

## **Master of Health Science Credit Arrangements**

As the Master of Health Science has significant flexibility, credit may be considered for courses studied at postgraduate level in the same, similar and/or relevant fields. If you think that you have completed studies which might qualify for credit, please discuss this with the Program Director.

### **Examples of Credit Approvals**

1. Completion of any of the nested programs will receive full credit in the non-specialised Master of Health Science or in the relevant specialisation e.g.  
Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma in Health Science (Podiatry)  
Graduate Certificate in Health Science (Occupational Therapy)
2. Completion of previous UniSA postgraduate programs in a discipline area will receive credit in the relevant specialisation (or the non-specialised form as appropriate) of the Master of Health Science e.g.  
Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma in Podiatry  
Graduate Certificate in Occupational Therapy
3. Completion of a relevant four-year degree (or a 3-year degree plus 1 year honours). Please see general Rule 1 below.
4. Completion of a relevant 3-year degree plus relevant postgraduate qualifications (e.g. Master in Business or Management, Graduate Diploma in Rehabilitation Counselling). Maximum credit allowed is normally up to 18 units. Please see general Rule 4 below.
5. Satisfactory completion of the course 'Being a Clinical Educator' which is offered by the Dean: Teaching and Learning in the Division of Health Sciences. Credit allowed is 4.5 units.
6. Courses studied in other postgraduate health and social science programs may be submitted for consideration of credit. They may have been completed at UniSA or other universities or recognised tertiary education institutions. The exact amount of credit will depend on the relevance of the courses. Please note that credit provisions might not apply to courses or programs completed ten or more years ago. Maximum credit allowed is normally 18 units. Please see general Rule 4 below.

Examples of relevant disciplines/fields include:

- Medical Radiation
- Clinical Pharmacy
- Nursing
- Physiotherapy
- Human Movement
- Speech Pathology
- Nutrition
- Dietetics
- Primary Health Care
- Community Health
- Community Development
- Public Health
- Social Work

Psychology  
Counselling  
Rehabilitation Counselling  
Epidemiology  
Health Informatics  
Research Methodologies  
Aged Care/Ageing  
Health and Wellbeing  
Leadership and Management  
Business

Please note that this is not an exclusive list. If you have postgraduate qualifications in other fields, please check possible eligibility with the Program Director.

#### 7. Completion of other approved external programs

##### *SA Public Sector Management Program*

18 units of credit will be approved for completion of the Graduate Certificate in Public Sector Management

<http://www.psmprogram.sa.gov.au/>

##### *CPA (Certified Practising Accountant) Program in Australia*

18 units of credit will be approved for completion of the Australian CPA program

[http://www.cpaaustralia.com.au/cps/rde/xchg/SID-3F57FECA-EB17FCC3/cpa/hs.xsl/801\\_ENA\\_HTML.htm](http://www.cpaaustralia.com.au/cps/rde/xchg/SID-3F57FECA-EB17FCC3/cpa/hs.xsl/801_ENA_HTML.htm)

##### *Approved Professional Development Programs*

Some courses completed as substantial professional development activities (e.g. professional certificates, ACHSE Fellowship Program, Professional Management Program, Department of Health Management program) or company/organisation sponsored programs of study may also be eligible for credit. Usually these will have incorporated seminars or workshops, substantial project work plus a major assessable component such as project report. Again, if you have completed a course which you think might qualify for credit, please discuss this with the Program Director.

## **Credit Application Procedures**

As usual, there are forms to complete if you are seeking credit for past postgraduate studies. If you wish, you may submit these at the same time as your application for entry to the program. There are separate forms for studies completed within UniSA and externally.

Application for Credit available at <http://www.unisa.edu.au/studysas/forms/CreditTransfer.pdf>

To be used for courses completed at other universities or recognised tertiary education institutions i.e. external to UniSA.

You will need to support your application with copies of the following documents:

- certified copy of transcript of results
- copy of course information including
  - the syllabus/content covered
  - mode of delivery
  - contact hours (or equivalent if the course was external or online)
  - assessment requirements
  - any other documentation demonstrating the scope of the studies

Application for Course Substitution available at  
<http://www.unisa.edu.au/studysas/forms/CourseSubstitutionForm.pdf>

To be used for courses completed at UniSA i.e. internal credit.

You will need to support your application with a certified copy of the transcript of results. Where a course is no longer delivered, you may be asked to provide other supporting information such as:

- the syllabus/content covered
- mode of delivery
- unit value
- contact hours (or equivalent if the course was external or online)
- assessment requirements

## **General Rules relating to credit**

1. Applicants who have completed a four-year degree (or a 3-year degree plus 1 year honours) will be eligible for up to 18 units of credit.
2. No course which is substantially equivalent to a course taken in gaining another award may be included in the program of study.
3. Students who have a background, or previous study in a particular course, may substitute a course of equal value and standing, with the approval of the Program Director.
4. Credit for previous studies or exemption from work within courses may be granted in accordance with University policy. Maximum credit allowed is normally one third of the total units of the program.
  - Exception will occur where students have completed an appropriate Graduate Diploma in Health Science from this University, where credit may be granted for up to two-thirds of the award.
  - Credit may also be considered for comparable courses completed in a postgraduate program of study within another School or Division of this University or from another recognised university.
  - Where a Graduate Diploma has substantial comparability with the Master of Health Science, students may be eligible for more than one-third credit.
  - Credit is granted subject to the approval of the Program Director
5. Where other postgraduate courses may have been used to gain non-standard entry to an award, they will not be able to be used to gain credit as well, unless they form part of a completed approved Graduate Certificate in Health Science or Graduate Diploma in Health Science from this University or another recognised university or educational provider.

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