

ORAL HEALTH

University courses - Victoria

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INTRODUCTION

This document has been developed to assist domestic Year 12 students and their families in researching undergraduate oral health courses in NSW and Victoria.



Indicative ATAR

Please use indicative ATARs as a guide as they may change for future intakes.



English prerequisite

EAL = English as an Additional Language.

'Any other English' includes English, English Language and Literature.

Disclaimer

Information taken from VTAC and university websites.

Universities featured in this guide reserve the right to change course information, admissions, and entry requirements at any time and without notice.

For up-to-date information, check the university websites when assessing course information.

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Undergraduate

This is usually your first course at university. For example - bachelor's degree.



Learn about oral health

This Australian Dental Association
www.ada.org.au

COURSE SUMMARY

LA (Lowest ATAR) = lowest ATAR to receive entry into the course excluding any adjustment factors for the 2022 January intake (VTAC applicants).

LSR (Lowest Selection Rank) = lowest ATAR inclusive of adjustment factors to receive entry into the course for the 2022 January intake.

VICTORIA

University	Course	Campus	LA	LSR
La Trobe University	Bachelor of Oral Health Science	Bendigo	72.45	93.9
	Bachelor of Oral Health Science (Regional Entry)	Bendigo	60.15	74.2
The University of Melbourne	Bachelor of Oral Health	Parkville		85.5

NSW

University	Course	Campus	LSR
Charles Sturt University (Victoria & NSW campuses)	Bachelor of Oral Health (Therapy & Hygiene)	Wagga Wagga Holmesglen (Chadstone)	70.0
University of Newcastle	Bachelor of Oral Health Therapy	Ourimbah	96.2
University of Sydney	Bachelor of Oral Health	Westmead Centre for Oral Health, Sydney Dental Hospital and Camperdown/Darlington	70.0

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

Bendigo campus.

The Bachelor of Oral Health Science is accredited by the Australian Dental Council.

Strong focus on oral health care services in rural and regional areas.

Your scope of practice includes dental therapy treatments to patients of all ages.

Australia's largest rural health school.



Learn how to provide essential oral healthcare with La Trobe's accredited Bachelor of Oral Health Science. Studying in an inter- and intradisciplinary setting, you'll develop your professional practice at Australia's largest rural health school.

BACHELOR OF ORAL HEALTH SCIENCE

You'll learn:

Preventive oral health

Develop your knowledge of preventive, periodontal and restorative procedures.

Medicine for dentistry.

Learn to take a comprehensive medical history, understand its role in safe oral healthcare, and the link between oral and general health.

Clinical practice

Discover how to diagnose and plan care for patients. Improve your communication and treatment skills while learning to manage patients in a clinical setting.

Global perspectives in oral health

Gain insight into different cultures and explore your role as an oral health therapist in a multicultural society.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Clinical placements form an important part of our program and take place primarily in Bendigo at our 20-chair clinical facility at the Anne Caudle campus. You may do other placements in third year across a wide range of locations including special needs areas, nursing homes, schools and community health centres and internationally.

Before starting your last semester, you must complete a summer semester that includes a two-week placement at either a rural Victorian dentistry practice or overseas, before returning to our Bendigo Campus to finish your studies.

EARLY ENTRY PROGRAM

La Trobe Aspire Early Admissions Program
www.latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire

ENTRY SCHEMES

Diploma of Tertiary Preparation
Prepare for La Trobe, Achieve at La Trobe Achieve Plus
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders TAFE/VET Pathways
Higher Education
Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)
www.latrobe.edu.au/study/apply/pathways

INFORMATION

www.latrobe.edu.au

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	LS	LSR
Bachelor of Oral Health Science	Minimum study scores of: 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English; and 25 in one of Chemistry or Biology.	Bendigo	72.45	93.9
Bachelor of Oral Health Science (Regional Entry)	Minimum study scores of: 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English; and 25 in one of Chemistry or Biology.	Bendigo	60.15	74.2

Must reside (according to principal home address) in areas classified by the Australian Statistical Geographic Standard - Remoteness Areas (ASGC-RA) (2016) as RA2 to RA5.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

Parkville campus.

The Bachelor of Oral Health has combined vocational outcomes in hygiene and therapy

Ranked 11th in the world for clinical and health.

Study in the heart of Melbourne.

The Melbourne Dental School provides the most high-tech dental teaching facilities in the southern hemisphere and teachers who are leaders in their fields

The Bachelor of Oral Health is recognised in all Australian states and territories and in New Zealand and is accredited by the Australian Dental Council (ADC).

Students will register as dental practitioners with the Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency (AHPRA) upon graduation.



As a Bachelor of Oral Health student you'll develop all the scientific, theoretical and clinical skills to practice in oral health therapy – which includes careers as both dental hygienist and dental therapist.

BACHELOR OF ORAL HEALTH

You will learn alongside dental students at the Melbourne Dental School in a high-tech clinical setting. You will also have the opportunity to undertake placements in metropolitan clinics and rural areas. You will learn from a clinical teaching team including active practitioners and world-leading academics who bring international leadership, research and policy expertise to the degree.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

In the first two years, you'll undertake clinical work at the Royal Dental Hospital. In the final year, clinical rotations are undertaken at community clinics in metropolitan and rural locations.

The Bachelor of Oral Health has combined vocational outcomes in hygiene and therapy.

HYGIENE

Dental hygienists provide dental care for all age groups. They examine and record the nature and severity of periodontal conditions, and clean, scale and root-plane teeth.

THERAPY

Dental therapists provide dental care for children and adolescents. They examine oral and dental conditions, restore and conserve permanent and deciduous teeth, perform extractions of deciduous teeth, and remove calculus. Under recent changes dental therapists are also able to provide care to adults under certain circumstances.

ACCESS MELBOURNE

<https://bit.ly/3h91ZhZ>

ENTRY PATHWAYS

Diploma of General Studies
TAFE/VET

Higher Education
<https://bit.ly/3xw8Uwt>

INFORMATION

www.unimelb.edu.au

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Lowest Selection Rank 2022
Bachelor of Oral Health	Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English; and minimum study score of 25 in one of Chemistry or Biology.	Parkville	85.5

CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY

Wagga Wagga, Chadstone.

Accredited by the Australian Dental Council and graduates are eligible for registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

Graduates are able to provide hygiene treatment to individuals of all ages and dental therapy care to children and young adults (up to age 26).

Graduates are eligible for registration in New Zealand.

91.3 per cent of graduates find jobs within four months of graduating (Good Universities Guide 2020/21).

Towards the end of your degree, you may be able to apply to embark on a short study tour to Cambodia.



The fully accredited Bachelor of Oral Health (Therapy and Hygiene) from Charles Sturt University qualifies you to work as an oral health therapist in Australia. As a graduate, you'll help combat the national chronic shortage of oral health professionals, while also making a valuable contribution to the health of your community.

BACHELOR OF ORAL HEALTH (THERAPY & HYGIENE)

Charles Sturt University developed the Bachelor of Oral Health (Therapy and Hygiene) in cooperation with the Australian Dental Council, the Australian Dental Association, local dentists, oral health practitioners and senior consultants to ensure you graduate with the skills and knowledge for successful practice.

If you are enrolled at the Holmesglen Institute, you will undertake lectures and pre-clinical training in Years 1 and 2 at Holmesglen, with some clinical training at Wagga Wagga.

Graduates can pursue a career in general or specialist dental practice, public sector dental health, Australian defence forces (Army, Navy or Air Force), hospital dental clinics, education or research.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

You will develop your practical skills in our state-of-the-art simulation clinic, dental technology/clinical support laboratory, biodental science learning suite and anatomy teaching facilities. If you're studying at the Holmesglen Institute's Chadstone campus, you'll have access to a world-class oral health simulation facility.

Charles Sturt University has five dental and oral health clinics across our Albury-Wodonga, Bathurst, Dubbo, Orange and Wagga Wagga campuses. These clinics are open to patients from the local community and will provide some of your first professional training.

You could undertake placements at any Charles Sturt University clinic during your course, working under the supervision of qualified practitioners.

EARLY ENTRY PROGRAMS

Schools Recommendation Scheme
<https://bit.ly/2UoUIAb>

ACCESS SCHEMES

First Nations Direct Entry Program
TAFE/VET
Higher Education
Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)
<https://bit.ly/2UoUIAb>

INFORMATION

www.csu.edu.au

Course	Assumed knowledge	Campus	Minimum Selection Rank
Bachelor of Oral Health (Therapy & Hygiene)	Assumed knowledge - Chemistry. Recommended studies - Biology.	Wagga Wagga Holmesglen (Chadstone)	70.00

UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE

Ourimbah campus.

This program is accredited by the Australian Dental Council.

Only oral health therapy degree in NSW that qualifies you to treat both children and adults.

Graduates will be eligible to register with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), Dental Board of Australia as Oral Health Therapists and to practise as dental hygienists and therapists in private and public dental practice and work in oral health promotion in a range of clinical settings.

Admission to the Bachelor of Health Science (Honours) is available to students who achieve the required grade-point average.

You could travel to Cambodia on a community outreach trip to support the oral health of children.



The University of Newcastle oral health therapy students graduate with dual qualifications in dental hygiene and dental therapy. With a strong focus on disease prevention, world class simulation and an advanced restorative scope, our degree broadens your career options and boosts your employability.

BACHELOR OF ORAL HEALTH THERAPY

When you study to be an oral health professional, you will learn skills in oral health that can make a real difference and shape a healthier future for children and adults. Work closely with professional dental practitioners and learn to perform a range of preventative and minor restorative tasks, educate your community on best practices, and discover emerging methods for controlling and treating disease.

You will acquire your pre-clinical skills in our simulation laboratory using innovative technology including virtual reality. You will also hone your oral health therapeutic techniques using our on-campus oral health clinic and simulation laboratory, featuring 17 dental chairs and life-like manikins.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Students will complete approximately 500 hours of supervised practice in a variety of settings both locally and nationally as part of their program. Rural placements are offered. This includes specialist dental departments and community dental clinics, as well as service-learning student placement opportunities in Residential Aged Care Facilities.

With dual qualifications in dental hygiene and dental therapy and adult scope of practice, many University of Newcastle graduates are quickly employed.

EARLY ENTRY PROGRAM

Schools Recommendation Schemes
<https://bit.ly/3cTKCQ1>

ACCESS SCHEMES

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Program
TAFE/VET
Higher Education
Educational Access Scheme
<https://bit.ly/3cTKCQ1>

INFORMATION

www.uon.edu.au

Course	Recommended studies	Campus	Lowest Selection Rank 2022
Bachelor of Oral Health Therapy	Chemistry and Biology	Ourimbah	96.20

THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

We have provided education and training in dentistry and oral health for more than 100 years,

Consistently ranked as one of Australia's top dental schools

Simulation clinics based at Sydney Dental Hospital and the Westmead Centre for Oral Health

The Bachelor of Oral Health program has been fully accredited for the full five years by the Australian Dental Council.

Graduates are eligible for registration with the Dental Board of Australia and are licensed with the Environmental Protection Authority to use diagnostic radiation.

Graduates qualify to register with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency as an oral health therapist.



Oral health therapist, dental hygienist, dental therapist are integral parts of the dental team, providing preventative services to patients of all ages in both the public and private sector.

BACHELOR OF ORAL HEALTH THERAPY

In their first year, students will receive instruction in biomedical sciences, head & neck and professional practice and will be introduced to oral health in society and oral health therapy in clinical practice.

The remaining two years will be devoted to the development of advanced treatment planning and sound clinical reasoning, critical appraisal, and clinical practice.

The Bachelor of Oral Health offers undergraduate entry and satisfactory completion of award requirements for admission, but does not guarantee admission to, the Doctor of Dental Medicine degree. Outstanding graduates may be eligible for admission to a higher degree by research.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

The Bachelor of Oral Health allows students to provide dental care to public patients within the two teaching hospitals at Westmead Centre for Oral Health and Sydney Dental Hospital.

Additional opportunities available to students include the chance to:

Undertake a rural placement - conduct an assessment of the oral health needs of a rural community, and develop an appropriate oral health promotion to meet the specific needs of the community.

Complete an extramural placement in the third year of the course, allowing students to conduct dental care in community clinics complete an aged care project, participating in research at an aged care facility.

Complete a preschool project, providing an opportunity for students to develop and deliver an oral health promotion program targeting children under five.

ADMISSION PATHWAYS

<https://bit.ly/36pVvez>

INFORMATION

www.sydney.edu.au

Course	Assumed Knowledge	Campus	Indicative Selection Rank
Bachelor of Oral Health	Biology and/or Chemistry. Bridging courses are available for students who have not studied the assumed knowledge during secondary school	Westmead Centre for Oral Health, Sydney Dental Hospital and Camperdown/Darlington	83.0