major), or Nursing programmes, you'll need to have University Entrance and must meet rank score and programme requirements.

BBIomed, BHSc and BSc			
Programme	NCEA (Level 3)	Cambridge International	IB*
Bachelor of Biomedical Science (BBIomedSc)	200	200	28
Bachelor of Health Sciences (BHSc)	200	200	28
Bachelor of Science (BSc) Health Majors	200	200	28

There are no required subjects for entry into BBIomedSc, BHSc or BSc Health Majors. However, we do strongly recommend taking subjects such as: Biology, Chemistry, English or an English-rich subject, Statistics and/or Calculus.

**International Baccalaureate (IB)*

BNurs			
Programme	NCEA (Level 3)	Cambridge International	IB*
Bachelor of Nursing (BNurs)	230	280	31

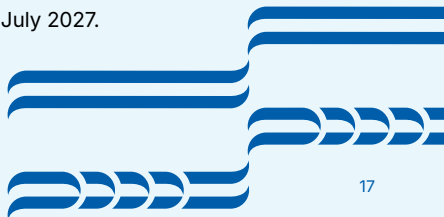
BNurs – NCEA (Level 3) subject requirements
A minimum of 18 credits in one of the following subjects: Classical Studies, English, Geography, History, History of Art, Religious Studies, Social Studies or Te Reo Māori (or Te Reo Rangatira) and a minimum of 18 credits in one of: Biology, Chemistry or Physics.

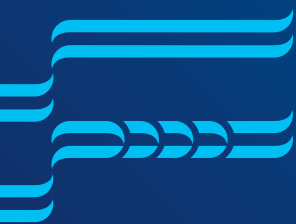
BNurs – Cambridge International subject requirements
One subject in one of: Classical Studies, English, Geography, History and one subject in one of: Biology, Chemistry or Physics at full A Level.

**International Baccalaureate (IB)*

Medical Imaging (Honours), Medicine, Optometry or Pharmacy

To apply for 2028 entry to our Year 2 clinical programmes in Medical Imaging (Honours), Medicine, Optometry, or Pharmacy, you'll need to be in your first year of study in either the Bachelor of Biomedical Science, Bachelor of Health Sciences or Bachelor of Science with a health major. Applications for Year 2 entry must be submitted by 1 July 2027.





Take the next step

From 2027, you'll have more ways to explore your interests and take your next step towards a career in health.

Learn more about health study in 2027:

auckland.ac.nz/healthstudy

For information on undergraduate programmes:

auckland.ac.nz/fmhs-ug

For personal assistance:

Visit your local Student Hub and speak with a student advisor to understand entry requirements, pathways, and how different options connect.

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It's not just about treating people, it's about the systems, policies, and structures that shape outcomes for communities and for New Zealand as a whole. I want to take what I've learned and use it to make a real impact on people's lives. The opportunities are endless.”



Jack Styles

Student: Health Sciences





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