

Registered Nursing

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 nursing 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 registered nurse. Get ready to embark on an exciting journey towards your dream career!

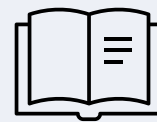
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Note: information for current Year 10 students will be released early Term 3.
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VCE prerequisites

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. Applicants will need to meet minimum English language requirements to be eligible for entry into courses.



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.



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.

Prerequisites

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).

Courses listed are for first year entry nursing and don't include second year entry nursing, which requires the completion of a Diploma of Nursing for entry.

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 Nursing (First Year Entry)	Melbourne Ballarat	English (any)	English (any) Biology Chemistry Health And Human Development Mathematical Methods Specialist Mathematics Psychology.
Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Business Administration	Melbourne	English (any)	As above
Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Paramedicine	Ballarat	English (any)	As above

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

Course	Campus	Prerequisite subjects	VCE subjects eligible for Selection Rank adjustments
Bachelor of Nursing	Melbourne Burwood Geelong Waterfront Warrnambool	English (any)	English (any) Biology Health And Human Development Any Mathematics.
Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery	Melbourne Burwood Geelong Waterfront Warrnambool	English (any)	As above
Bachelor of Nursing (Clinical Leadership)	Melbourne Burwood	English (any)	As above
Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Public Health & Health Promotion	Melbourne Burwood Geelong Waterfront	English (any)	As above
Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Psychological Science	Melbourne Burwood Geelong Waterfront Warrnambool	English (any)	English (any) Psychology Biology Health And Human Development Any Mathematics.

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

Course	Campus	Prerequisite subjects	VCE subjects eligible for Selection Rank adjustments
Bachelor of Nursing (Pre-Registration) Note: includes First Nations Australian Entry.	Albury-Wodonga Bendigo Melbourne Shepparton Mildura	English (any)	Health And Human Development Any Mathematics Physical Education Any Science LOTE.
Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Psychological Science	Melbourne	English (any)	As above
Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery Note: includes First Nations Australian Entry and Regional Entry.	Bendigo Melbourne	English (any)	As above

SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY

Course	Campus	Prerequisite subjects	VCE subjects eligible for Selection Rank adjustments
Bachelor of Nursing (First Year Entry)	Hawthorn	English (any)	Health And Human Development Any Mathematics Any Science Sociology.

RMIT UNIVERSITY

Course	Campus	Prerequisite subjects	VCE subjects eligible for Selection Rank adjustments
Bachelor of Nursing	Bundoora	English (any)	Any Mathematics Any Science Information Technology.

MONASH UNIVERSITY

Course	Campus	Prerequisite subjects	VCE subjects eligible for Selection Rank adjustments
Bachelor of Nursing Note: includes Indigenous Entry and Scholars Entry	Clayton Peninsula	English (any) Mathematics (any): Completion of Units 1-2 (any combination) or Units 3-4.	Biology Chemistry Health And Human Development Any Mathematics Physics Psychology.
Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery (Honours)	Peninsula	As above	As above

CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY

Course	Campus	Assumed knowledge	VCE subjects eligible for Selection Rank adjustments
Bachelor of Nursing	Albury-Wodonga	English (any) Any two units of science.	N/A

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

Courses	Campus	Prerequisite subjects	VCE subjects eligible for Selection Rank adjustments
Bachelor of Nursing	St Albans	English (any) Plus at least one of the following:	Any English
Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery		Biology Chemistry Health And Human Development Any Mathematics Psychology.	Biology Chemistry Health And Human Development Mathematics (any) Physics Psychology.

FEDERATION UNIVERSITY

Course	Campus	Prerequisite subjects	VCE subjects eligible for Selection Rank adjustments
Bachelor of Nursing	Ballarat - Mt Helen Berwick Gippsland - Churchill	English (any)	Biology Chemistry Health And Human Development Any Mathematics Physics.
Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery	Gippsland - Churchill	English (any)	As above

HOLMESGLEN UNIVERSITY

Course	Campus	Prerequisite subjects	VCE subjects eligible for Selection Rank adjustments
Bachelor of Nursing	Moorabbin	English (any). Completion of Units 1-2 (any combination) or Units 3-4 of Mathematics (any).	N/A

TORRENS UNIVERSITY

Course	Campus	Prerequisite subjects	VCE subjects eligible for Selection Rank adjustments
Bachelor of Nursing	Melbourne	English (any).	N/A

Examples of university units

The following are first year units for the 2023 intake at several universities. You will typically study 8 units in your first year of university – 4 units in each semester.

CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Nursing

Semester 1

Contexts of Nursing
Human Anatomy & Physiology for Nurses 1
Nursing Workplace Learning 1
Clinical Reasoning in Nursing 1

Semester 2

Health Challenges 1 Acute Care A
Human Anatomy & Physiology for Nurses 2
Nursing Workplace Learning 2
Clinical Reasoning in Nursing 2

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Nursing (Pre-Registration)

Semester 1

Human Biosciences A
Introduction To Professional Practice
Introduction To Nursing
Individual Determinants of Health

Semester 2

Human Biosciences B
Research and Evidence in Practice
Social Determinants of Health
Nursing Management and Assessment

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Nursing

Semester 1

Indigenous Health and Culture
Evidence for Practice
Transition into Nursing
Integrating Practice 1: Health Assessment

Semester 2

Human Biological Science 1
Being Human
The Person, Health and Wellbeing
Integrating Practice 2

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Nursing

Semester 1

Quality and Safety in Health Care 1
Evidence-Based Practice
Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology
Quality and Safety: Nursing Practice 1

Semester 2

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples' History, Culture and Health
Care of the Child and Adolescent
Person-Centred Health Assessment
Quality and Safety: Nursing Practice 1

SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Nursing

Semester 1

Anatomy and Physiology
Health Assessment and Decision Making
Connecting with Culture: Indigenous Australian Experiences
Strengths Based Nursing

Semester 2

Ethics & Law in Health Care
Foundations of Nursing
Concepts of Aged Care
Physiology in Medical and Health Sciences

RMIT UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Nursing

Semester 1

Introduction to Nursing Studies
Principles and Practice of Nursing 1
Therapeutics for Nursing 1 (Nursing Concepts)
Introduction to Human Biosciences

Semester 2

Principles and Practice of Nursing 2
Essentials of Health Care Practice
Systems Physiology
Professional Experience Practice 1