

DENTISTRY

University courses 2024
Victoria & NSW



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Introduction

This document has been developed to assist domestic Year 12 students and their families in researching dentistry courses in Victoria and New South Wales. Please use entry requirements and indicative ATARs listed in this document as a guide only and check university websites for updates.

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 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. Written by Sandie McKoy, March 2023.

Note: photos in this document are stock images and aren't representative of students at the universities.



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.



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

LA (Lowest ATAR) = lowest ATAR to receive entry into the course excluding any adjustment factors for the 2023 January intake (VTAC applicants).

LSR (Lowest Selection Rank) = lowest ATAR inclusive of adjustment factors to receive entry into the course for the 2023 January intake (VTAC and UAC applicants).

VICTORIA

| University | Course | Campus | LA | LSR |
|-----------------------------|---|-----------|----------------|-------|
| La Trobe University | Bachelor of Dental Science (Honours) | Bendigo | 95.20 | 99.75 |
| | Bachelor of Dental Science (Honours) (Regional Entry) | Bendigo | 81.05 | 99.65 |
| | Bachelor of Dental Science (Honours) (First Nations Australian Entry) | Bendigo | NP | |
| The University of Melbourne | Bachelor of Science / Doctor of Dental Surgery | Parkville | 99.85+ | |
| | Bachelor of Biomedicine / Doctor of Dental Surgery | | 99.85+ | |
| | Doctor of Dental Surgery | | Graduate entry | |

NSW

| University | Course | Campus | LSR |
|--------------------------|---|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Charles Sturt University | Bachelor of Dental Science | Orange | Additional selection criteria |
| The University of Sydney | Bachelor of Science / Doctor of Dental Medicine | Camperdown, Darlington | 99.6 + additional selection criteria |
| | Doctor of Dental Medicine | Camperdown, Darlington | Graduate entry |

How to become a dentist in Australia



THE ROLE OF DENTISTS

Dentists are medical professionals who diagnose and treat dental and oral health issues. They examine patients' teeth, gums, and mouth, looking for signs of decay, disease, or other problems. Dentists perform procedures like cleanings, fillings, extractions, and root canals to prevent or treat dental issues. They also provide education and counselling on maintaining good oral health.

WHY DENTISTS ARE AMAZING

Dentists are amazing because they play a critical role in helping people maintain good oral health, which is essential for overall health and well-being. They use their medical expertise and skills to diagnose and treat dental issues, preventing more severe problems from developing. Dentists also provide education and guidance to patients, helping them develop good oral hygiene habits that can last a lifetime. Their work not only improves patients' physical health but also enhances their confidence and self-esteem.

THINGS TO CONSIDER

Being a dentist can have some downsides, including long hours, exposure to infectious diseases, and the potential for physical strain and injuries from working in a small space. Dentists may also face challenges with difficult patients, insurance issues, and the stress of running a business. Additionally, some dental procedures can be uncomfortable or painful for patients, which can be emotionally challenging for dentists.

EXAMPLES OF DENTAL SPECIALISATIONS

The following are dentistry specialisations you can become a professional in with further study.

Orthodontics: focuses on correcting misaligned teeth and jaws using braces, aligners, and other orthodontic appliances.

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery: involves performing surgical procedures on the mouth, face, and jaw, such as wisdom teeth removal, jaw realignment, and treatment of facial injuries and deformities.

Endodontics: deals with the diagnosis and treatment of dental pulp and nerve-related problems, including root canals, dental trauma, and cracked teeth.

STUDYING DENTISTRY

To be eligible to study dentistry at university applicants will need to:

- Meet academic and English language requirements
- Meet inherent requirements

To be eligible to participate in clinical placements, students will need to obtain:

- Police Record Check
- Working with Children Check
- First Aid/CPR
- Immunisation and testing for blood born viruses.

Students will be required to pay for their own transport and accommodation when travelling to participate in clinical placements.

EXCELLENT WEBSITES

My Health Career, <https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/>
Australian Dental Association, www.ada.org.au/Careers

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

Bendigo campus.

Accredited by the Australian Dental Council.

Study at one of only two Victorian universities to offer a course in dentistry

Study at Australia's largest rural health school.

Explore further research and develop a specialisation

Complete a community-based project or research project, which can lead to a doctorate.



Build a career helping others with La Trobe's Bachelor of Dental Science (Honours). Develop your professional practice at Australia's largest rural health school and be ready to practice after just five years in this accredited Honours degree.

BACHELOR OF DENTAL SCIENCE (HONOURS)

Preclinical oral health

Develop knowledge in restorative, preventive, and periodontal procedures. On completion, you'll be competent in preclinical skills including dental materials, infection control, OH&S, instrumentation, and dental procedures.

Medicine for dentistry

Learn to take a comprehensive medical history and understand its role in safe dental health care. The implications of therapeutic drugs used in managing medical conditions will also be covered.

Clinical practice

Discover how to apply diagnosis, treatment planning and technical skills to the management of patients in a clinical setting.

Prosthodontics

Learn the principles of fixed prosthodontics through lectures, tutorials and laboratory sessions and apply them in practice during your clinical placement.

REGIONAL APPLICANTS.

Through the Regional Benefit's Program, applicants who attend a regional school will be guaranteed entry into the Bachelor of Dental Science (Honours) providing they achieve an ATAR of at least 85 and meet subject prerequisites.

FIRST NATIONS AUSTRALIAN ENTRY

Bachelor of Dental Science (Honours) (First Nations Australian Entry)

Prerequisites: Minimum study scores of at least: 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English; 25 in Biology; and 25 in Chemistry. Applicants may be required to attend an interview.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

You will need to meet English language requirements and Core Participation Requirements (e.g., communication skills). You will also be required to get or prove you have certain immunisations and get a Police Record Check and Working with Children Check.

EARLY ENTRY PROGRAM

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

INFORMATION

www.latrobe.edu.au

| Course | Prerequisites | Campus | LS | LSR |
|--|---|---------|-------|-------|
| Bachelor of Dental Science (Honours) | Minimum study scores of at least: 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English; 25 in Biology; and 25 in Chemistry. | Bendigo | 95.20 | 99.75 |
| Bachelor of Dental Science (Honours) (Regional Entry) | Minimum study scores of at least: 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English; 25 in Biology; and 25 in Chemistry. | Bendigo | 81.05 | 99.65 |
| 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.

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 Doctor of Dental Surgery is recognised in all Australian states and territories and in New Zealand and is accredited by the Australian Dental Council (ADC).

Strong international links and mutual recognition of qualifications allow for graduates of the Doctor of Dentistry a pathway to practice in Canada.



The Doctor of Dental Surgery (DDS) at The University of Melbourne is the first Australian professional-entry, master's-level dental degree. Based on advanced, evidenced-based clinical training, the degree leads to registration as a general dental practitioner with the Dental Practice Board in Australia and New Zealand.

DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY

The Doctor of Dental Surgery creates a new benchmark of education in dentistry. Employing state-of-the-art technologies, the Doctor of Dental Surgery uses new learning infrastructure, including a 100 seat pre-clinical laboratory and the new Melbourne University Dental Clinic, for advanced clinical teaching.

As part of the four-year full-time degree, students spend significant time in provision of patient care, and clinical methods, as well as undertake a two-year research project in oral health. In the final year, students have the unique opportunity to experience working in a private practice setting, where they will learn how to run a small dental clinic.

INFORMATION

<https://study.unimelb.edu.au/>

GUARANTEED ENTRY

Applicants can secure guaranteed entry into the Doctor of Dental Surgery via acceptance into one of the following programs:

Graduate Degree Package

Admittance into one of the following University of Melbourne undergraduate and graduate course packages: Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Biomedicine / Doctor of Dental Surgery.

Melbourne Chancellor's Scholars

The Chancellor's Scholars program guarantees very high-achieving students a Commonwealth Supported Place in the Doctor of Dental Surgery.

Other options

See <https://bit.ly/2WZcn48>

STEPS TO STUDY THE DOCTOR OF DENTAL SURGERY

STEP 1

Study an undergraduate degree in any discipline. Study prerequisite subjects in anatomy, biochemistry and physiology at second year level or equivalent.

For example, complete the 3-year Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Biomedicine at The University of Melbourne.

STEP 2

Sit the Graduate Australian Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT).

STEP 3

Apply for the 4-year Doctor of Dental Surgery.

| Course | Prerequisites | Campus | Minimum ATAR |
|---|--|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| Doctor of Dental Surgery | Detailed information on selection criteria, https://bit.ly/3bvj9mO | Parkville | |
| Bachelor of Biomedicine or Bachelor of Science / Doctor of Dental Surgery (Graduate Degree Package) | Check prerequisites for the Bachelor of Science and the Bachelor of Biomedicine via www.unimelb.edu.au | Parkville | 99.85 |
| Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Biomedicine (Chancellor's Scholars) | Check prerequisites for the Bachelor of Science and the Bachelor of Biomedicine via www.unimelb.edu.au | Parkville | 99.9 90.0 (Indigenous Australian) |

CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY

Orange campus.

Accredited by the Dental Board of Australia and leads to registration as a dental practitioner in all Australian states and territories.

Graduates are eligible for registration in New Zealand.

91% of dentistry 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 Dental Science from Charles Sturt University qualifies you for registration as a dental practitioner in all Australian states and territories. Charles Sturt University is a proudly regional institution committed to improving opportunities and outcomes for the people of rural and regional Australia. This dentistry degree empowers you to make a positive contribution to the health of your local community.

BACHELOR OF DENTAL SCIENCE

This course has been developed in cooperation with the Australian Dental Council, the Australian Dental Association, local dentists, oral health practitioners and senior consultants. Students will be required to purchase dental supplies and instrument kits and meet expenses associated with clinical placements.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Intense clinical practice sessions using simulation and clinic equipment in state-of-the-art purpose-built facilities. During the final two years of the course, students will attend external clinical placements within the region, including (but not limited to) Albury-Wodonga, Bathurst, Dubbo, Orange and Wagga Wagga.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

You will need to meet English language requirements and Inherent Requirements (e.g., communication skills). You will also be required to get or prove you have certain immunisations and get a Police Record Check and Working with Children Check.

UCAT: In addition to applying through UAC, all applicants must sit the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT). On the basis of their UCAT score, applicants may be selected for an interview at the Orange campus in late November.

Rural and Indigenous applicants are encouraged to apply for this course. Applicants who wish to apply for a place via the Rural and Indigenous Applicants pathway are required to complete a Rural and Indigenous Supplementary Form and submit it via UAC.

ADMISSIONS

At least 50% of places will be allocated to applicants who have a significant rural background or who are First Nation applicants.

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

PATHWAYS

Applicants who aren't successful for a place in the course can complete at least 6 units of a course at Charles Sturt University and then reapply. Must achieve a GPA of at least 5.5.

INFORMATION

www.csu.edu.au

| Course | Entry requirements | Campus | Indicative ATAR |
|----------------------------|---|--------|-------------------------------------|
| Bachelor of Dental Science | Assumed knowledge: Chemistry, Mathematical Methods, Physics. Applicants will need to register for and sit the University Clinical Admissions Test (UCAT), www.ucat.edu.au Shortlisted applicants will participate in an interview Detailed selection criteria - https://bit.ly/3xztsED | Orange | N/A – additional selection criteria |

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

Fully accredited 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.



PATHWAY 1

Bachelor of Science / Doctor of Dental Medicine.

In this 7-year dual degree you will complete the 3-year Bachelor of Science with studies in Biology, Mathematics, and a Dentistry unit. You will then complete the 4-year Doctor of Dental Medicine.

Most students enrolled in this double degree who have met all the requirements of their bachelor's degree will be permitted to begin the DMD without being required to sit the Graduate Australian Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT) or the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) or participate in the assessment selection process for entry into the Doctor of Dental Medicine.

PATHWAY 2

Doctor of Dental Medicine

This pathway is for applicants who have completed a bachelor's degree.

STEP 1

Achieve a high Grade Point Average (GPA) in an eligible undergraduate degree.

STEP 2

Sit the Graduate Australian Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT).

STEP 3

Apply for the 4-year Doctor of Dental Medicine.

Facilitated pathways are available for Indigenous Australian's and Australian applicants of rural origin as defined by the Australian government.

ADMISSION PATHWAYS

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

DAYELL SCHOLARS

All students in the Bachelor of Science/ Doctor of Dental Medicine will take part in the Dayell Scholars stream. This stream provides mentorship, professional skills development and academic enrichment opportunities and access to a global mobility scholarship.

INFORMATION

www.sydney.edu.au

| Course | Admission criteria | Campus | Minimum ATAR |
|---|---|------------------------|--------------|
| Bachelor of Science / Doctor of Dental Medicine | Meet English language requirements Units 3+4: minimum study score of 30 in Mathematical Methods. Online assessment process including a written assessment followed by a panel discussion. Detailed selection criteria and application timeline - https://bit.ly/3xztsED | Camperdown, Darlington | 99.6+ |
| Doctor of Dental Medicine | Detailed selection criteria and application timeline - https://bit.ly/3jIYZMp | Camperdown, Darlington | |