

High protein high energy recipes

Here are some "tried and tested" recipes to get you started with your high protein, high energy (HPHE) cooking. Most recipe books contain high protein, high energy recipes – look for ingredients such as cheese, milk, eggs, meat, cream, butter/oils, nuts and chocolate.

This recipe booklet is designed to be used with the NEMO High protein high energy diet resource.

Glossary of terms

Al dente: cooked enough to be firm not soft

Boil: heating a liquid until bubbles break the surface

Puree: to grind, blend or mash a food until it's completely smooth

Sauté: to cook a food quickly in a small amount of oil over direct heat in a frying pan

Sift: to pass dry ingredients through a fine-mesh sieve so any large pieces can be removed

Simmer: gentle cooking just below boiling point

Soft peaks: when a mild peak remains in the mixture as you lift the beater out of the mixture

Whisk: mix vigorously/energetically

Key for recipe degree of difficulty:



Easy



Requires a few more steps



Breakfast

HPHE Scrambled Eggs (serves 1)



Per serve: 2900kJ, 31g protein

You will need a hot plate/stove top, non-stick frying pan and mixing bowl for this recipe.

Do this	with these ingredients
In the non-stick frying pan over medium heat, warm	1 tablespoon of butter
2. In the mixing bowl, whisk together	2 eggs ½ cup cream
 Pour the egg mixture into the frying pan and cook for 20 seconds, then stir with a fork 	
Cook for another 20 seconds or until the egg sets	
5. Sprinkle with	½ cup cheese , grated
6. Add, to taste	Salt and pepper
7. Serve with buttered toast	

TIP: Standard scrambled eggs (without cream and cheese) provide 1400kJ and 25g protein. While this is a good choice, our HPHE scrambled eggs have double the energy.



Omelette (serves 1)

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Per serve: 3400kJ, 44g protein

You will need a hot plate/stove top, frying pan and mixing bowl for this recipe.

	Do this	with these ingredients
1.	In the mixing bowl, beat until light	3 eggs
2.	Beat in	1/4 cup pouring cream Salt and pepper
3.	In the frying pan, melt over medium heat	1 tablespoon of butter
4.	Pour the egg mixture into the frying pan and cook	
5.	When the eggs are set but still soft, top with	1 fresh tomato, peeled, seed removed, chopped 1/4 cup ham, chopped 1/2 cup cheese, grated
6.	Fold in half, cook until cheese is melted	
7.	Serve with buttered toast	





Per serve: 2100kJ, 22g protein

You will need a hot plate/stove top and saucepan for this recipe.

Do this	with these ingredients
1. Into the saucepan, mix	2 heaped tablespoons skim milk powder (or nutritional supplement like AdVital/Sustagen Neutral) 1/4 cup pouring cream 1/3 cup rolled oats 1/2 cup milk
2. Add, water if required	
3. Stir over medium heat for approximately 5-7 minutes	
4. Sweeten to taste with	honey sugar dried/stewed/fresh fruit or yoghurt

TIP: Our HPHE porridge is 3 times higher in energy and protein than standard porridge!





Per serve (2 pancakes): 1500kJ, 12g protein

With topping: 2000kJ, 14g protein

You will need a hot plate/stove top, frying pan and large mixing bowl for this recipe.

Do this	with these ingredients
1. In the mixing bowl, sift together	1 cup plain flour 2 teaspoons baking powder Pinch of salt 2 teaspoons white sugar
2. Make a well in the centre of the dry ingredients and pour in	300mL milk 1 egg 3 tablespoons butter, melted
3. Mix until smooth	
Heat a lightly oiled frying pan over medium heat	
 Pour or scoop the batter into the pan using approximately ¼ cup for each pancake 	
6. Brown on both sides	
7. Serve hot with	Maple syrup Whipped cream

TIP: You could also try adding butter and jam or ice-cream and berries to increase your energy and protein intake.



Breakfast on the Run – Smoothie (serves 1)



Per serve: 2500kJ, 32g protein

You will need a stick blender/blender/food processor for this recipe.

Do this	with these ingredients
1. In the blender, add	200mL full cream milk
	1 scoop of ice-cream or 150mL
	yoghurt
	2 heaped tablespoons skim milk
	powder (or nutritional supplement lik
	AdVital/Sustagen Neutral)
	Chopped fruit (e.g. 1 banana or 5
	strawberries)
	Honey (to taste)

TIP: Make a double batch and keep half in the fridge for an afternoon snack!



French Toast (serves 2)



Per serve 2500kJ, 13g protein

You will need a hot plate/stove top, 12 inch frying pan and mixing bowl for this recipe.

	Do this	with these ingredients
1.	In the mixing bowl, whisk together until blended	2 large eggs 1/3 cup pouring cream 1 tablespoon sugar
2.	Pour into a large bowl or pan	
3.	Place into egg mixture in 1 layer	4 slices of thick toast (or raisin loaf) – a day old is best!
4.	Soak bread slices for 3 minutes and then flip to soak the other side	
5.	In the frying pan, heat over moderately high heat until foam subsides	1 tablespoon butter
6.	Carefully transfer 2 soaked bread slices to frying pan and cook until golden brown, about 2 minutes on each side	
7.	Repeat this process with the other 2 slices of soaked bread	
8.	Serve with	Maple syrup, cream and fresh strawberries or fruit and honey

TIP: For savoury French toast do not add the sugar, replace with a pinch of salt and pepper, and serve with cream cheese and finely diced tomato and onion.

NOTE: Standard toast with jam only has 1000kJ and 5g of protein. French toast has more than double the energy and protein of standard toast!



Light Meals

Pumpkin & Bacon Soup (serves 4)

Per serve: 1400kJ, 23g protein

You will need a hot plate/stove top and saucepan for this recipe.

Do this	with these ingredients
In a heated saucepan, sauté for two minutes	4 rashers bacon, chopped 1 onion, finely chopped
2. Add	500g pumpkin, peeled and chopped 2 cups chicken stock
3. Simmer uncovered for 15 minutes or until pumpkin is tender	
Puree with stick blender or food processor	
5. Add	1 cup grated tasty cheese 1 cup milk (use extra milk/stock to achieve desired consistency)
6. Season to taste	Salt and pepper
7. Serve with	Extra cheese Dollop of sour cream

TIP: Great leftovers for lunch the next day!

NOTE: This pumpkin and bacon soup has almost 3 times more energy and protein than canned pumpkin soup!





Per serve: 3750kJ, 45g protein

You will need a hot plate/stove top, an oven/grill, a frying pan and heat proof plate for this recipe.

	Do this	with these ingredients
1.	Preheat grill or oven to 200°C.	
2.	In the non-stick frying pan over medium heat, warm	1 tablespoon olive oil
3.	Add and cook for 2 minutes, or until soft	1 large onion, finely chopped
4.	Add and cook, stirring with a wooden spoon for 5 minutes or until browned	500g beef mince
5.	Add	300g can kidney beans, drained, rinsed 1 teaspoon Mexican chilli powder (optional) 35g sachet taco seasoning mix 2 tablespoon tomato paste 1/4 cup water
6.	Reduce heat to medium-low, simmer for 5 minutes, or until thick	
7.	Stir through	½ cup coriander leaves*, chopped (optional)
8.	Arrange on a heat proof plate	230g (large) packet corn chips



Top with the mince mixture and sprinkle with	1 cup tasty cheese, grated
10 Bake for 10-15 minutes in oven until cheese has melted under the grill	
11 Top with	½ cup tomato salsa Avocado, mashed Sour cream

^{*}Coriander: dark green leafy herb available at supermarkets

TIP: You can freeze any leftover meat sauce and reheat to serve on toast another day!



Ham & Cheese Pasta Salad (serves 4-6)



Per serve: 2800kJ, 35g protein

You will need a hot plate/stove top, saucepan and large mixing bowl for this recipe.

Do this	with these ingredients
In the saucepan, cook following packet directions or until pasta is still slightly firm (but soft enough to eat)	400g bowtie pasta
2. Drain water and allow to cool	
3. In the bowl, combine pasta with	310g can corn kernels, drained 1 punnet cherry tomatoes, halved 300g ham slices, coarsely chopped 2 cups cheddar cheese, grated 1 Lebanese cucumber, coarsely chopped
Add dressing and toss until well combined	2 cups Caesar salad dressing or mayonnaise

TIP: Use leftovers for lunch the next day! Store in an airtight container.



Spanish Frittata (serves 4)



Per serve: 1300kJ, 18g protein

You will need a hot plate/stove top, grill, large heavy based frying pan and mixing bowl for this recipe

Do this	with these ingredients
1. In the frying pan, melt	1 tablespoon butter
2. Sauté until softened	 1 onion, chopped 1 small red capsicum, sliced 2 potatoes, boiled, chopped 1/4 cup black olives, pitted, sliced
3. In the bowl, lightly whisk together	5 eggs1/3 cup pouring cream1 cup cheese, grated
Pour into pan and cook over medium heat until set	
 Place the pan under a hot grill for a further 5 minutes until the top is golden 	
6. Cut into wedges and serve	

TIP: You can use any leftover cooked vegetables in place of potato and capsicum. Frittata can be stored in the fridge for up to a day and served cold.



Cheesy tuna rice (serves 4) e



Per serve: 2000kJ, 22g protein

You will need a hot plate/stove top and medium-sized saucepan for this recipe.

	Do this	with these ingredients
1.	In the saucepan, combine	1 cup vegetable stock 1 cup full cream milk
2.	Heat over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally then remove from heat when boiling	
3.	Add and stir well	1 cup long grain rice
4.	Return to heat and bring to boil	
5.	Once boiling, reduce heat, cover with a tight-fitting lid and simmer for about 12-15 minutes, stirring occasionally until liquid is absorbed and rice is tender	
6.	Add	1 large can tuna (425g in oil), drained and flaked
7.	Cook for one more minute then turn off heat	
8.	Gently mix in	1 cup cheese, grated1 tablespoon parsley, chopped or dried herbs

Leave the lid on for 5 minutes 9. before serving

TIP: You can freeze the leftovers. Try experimenting with using other protein sources e.g. cooked chicken or ham.

Gourmet Baked Beans on Toast (Serves 2)



Per serve: 2600kJ, 27g protein

You will need a microwave or hot plate/stove, oven and muffin tray for this recipe.

Do this	with these ingredients
1. Preheat oven 220°C	
2. Butter both sides of bread slices	4 thick slices of bread, crust removed 2 tablespoons butter
Press bread slices into 4 holes of a muffin tray	
4. Bake for 5-10 minutes or until the bread is crisp and golden	
5. In a pan or in the microwave, heat until just warm	400g can baked beans
6. Carefully lift the bread cups from the tray using a butter knife	
7. Sprinkle into the bottom of the cups	1/4 cup cheddar cheese, grated
8. Spoon the baked beans into the bread cup and top with	1/4 cup cheddar cheese, grated

TIP: Serve with bacon or eggs or cooked sausages

NOTE: Standard baked beans on toast (without cheese) provide 1900kJ and 17g of protein. While this is a good choice, our Gourmet Baked Beans on Toast are far higher in calories and protein.



Main Meals

Pumpkin and Parmesan Ravioli (serves 2)



Per serve: 2500kJ, 35g protein

You will need a hot plate/stove top and two saucepans for this recipe.

Do this	with these ingredients
In the saucepan, cook according to packet instructions	500g packet Cheese and Spinach Ravioli*
In another saucepan over low heat, stir until smooth to create a sauce	1 can of condensed pumpkin soup 1 cup full cream milk
3. Add	1/3 cup parmesan (or tasty cheese), grated
4. Simmer for 2 minutes	
5. Combine sauce and pasta	
6. Stir through until leaves are wilted	200g or 1 packet baby spinach leaves, washed
7. Season with	Salt and pepper

^{*}Ravioli: pasta filled with cheese or meat filling. Available in the refrigerated section of the supermarket.

TIP: You can use any packet pasta or any type of cheese that you like for this recipe.



Egg and Bacon Pie (serves 4)

Per serve: 2500kJ, 25g protein

You will need an oven, frying pan and pie dish for this recipe.

	Do this	with these ingredients
1.	Preheat oven to 180°C	
2.	Chop and fry in the frypan until soft	250g bacon
3.	Line pie dish with	1 sheet puff pastry
4.	Place half the bacon in pastry case	
5.	Crack onto bacon in pastry case	6 eggs
6.	Season with	Pepper
7.	Top with remaining bacon	
8.	Sprinkle over	Parsley
9.	Place over the top of the pie and press edges together	1 sheet puff pastry
10.	Bake for 30 minutes or until golden brown	
11.	Cut into quarters and serve on its own or with salad/vegetables	

TIP: Can be served cold the next day for lunch



Per serve: 3200kJ, 25g protein

You will need an oven, mixing bowl and pie dish for this recipe.

	Do this	with these ingredients
1.	Preheat oven to 180°C	
2.	Line the pie dish with	1 sheet puff pastry
3.	Place on top of pastry	250g antipasto mix * (jar or fresh), drained
4.	Chop into 1cm cubes then place on antipasto mix	200g feta cheese**
5.	In the bowl, beat together	4 eggs 300mL sour cream
6.	Pour over antipasto mix	
7.	Sprinkle with	½ cup cheddar cheese, grated
8.	Bake for 30 minutes or until set and pie is golden brown	

^{*}Antipasto: assortment of marinated vegetables available in jars at supermarkets or fresh from deli counter

TIP: Can add chopped ham or cooked bacon or chicken



^{**} Feta cheese: a salty, white, & crumbly cheese usually pressed into a square. Available at supermarket or deli counter. Note that feta can be replaced by any other hard cheese for this recipe.

Beef Stroganoff (serves 4) @@@

Per serve: 2000kJ, 29g protein

You will need a hot plate/stove top and frying pan for this recipe

	Do this	with these ingredients
1.	Heat in the frying pan	1 tablespoon oil
2.	Cook until soft	1 onion, finely chopped
3.	Add and cook until brown	500g beef strips
4.	Add and stir well	 1 cup mushrooms, sliced (tinned or fresh) 1 tablespoon tomato paste 1 packet beef stroganoff seasoning 250mL sour cream
5.	Add to achieve desired consistency	Milk, extra
6.	Serve with	Cooked rice or pasta

TIP: Leftovers can be frozen



Carbonara (serves 4) (a)





Per serve: 3700kJ, 35g protein

You will need a hot plate/stove top, frying pan and saucepan for this recipe.

	Do this	with these ingredients
1.	In the frying pan, heat	1 tablespoon oil
2.	Fry until golden	5 rashers of bacon , chopped 1 garlic clove , crushed
3.	In the saucepan, cook according to packet directions	400g packet spaghetti
4.	Drain pasta and place back in saucepan	
5.	Add and stir through	1 cup cream
6.	Add bacon and garlic mix	
7.	Add	1 ½ cup cheese , grated
8.	Return to hot plate/stove top over low heat, stir constantly until the cheese has melted and the pasta is heated through	

TIP: This one's so delicious there won't be any leftovers!



Chicken Curry (serves 4) P

Per serve: 3000kJ, 35g protein

You will need a hot plate/stove top and frying pan for this recipe

	Do this	with these ingredients
1.	In the frying pan, heat	1 tablespoon oil
2.	Add	1/4 cup mild green curry paste
3.	Cook for one minute until fragrant	
4.	Add and cook for 10 minutes	4 chicken thigh fillets, chopped
5.	Stir in and bring to the boil	400mL can coconut cream
6.	Simmer uncovered for 20 minutes	
7.	Add	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 2 cups green beans , trimmed (fresh or frozen)
8.	Cover and leave for 10 minutes	
9.	Cook according to packet instructions	1 ½ cups rice
10.	Serve with rice	

TIP: Can freeze leftovers



Shepherd's Pie (serves 4)

Per serve: 2700kJ, 35g protein

You will need a hot plate/stove top, oven, saucepan, frying pan and ovenproof dish for this recipe.

	Do this	with these ingredients
1.	Preheat oven to 180°C	
2.	In the saucepan, cook until tender	4 potatoes, peeled and chopped
3.	Mash together with	½ cup cream 2 tablespoons butter
4.	In the frying pan, heat	3 tablespoon oil
5.	Add and cook until brown	500g mince 1 onion, finely chopped
6.	Add and cook for approximately 20 minutes	400g can tomatoes 2 tablespoon tomato paste 1 cup frozen carrot, peas and beans (optional) 1 teaspoon mixed herbs
7.	Place mince mix in the ovenproof dish and top with the mashed potato	
8.	Sprinkle with	Cheese
9.	Bake for 20 minutes	

TIP: Add extra cheese for more protein and energy



Dessert

Chocolate self-saucing pudding (serves 4)



Per serve: 2200kJ, 8g protein

You will need an oven, ovenproof baking dish, large mixing bowl and jug for this recipe

	Do this	with these ingredients
1.	Preheat oven to 180°C	
2.	Grease the ovenproof baking dish	
3.	Into the mixing bowl, sift	1 cup self-raising flour 2 tablespoons cocoa powder
4.	Stir in	½ cup brown sugar
5.	In a jug, combine	80g butter, melted, cooled ½ cup milk 1 egg, lightly beaten
6.	Slowly add to flour mixture, stirring until well combined and smooth.	
7.	Spoon into the ovenproof baking dish and smooth top.	
8.	To make the sauce, combine and sprinkle over the pudding	3/4 cup brown sugar2 tablespoons cocoa powder, sifted
9.	Over the back of a large metal spoon, slowly pour to cover the pudding	2 cups boiling water



10. Place baking dish onto a baking tray and bake for 35-40 minutes or until pudding bounces back when pressed gently in centre

11. **Serve** hot with

Cream

Berries



Per serve: 3000kJ, 10g protein

You will need an oven, ovenproof dish and mixing bowl for this recipe.

	Do this	with these ingredients
1.	Preheat oven to 180°C	
2.	In the mixing bowl, combine	1 cup plain flour ½ cup firmly packed brown sugar 100g chilled butter, chopped ½ cup rolled oats
3.	Using your fingertips, rub the butter into the flour mixture until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs	
4.	Stir in	½ cup walnuts , chopped
5.	Into the ovenproof dish, spoon in	800g can baker's apple slices
6.	Scatter the walnut mixture evenly over the apples	
7.	Bake in the oven for 20-25 minutes or until golden	
8.	Spoon the apple crumble into serving bowls	
9.	Serve with	Vanilla ice cream



White Chocolate & Raspberry Ricotta Jaffle (serves 1)



Per serve: 2000kJ, 14g protein

You will need a jaffle or sandwich maker, and small mixing bowl for this recipe.

	Do this	with these ingredients
1.	Preheat a jaffle or sandwich maker	
2.	In the mixing bowl, combine	60g fresh ricotta 20g white chocolate, chopped
3.	Spread one side of each bread slice with butter	2 slices white bread15g butter, at room temperature
4.	Place a slice, butter-side down, in the preheated jaffle maker	
5.	Top with the ricotta mixture	
6.	Sprinkle with	2 tablespoon frozen raspberries
7.	Top with remaining bread slice, butter side up and cook for 4-5 minutes or until golden	
8.	Remove from jaffle maker and place on a work surface to slice	
9.	Dust with	Icing sugar mixture
10.	Serve with	Ice cream or custard



Easy Chocolate Mousse (serves 8)



Per serve: 2100kJ, 6g protein

You will need an electric mixer/beater, microwave and microwave safe mixing bowl for this recipe.

	Do this	with these ingredients
1.	In a microwave safe mixing bowl, place	250g dark cooking chocolate 600mL carton thick custard
2.	Heat for 30 second time periods on medium power, stirring the mixture well between. Continue until the chocolate melts and until the mixture is smooth	
3.	Set aside for 15 minutes to cool	
4.	Using an electric beater, whip until soft peaks form	600mL thickened cream
5.	Add cream to chocolate mixture and gently mix until just combined – be careful to mix slowly and gently to keep as much air in the mixture as possible	
6.	Spoon into individual cups for serving	

TIP: Can be kept in an airtight container for up to 3 days. Try freezing the leftover mousse - it makes a lovely semifreddo (ice-cream). You can use milk chocolate or white chocolate

to vary this recipe!



Bread & Butter Pudding (serves 4)



Per serve: 3500kJ, 13g protein

You will need an oven, ovenproof dish/pan and large mixing bowl for this recipe.

	Do this	with these ingredients
1.	Preheat oven to 180°C	
2.	Grease a 1 litre pie dish or loaf pan with	Butter
3.	Spread both sides of the bread triangles with butter	8 slices bread or raisin bread (cut diagonally into triangles) 100g soft butter
4.	Cover the base of the dish/pan with overlapping triangles of bread	
5.	Sprinkle evenly over the bread, some of the	½ cup raisins or sultanas½ teaspoon nutmeg½ teaspoon cinnamon
6.	Repeat this layer by layer until the dish is filled, finishing with raisins/sultanas on the top	
7.	In the mixing bowl, beat together until light and airy and pale in colour	2 eggs 400mL thickened cream 1 teaspoon vanilla essence 1 tablespoon sugar



Pour the egg mixture slowly and

evenly over the bread until all the

liquid is added

Gently **press** the top layer of bread into the liquid.

10. Sprinkle over the surface

½ teaspoon sugar

Leave to one side for 30 minutes
 to allow liquid to soak up

12. **Bake** the pudding until the surface is golden brown, the egg is set and the pudding is well risen (approx. 35-45 minutes)

TIP: Day old bread is best for this recipe. Trying using leftover hot cross buns or even croissants cut into slices. Pudding is best served hot.



Creamy Rice Pudding (serves 6)



Per serve: 2700kJ, 7g protein

You will need a hot plate/stove top and saucepan for this recipe.

	Do this	with these ingredients
1.	In the saucepan, combine	1 cup long grain rice
		2 cup water
		1 teaspoon salt
2.	Simmer for 3 minutes	
3.	Add	³¼ cup sugar
		2 cup milk
		1 cup cream
4.	Bring to a low simmer over low heat, stirring occasionally	
5.	Cook uncovered for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally until liquid is absorbed	
6.	Remove from heat and stir	1 cup cream
	through	½ cup raisins/sultanas
7.	Serve warm or cold, sprinkled with	Nutmeg or cinnamon

TIP: For truly decadent baked rice pudding, after step 3 allow mixture to cool. Then whisk 3 egg yolks with another cup of cream and 1 teaspoon of vanilla essence. Combine with cooled rice and add raisins/sultanas. Transfer to baking dish and bake at 180 °C uncovered until set at the edges (about 25 minutes). Sprinkle with nutmeg/cinnamon.

