Supporting the delivery of quality, compassionate, health and medical care in regional Australia, through developing the knowledge, skills, teamwork and leadership of aspiring rural students.

WA’s only Health and Medical Specialist Secondary School
Health and Medical Specialist Program

Attracting health and medical professionals into regional areas is now recognised as a national priority. Manea Senior College has become the first secondary school in Western Australia to respond to this national area of need by establishing the health and medical specialist program for senior secondary students.

Manea Senior College’s NEW Health and Medical Specialist Program gives students seeking careers in medicine, dentistry, nursing or other health related professions a head start in attaining their goals.

MSC is the only secondary school in Western Australia that offers the Health and Medical Specialist Program, and there’s only 25 places available each year.

Successful applicants will be dedicated and enthusiastic students, who will receive hands on, practical experience in their area of focus, as well as vital skills and knowledge for a career in the health and medical industries. Through our Specialist Program, students will experience hospital and health provider visits, university tours and lectures and the chance to observe health professionals in action.

Students select courses of their choice for Year 11 and 12, plus our Health and Medical Specialist Program, giving them a head start on their way to an exciting and rewarding career in health and medicine and further study at university and/or training facilities.

The Approach:
Students study a range of senior school courses and/or vocational qualifications appropriate to their intended university/vocational aspirations, plus our Specialist Program, which specifically focuses on health and medical fields.

Professional Practice:
Students are involved in community-oriented, career-related and leadership development activities. Students participate in events and activities which recognise students’ competencies and skills in various health and medical occupations.

Developing Skill Sets:
Students engage in nationally recognised units such as first aid, occupational health and safety, infectious control policies and procedures, medical terminology, health body systems, health promotion, conflict resolution and legal and ethical parameters.

These units are delivered via a combination of e-learning, tutorial and face to face delivery. This delivery is supported by classroom case study discussions around each unit. Students will also have the opportunity to develop research, communication and teamwork skills needed for future studies.

OPPORTUNITIES for Students:
- Participate in a residential camp;
- Work alongside and observe health professional in practice;
- Obtain nationally recognised health qualifications;
- Obtain knowledge and skills relevant to the health and medical fields;
- Participate in guest speaker and mentor programs;
- Participate in the HealthBound@Manea community health event;
- Apply for specific Health and Medical Specialist Program scholarships with universities and training providers;
- Visit universities, hospitals, sports science facilities and other health/medical providers;
- Investigate the range of career opportunities that are available in the health and medical fields;
- Receive an ATAR bonus with select universities for completing this course; and
- Apply for some of the reserved university and training places set aside for our Health and Medical Specialist Program students.
Guided Study Tours/Job Shadows

Our health and medical supporters realise the importance of investing in local youth and assist the program by providing incredible resources to the College including guided study tours, job shadowing and work placement opportunities, guest speakers, collegiate mentors and scholarships.

Students receive a rich, differentiated education, including field trips, guest speakers and access to a network of professionals they can call upon as they strive for excellence.

There are two possible pathways available to students in our Specialist Program:

1. University Pathway

Students study a range of senior school WACE courses appropriate to their intended university aspirations and combine these with our Specialist Program. Manea senior school courses available to students include:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- English
- Human Biology
- Literature
- Mathematics
- Mathematics Specialist
- Physical Education Studies
- Physics
- Psychology

....plus many more

2. Vocational Pathway

Students study four senior school WACE courses including our Specialist Program. In addition, students complete a nationally recognised training qualification over 12-18 months in one of the following proposed courses:

- Allied Health
- Dental Nursing
- Fitness, Sport & Recreation
- Health Administration/Medical Reception
- Laboratory Science/Pathology
- Preparation for Enrolled Nursing
- Health Care Ambulance
- Work Health and Safety

Health & Medical Specialist Program Overview

**Year 11 Semester 1**

Unit 1: Preparation for Health & Medical Workplace Practice

Introduction to basic knowledge and practical skills for working in the health sector.

**Year 11 Semester 2**

Unit 2: Health & Medicine in Practice

Guided study tours and further development of basic knowledge and practical skills with an emphasis on team work and leadership.

**Year 12 Semester 1**

Unit 3: Health and Medical Profession Fundamentals

Profession specific focus (Job shadow) integrating information provided across Unit 1A and 1B to create a profession specific portfolio of knowledge and experience.
The APPLICATION Process:

A maximum of 25 positions available each year.

To register your interest for the Health and Medical Specialist Program simply tick the appropriate box on your Application for Enrolment which you will receive at your interview.

A second round of applications MAY be taken for students new to the region later in 2014. Contact the College for details.

Students will be required to complete a selection assessment to demonstrate their academic potential for this course. In addition Year 9 NAPLAN results will be considered along with previous school reports.

Students will also be expected to attend an interview to discuss their aspirations and reasons for applying for the program. Students may wish to bring along a resume or portfolio to the interview to aid in the discussion.

Assessments and interviews will be held in August and applicants will be informed of the exact dates and details closer to that time.

Health Pathways Industry Reference Group

Our Health and Medical Specialist Program is jointly developed and endorsed by a Health Pathways Industry Reference Group which is comprised of the following membership:

- Manea Senior College
- South West Institute of Technology
- Edith Cowan University (Bunbury)
- WA Country Health Service
- Koombana Health Network
- Aboriginal Workforce Development Centre
- Bunbury Regional Health Campus
- South West Aboriginal Medical Service
- Dental Nursing Australia
- School Psychology Services (DoE)
- St John of God Hospital
- Global Diagnostics
- SKG Radiology
- Rural Clinical School of Western Australia (UWA/Notre Dame)
- Community Services, Health & Education Training Council
- Australian Psychological Society (South West - Western Australia)
- Great Southern Employment Directions Committee

Our program is also supported by:

- Edith Cowan University
- Curtin University
- Murdoch University
- The University of Notre Dame
- University of Western Australia - Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry & Health Sciences
- Rural Clinical School
- Rural Health West
- P&N Bank Bunbury

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