

CLINICAL AUDIOLOGY

University courses - Victoria

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Introduction

This document has been developed to assist domestic Year 12 students and their families in researching clinical audiology courses in Victoria. Information is relevant for the 2024 intake. Please use entry requirements and indicative selection ranks listed in this document as a guide only and check university websites for up-to-date information.

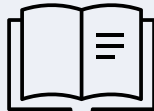
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Selection Ranks

Please use indicative ATARs and Selection Ranks 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.



Undergraduate

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



Graduate

This is study you do once you have graduated from a bachelor's degree. For example - master's degree.

Course Summary

VICTORIA

University	Course	Campus	Lowest 2023 Selection Rank
La Trobe University	Master of Clinical Audiology	Melbourne	N/A
	Bachelor of Biomedical Science and Master of Clinical Audiology	Melbourne	80.40
	Bachelor of Psychological Science and Master of Clinical Audiology	Melbourne	Not published
	Bachelor of Health Science and Master of Clinical Audiology	Melbourne	77.45
The University of Melbourne	Master of Clinical Audiology	Parkville	N/A
	Bachelor of Biomedicine (Chancellor's Scholar)	Parkville	99.90
	Bachelor of Biomedicine (Chancellor's Scholar) – Indigenous applicants		90.00
	Bachelor of Science (Chancellor's Scholar)	Parkville	99.90
	Bachelor of Biomedicine (Chancellor's Scholar) – Indigenous applicants		90.00

This information is for courses in Victoria.

HOW TO BECOME A CLINICAL AUDIOLOGIST

STEP 1: Secondary school studies

Study VCE/HSC subjects such as biology and advanced mathematics. Achieve a competitive ATAR.

STEP 2: complete a bachelor degree

Complete a bachelor degree at any university with a specialisation in social, physical, biological or health sciences.

STEP 3: complete an accredited graduate entry Master program at one of the following Victorian universities:

La Trobe University
The University of Melbourne

You will need to meet English language requirements, inherent requirements (e.g., communication skills), and academic entry requirements for course admission.

You may also be required to get a Police Record Check and Working with Children Check.

STEP 4: Registration

Apply to register with Audiology Australia, <https://audiology.asn.au/>

STEP 5: Internship

Complete the compulsory one-year clinical internship supervised by an Audiology Australia Accredited Audiologist.

STEP 5: Registration

Register with Audiology Australia as an Accredited Audiologist.

STEP 6: Renew your registration each year

Renew your registration with Audiology Australia each year and ensure you meet the registration standards (i.e., continuing professional development hours).



IS CLINICAL AUDIOLOGY FOR YOU?

If you're interested in becoming a clinical audiologist, here's what you need to know. You'll need to have a great ear for detail, a passion for helping people, and be a master communicator to diagnose and treat hearing and balance disorders. You'll get to work with cutting-edge technology and collaborate with other healthcare professionals, so being a team player with awesome interpersonal skills is a must.

You'll also need to be detail-oriented and have great analytical skills to diagnose hearing issues and come up with the best treatment plan. And let's not forget about empathy and patience - these are super important when building relationships with patients and addressing their concerns. If you're ready to take on this exciting and fulfilling career, let's get started!

IMPORTANT THINGS TO CONSIDER

Like any profession, being a clinical audiologist has its challenges and downsides. Here are some potential downsides to consider:

Emotional stress: Working with patients who may be experiencing hearing loss, tinnitus or other hearing and balance disorders can be emotionally taxing. Sometimes, it may be difficult to find a solution or treatment that works, which can take a toll on the clinician's emotional well-being.

Workload: Clinical audiologists often have a high patient load, which can be physically and mentally demanding. Long hours spent diagnosing and treating patients, and keeping up with paperwork, can be overwhelming.

Potential for exposure to loud noises: Clinical audiologists may be exposed to loud noises in the workplace, which can lead to hearing damage over time. They must take precautions such as wearing ear protection to minimize this risk.

It's important to weigh the potential downsides against the benefits of working in this field and decide if clinical audiology is the right career choice for you. Speaking with practicing clinical audiologists and doing some research can help you get a better understanding of what the job entails and if it's the right fit for you.

Master of Clinical Audiology

La Trobe offers a professional clinical audiology degree at the graduate level. Applicants will need to complete a bachelor's degree first.

About the Master of Clinical Audiology

La Trobe's Master of Clinical Audiology is your springboard to a rewarding career as an audiologist. With class sizes that ensure you'll receive personal support, we'll equip you with knowledge and skills in advanced audiology. You'll develop a fundamental understanding of the nature of sound, as well as speech and auditory perception.

Your teachers will be leading academics and industry professionals with current knowledge of audiology best practice. They'll guide you through pre-clinical and clinical study, so you understand the practical aspects of audiology.

Clinical practice

You'll undertake extensive professional clinical placements with local and interstate clinical placement partners – so you build the confidence to practice upon graduation. You'll gain experience in a range of clinical settings including large public teaching hospitals, small private practices, as well as metropolitan and rural centres.

Entry requirements

Pathway into the Master of Clinical Audiology at La Trobe University.

Option A – via a La Trobe University undergraduate + graduate course package.

STEP 1

Apply for one of the following course packages:

Bachelor of Health Sciences and Master of Clinical Audiology

Bachelor of Biomedicine and Master of Clinical Audiology

Bachelor of Psychological Science and Master of Clinical Audiology

Achieve a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of at least 70% in the bachelor degree.

STEP 2

Continue into the Master of Clinical Audiology.

Option B – complete a bachelor degree at any university.

STEP 1

Successfully complete an Australian bachelor degree (or equivalent) with a specialisation in social, physical, biological or health sciences. Achieve a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of at least 70%.

STEP 2

Apply for the Master of Clinical Audiology.

Career outcomes

After graduation, you could work in major hospitals, private audiology clinics, and research facilities. Possible roles include:

Clinical audiologist (private practice)

Provide diagnostic and/or rehabilitative hearing services to private clients. Perform diagnostic hearing assessments and, where appropriate, develop and implement individualised aural rehabilitation programs.

Clinical audiologist (institutional)

Perform a range of diagnostic hearing and balance tests for paediatric and adult patients in hospital and other large institutions. Work in multidisciplinary teams and participate in clinical research.

Research audiologist

Conduct clinical research to support the manufacturing of medical and surgical equipment. Evaluate novel sound-coding strategies, develop new cochlear implant designs and create pre-processing algorithms.

Professional accreditation

The Master of Clinical Audiology is accredited by Audiology Australia.

Application

Apply for the course packages via the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) from Monday 31 July 2023 for the 2024 intake, www.vtac.edu.au

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Lowest ATAR - 2023 intake	Lowest Selection Rank - 2023 intake
Master of Clinical Audiology	Selection criteria, https://bit.ly/40UrVDU	Melbourne	N/A	
Bachelor of Health Sciences and Master of Clinical Audiology	Units 3+4: Minimum study score of 25 in English (EAL) or 20 in any other English.	Melbourne	64.05	77.45
Bachelor of Biomedicine and Master of Clinical Audiology	Units 3+4: Minimum study score of 25 in English (EAL) or 20 in any other English.	Melbourne	63.25	80.40
Bachelor of Psychological Science and Master of Clinical Audiology	Units 3+4: Minimum study score of 25 in English (EAL) or 20 in any other English.	Melbourne	Not published	

Master of Clinical Audiology

The University offers a professional clinical audiology degree at the graduate level. Applicants will need to complete a bachelor's degree first.

About the Master of Clinical Audiology

Do you have a passion for helping people hear and be heard? As a Master of Clinical Audiology student, you will learn to enhance the communication ability of people of all ages and walks of life.

Taught by quality educators and experienced clinicians, the Master of Clinical Audiology is the ideal program to set you on the path to further research, or a range of exciting careers.

You will join other like-minded students from a range of backgrounds in this fast-paced and challenging course. Over the two-year program, you and your tight-knit student community will experience high levels of clinical exposure.

You will learn how technical knowledge can be applied to address the auditory health needs of the future, and experience some of the many rewards a career in audiology can provide.

Entry requirements

Pathway into the Master of Clinical Audiology at Melbourne University.

Option A – via the Melbourne Chancellor's Scholar pathway.

STEP 1

Apply for one of the following undergraduate programs at The University of Melbourne and achieve course prerequisites:

Bachelor of Arts (Chancellor's Scholar)
Bachelor of Biomedicine (Chancellor's Scholar)
Bachelor of Science (Chancellor's Scholar)

STEP 2

Continue into the Master of Clinical Audiology.

Option B – complete a bachelor's degree at any university.

STEP 1

Successfully complete an undergraduate degree in a relevant discipline (Science, Health Sciences, Biomedicine, Linguistics, Phonetics, Psychology, Music), or equivalent; and complete a pre-recorded interview (which will be restricted to shortlisted applicants). Achieve a Weighted Average Mark (WAM) of at least 65%.

STEP 2

Apply for the Master of Clinical Audiology.

Clinical experience

Clinician-client interaction training will be part of your studies from day one. This early and continual exposure to real-life clinical conditions will ready you to have ongoing impact on people's lives. As a student of this program, you are offered invaluable on-the-job training at The University of Melbourne's Onsite Clinic.

Overseas placements

You will have the opportunity to apply for overseas internship placements where you can use your learned skills to deliver valuable services in a developing country or experience international placement. Recent students have been able to complete placements in Cambodia, Malawi, Tonga and Hong Kong, with many more opportunities underway.

Career opportunities

University of Melbourne audiology graduates are highly desirable in the job market, with most finding work within three months. The Master of Clinical Audiology will place you at the forefront of this rapidly evolving and growing sector. The program will help you foster connections with Cochlear, Audiology Australia, the Eye and Ear Hospital along with government and private hearing aid providers and companies. Teaching experts within the course are also closely tied with the international community of audiology.

Indigenous pathway

Applicants of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent are given priority access to the Master of Clinical Audiology at the University of Melbourne under the Indigenous Pathway.

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Minimum ATAR
Master of Clinical Audiology	Selection criteria - https://bit.ly/3akZWnA	Parkville	N/A
Bachelor of Arts (Chancellor's Scholar)	Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English	Parkville	99.90 90.00 (Indigenous entry)
Bachelor of Biomedicine (Chancellor's Scholar)	Minimum study scores of: 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English; 25 in Chemistry; 25 in Mathematical Methods or Specialist Mathematics.	Parkville	99.90 90.00 (Indigenous entry)
Bachelor of Science (Chancellor's Scholar)	Minimum study scores of: 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English; 25 in Mathematical Methods or Specialist Mathematics; and 25 in one of Biology, Chemistry or Physics. OR: Minimum study scores of: 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English; 25 in Mathematical Methods AND Specialist Mathematics.	Parkville	99.90 90.00 (Indigenous entry)