



VCE SUBJECT PREREQUISITES

Registered Nursing
Midwifery
Paramedicine
2024 – 2026 intakes

ARE YOU READY TO TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR FUTURE?

Choose the right VCE subjects to keep your options open.

The time has come to select your VCE subjects and pave the way towards an exciting career in nursing, midwifery, or paramedicine. And don't worry, we've got your back. This document has been specifically crafted to guide you through prerequisite VCE subject requirements for entry into undergraduate nursing, midwifery, or paramedicine courses at Victorian universities.

But that's not all. We know that knowledge is power, so 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, midwife, or paramedic. Get ready to embark on an exhilarating journey towards your dream career!

Note: prerequisites are correct for the 2024, 2025 and 2026 intakes.

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.

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Who this guide is for

Current Year 12 students who are considering applying for university entry for the 2024 intake.

Current Year 11 students who are considering applying for university entry for the 2025 intake.

Year 10 students considering applying for university for the 2026 intake.

Who this guide isn't for

Students who are planning to study graduate entry professional courses (i.e., Graduate Diploma of Paramedicine). This generally requires you to complete an undergraduate entry bachelor's degree first.



Recommended VCE subjects

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



Boost your Selection Rank!

The Selection Rank is your raw ATAR plus any adjustments (e.g., academic and equity) you're eligible for. For example, your raw ATAR may be 60, but with adjustments, your Selection Rank may be 72.

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 for achieving certain Study Scores in eligible VCE subjects. You may like to take this into consideration when selecting subjects.

Click [HERE](#) for information on Selection Ranks.

REGISTERED NURSING

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.

The courses listed are undergraduate entry bachelor degrees. You can also become qualified in nursing through 'graduate entry' courses. VCE subjects typically aren't taken into consideration as prerequisites.

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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.

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 Biology Chemistry Health And Human Development Any Mathematics Physics Psychology.
Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery		Biology Chemistry Health And Human Development Any Mathematics Psychology.	

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 Paramedicine	Ballarat	English (any)	As above
Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Business Administration	Melbourne	English (any)	English (any) Biology Chemistry Health And Human Development Mathematical Methods Specialist Mathematics Psychology Accounting Business Management Economics

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

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 Mathematics (any) 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.

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

MIDWIFERY

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The courses listed are undergraduate entry bachelor degrees. You can also study midwifery through 'graduate entry' courses. VCE subjects typically aren't taken into consideration as prerequisite, so these haven't been included in this document.

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AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

Course	Campus	Prerequisite subjects	VCE subjects eligible for Selection Rank adjustments
Bachelor of Midwifery	Melbourne	English (any)	English (any) Biology 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 Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery	Bendigo Melbourne	English (any)	Health And Human Development Mathematics (any) Physical Education Science (any) LOTE.
Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery (Regional Entry)	Bendigo	English (any)	As above.
Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery (First Nations Australian Entry)	Bendigo	English (any)	N/A

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

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

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

Course	Campus	Prerequisite subjects	VCE subjects eligible for Selection Rank adjustments
Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery	Melbourne Burwood Geelong Waterfront Warrnambool	English (any)	English (any) Biology Health And Human Development Mathematics (any).

MONASH UNIVERSITY

Course	Campus	Prerequisite subjects	VCE subjects eligible for Selection Rank adjustments
Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery (Honours)	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.

FEDERATION UNIVERSITY

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

EXAMPLES OF UNIVERSITY SUBJECTS

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 Midwifery

Semester 1

Indigenous Health and Culture
Human Biological Science 1
Evidence for Practice
Midwifery Professional Practice 1

Semester 2

Being Human
Person, Health and Wellbeing
Midwifery Care of the Pregnant Person
Midwifery Professional Practice 2

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery

Semester 1

Anatomy and Physiology 1
The Professional Nurse and Midwife
Foundations of Midwifery
Foundations in Nursing 1

Semester 2

Primary Health Care Across the Lifespan
Anatomy and Physiology 2
Fundamentals of Midwifery and Nursing
Midwifery and Nursing Professional Practice Experience

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery

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
Foundations in Pregnancy Care

DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery

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

Care of the Child and Adolescent
Person-Centred Health Assessment
Partnerships in Midwifery 1: Pregnancy Care
Quality and Safety: Nursing Practice 2

FEDERATION UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery

Semester 1

Anatomy and Physiology for Health Professionals 1
Communication for Health Professionals
Introduction to Midwifery
Nursing Practice 1: Introduction to Person-Centred
Nursing Practice

Semester 2

Anatomy and Physiology for Health Professionals 1
Midwifery Practice Foundations
Primary Health 1: Determinants of Health
Nursing Practice 2: Nursing Assessment and
Management

MONASH UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of Midwifery

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

PARAMEDICINE

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

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The courses listed are undergraduate entry bachelor degrees. You can also study paramedicine through 'graduate entry' courses. VCE subjects typically aren't taken into consideration as prerequisites.

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AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

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

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: Biology Chemistry Health And Human Development Mathematics (any) Physical Education Physics Psychology.	Health And Human Development Mathematics (any) Physical Education Science (any) LOTE
Bachelor of Paramedic Practice (Honours) (First Nations Australian Entry)	Bendigo Albury-Wodonga	As above	As above

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)	Biology Chemistry Health And Human Development Mathematics (any) Physics Psychology.
Bachelor of Paramedicine (Indigenous Entry)	Peninsula	English (any)	N/A

EXAMPLES OF UNIVERSITY SUBJECTS

The following are first year units for the 2023 intake at several universities.

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