

This information is for current Year 11 and 12 students and is relevant for the 2024 and 2025 intakes.

This document has been specifically crafted to guide you through prerequisite VCE subject requirements for entry into undergraduate paramedicine courses at Victorian universities.

If you'd like to know more, click HERE for prerequisite study scores, indicative ATARs, detailed course information, and the steps to achieve your accreditation as a paramedic. Get ready to embark on an exciting journey towards your dream career!

Disclaimer: Information has been taken from university websites and the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC). Universities featured in this guide reserve the right to change entry requirements at any time and without notice. This can include removing prerequisites. For up-to-date information, check the university websites when assessing course information.

Note: information for current Year 10 students will be released early Term 3. Written by Sandie McKoy, May 2023.



VCE prerequisites

Unless stated otherwise, all VCE subjects listed as prerequisites are Units 3+4. This means Year 12 level subjects. All courses listed in this document require the satisfactory completion of VCE Units 3+4 English (any). English (any) includes English (EAL), English, English Language and Literature.



Recommended VCE subjects

English (any)
Mathematics (any)
Biology
Health And Human Development
Physical Education
Psychology
Sociology



Undergraduate course

This is usually your first course at university.

For example - bachelor's degree. You can also become qualified in nursing through 'graduate entry' studies.

VCE subjects typically aren't taken into consideration as prerequisites, so these courses haven't been included in this document.



Boost your Selection Rank!

A Selection Rank is your raw ATAR plus any adjustments (academic and equity) you're eligible for. Universities use your Selection Rank for entry into courses. Did you know you can boost your Selection Rank through achieving academic adjustments for either successfully completing or achieving certain Study Scores in eligible VCE subjects. You may like to take this into consideration when selecting subjects.



Unless stated otherwise, all VCE subjects listed as prerequisites are Units 3+4 (Year 12 level subjects).

English (any) = English, English Language, Literature, or English (EAL).

VCE subjects eligible for Selection Rank adjustments are not prerequisites. Performance in them may boost your Selection Rank (raw ATAR + academic and equity bonus points). For Information on what a Selection Rank is, click HERE.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

Course	Campus	Prerequisite subjects	VCE subjects eligible for Selection Rank adjustments
Bachelor of Paramedicine	Melbourne	English (any)	English (any) Biology
Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Paramedicine	Ballarat		Chemistry Health And Human Development Mathematical Methods Specialist Mathematics Psychology.

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

Course	Campus	Prerequisite subjects	VCE subjects eligible for Selection Rank adjustments
Bachelor of Paramedic Practice (Honours)	Bendigo Albury-Wodonga	English (any) Plus: two of the following subjects:	Health And Human Development Mathematics (any) Physical Education
Bachelor of Paramedic Practice (Honours) (First Nations Australian Entry)	Bendigo Albury-Wodonga	Biology Chemistry Health And Human Development Mathematics (any) Physical Education Physics Psychology.	Science (any) LOTE

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

Courses	Campus	Prerequisite subjects	VCE subjects eligible for Selection Rank adjustments
Bachelor of Paramedicine	St Albans	English (any)	English (any) Biology Chemistry Health And Human Development Mathematics (any) Physics Psychology.

MONASH UNIVERSITY

Courses	Campus	Prerequisite subjects	VCE subjects eligible for Selection Rank adjustments
Bachelor of Paramedicine	Peninsula	English (any) Plus one of the following:	Biology Chemistry
Bachelor of Paramedicine (Indigenous Entry)	Peninsula	General Mathematics Mathematical Methods Specialist Mathematics.	Health And Human Development Mathematics (any) Physics Psychology.



The following are first year units for the 2023 intake at several universities. You will typically study 8 subjects in your first year of university – 4 subjects in each semester. At Victoria University, you will study units consecutively – not concurrently.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Paramedicine

Semester 1

Indigenous Health and Culture
Human Biological Science 1
Personal and Interpersonal Skills for Paramedicine
Fundamentals of Paramedicine Care

Semester 2

Being Human Human Biological Science 2 Paramedicine Theory: Primary Care Paramedicine in Practice: Primary Care

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Paramedic Practice (Honours)

Semester 1

Human Biosciences A Introduction to Professional Practice Rural Community Engagement Understanding Health and Wellbeing

Semester 2

Human Biosciences A
Research and Evidence in Practice
Foundations of Paramedic Practice
First Nations Health for Paramedics

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Paramedicine

Semester 1

Anatomy and Physiology 1 Paramedic Law, Ethics and Professionalism Cultural Safety Paramedic Clinical Practice 1

Semester 2

Anatomy and Physiology 2 Introduction to Pharmacology Evidence and Research Paramedic Clinic Practice 2

MONASH UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Paramedicine

Semester 1

Foundations of anatomy & physiology for health practice 1 Introduction to paramedic research and evidence Professionalism in paramedic practice Foundations of paramedic practice 1

Semester 2

Foundations of anatomy & physiology for health practice 2 Health and disease across the lifespan Paramedicine in the Australian health care system Foundations of paramedic practice 2