



Introduction

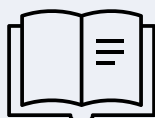
This document has been developed to assist domestic Year 12 students and their families in researching undergraduate pharmacy courses in Victoria, Tasmania, and Canberra. Please use entry requirements and indicative ATARs listed in this document as a guide only and check university websites for up-to-date information.

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. Note: photos in this document are stock images and aren't representative of students at the universities. Written by Sandie McKoy, April 2023.



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 (TAC applicants).

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

VICTORIA

University	Course	Campus	LA	LSR
La Trobe University	Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours)	Bendigo	69.90	82.65
RMIT University	Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours)	Bundoora	62.00	75.40
Monash University	Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) / Master of Pharmacy	Parkville	78.10	88.10
	Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) Scholars Program / Master of Pharmacy		93.75	98.00
	Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours)		78.50	88.05

CANBERRA & TASMANIA

University	Course	Campus	LSR
University of Canberra	Bachelor of Pharmacy	Canberra - Bruce	75
University of Tasmania	Bachelor of Pharmacy with Honours	Hobart	No ATAR published

HOW TO BECOME A PHARMACIST

STEP 1: complete an accredited degree

Complete an accredited pharmacy degree – either at the undergraduate (Bachelor's) or graduate level (Master's).

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

STEP 2: Internship

Complete a 1-year paid internship and intern training program.

STEP 3: Registration Examination

Pass the Pharmacy Board's registration examination.

EXAMPLES OF SPECIALIST AREAS IN PHARMACY INCLUDE:

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Services Pharmacist
General Practice Pharmacist
Pharmacist Diabetes Educator
Medication Management Review Pharmacist
Defence Force Pharmacist

EXCELLENT WEBSITE

Pharmaceutical Society of Australia,
www.psa.org.au

RELATED OCCUPATIONS

Biotechnologist
Chemist
Dietitian
Forensic Scientist
Medical Scientist
Pharmacologist
Toxicologist

See - <https://bit.ly/3OmA52P>



WHY PHARMACIST'S ARE AMAZING

Pharmacists are healthcare professionals who make sure that people take their medications safely and correctly. They also give advice and answer questions about medicine, making sure everyone understands what they're taking. Pharmacists work with other healthcare professionals to help patients feel better and avoid mistakes with their medicine. They even help to create new treatments by doing research and testing. Without pharmacists, it would be much harder for people to stay healthy and feel their best. So, next time you see a pharmacist, be sure to thank them for being amazing!

WHY YOU SHOULD CONSIDER STUDYING PHARMACY

Studying pharmacy is an incredible opportunity to make a meaningful impact on people's health and well-being! As a pharmacist, you will have the power to ensure that patients receive the correct medication and dosages, while also providing valuable advice on how to take them safely and effectively. Imagine the incredible satisfaction of knowing that you are helping people live healthier, happier lives!

One of the most exciting parts of studying pharmacy is the diverse range of career opportunities available. You can work in hospitals, community pharmacies, research institutions, and many other fascinating settings, each with unique challenges and rewards.

With a career in pharmacy, you can enjoy a fantastic work-life balance, with regular hours and weekends and holidays off. Plus, pharmacists enjoy job security and the opportunity for career growth and advancement.

In summary, studying pharmacy is an exhilarating opportunity to make a real difference in people's lives, work in exciting and diverse environments, and enjoy a stable career with excellent work-life balance. Get ready for a career that's truly fulfilling and full of possibilities!

RMIT UNIVERSITY

Bundoora campus.

Accreditation from the Australian Pharmacy Council (APC) and Approval by the Pharmacy Board of Australia (PBA) allows graduates of the Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) Program to enter an approved intern training program in either Australia or New Zealand.

Industry is involved in the delivery of this degree through: Industry Advisory Committees, guest lecturing, and work integrated learning opportunities.

Graduates have gone on to work at a range of organisations, including: The Royal Melbourne Hospital, The Alfred Hospital, The Austin Hospital, and Therapeutic Guidelines.



As a pharmacist, you will ensure safe and effective use of medicines within the community. Career options include working in both community and hospital pharmacies, for the pharmaceutical industry, or in health policy and administration roles.

BACHELOR OF PHARMACY (HONOURS)

As an RMIT pharmacy student you'll benefit from a supportive academic community with diverse research strengths. You'll develop a sound scientific base in studies that include biology, chemistry, biochemistry, biostatistics, physiology, genetics, microbiology and immunology, together with an understanding of the social factors that influence health.

In-depth knowledge of pharmacology, pharmacy practice, pharmaceuticals and therapeutics is gained, together with an understanding of drug development, research skills and the option to study business if interested.

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Clinical placement is a key focus throughout this program. Teaching labs are equipped with the latest pharmacy facilities. You'll begin to develop the skills of a pharmacy practitioner in the purpose-built model pharmacy, together with practical work experience in hospital, community and specialist work-integrated learning environments.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

This four-year program is your first step to becoming a pharmacist. It prepares you for the one-year internship program that you need to successfully complete in order to gain Australia-wide registration. Once you've successfully completed the program and the internship, you can practise in any area of pharmacy in Australia, including community or hospital pharmacy.

EARLY ENTRY PROGRAM

SNAP (Schools Network Access Program): for selected schools,
<https://tinyurl.com/bdd5tmas>

ADMISSION PATHWAYS

TAFE/VET (graded qualification)
Higher Education
Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)
<https://bit.ly/3MpnUkd>

GUARANTEED PATHWAY

Students who complete the 2-year Associate Degree of Applied Science and meet academic requirements will be guaranteed entry into the Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours).

INFORMATION

www.rmit.edu.au

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	LA	LSR
Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours)	Units 3+4: minimum study scores of: 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English 25 in Chemistry 25 in any Mathematics.	Bundoora	62.00	75.40

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

Bendigo campus.

La Trobe University students have won the Victorian Pharmacy Student of the Year competition six times in the last seven years, and the National Title in 2013.

Complete embedded training in your fourth year that would otherwise need to be completed post-graduation at your own expense.

Hone your skills in our on-campus pharmacy training facility.

96.9 per cent of our pharmacy undergraduates found full-time employment within four months of graduation.

The Pharmacy course has been designed in consultation with our industry advisory committee, practising pharmacists and researchers.



Want to launch your pharmacy career with an accredited degree and a wealth of hands-on experience? You're in the right place. La Trobe's Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) is your path to a successful career as a pharmacist. Accredited by the Australian Pharmacy Council (APC), this degree builds your understanding of how medicines can help in treating diseases, how medicines can impact people's lives, and the importance of patient-centred and individualised care.

BACHELOR OF PHARMACY (HONOURS)

Based at our Bendigo Campus, you'll have access to La Trobe's on-campus training pharmacy as well as community and hospital networks. Plus you'll benefit from embedded training in vaccination delivery, mental health first-aid and medication reviews, so you'll graduate well-positioned for a successful career.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Get hands-on experience and develop practical pharmacy skills with a range of community and hospital placement options. Our industry network extends to essentially all hospitals throughout Victoria, including Bendigo Health, Austin Health, the Royal Melbourne Hospital, the Royal Children's Hospital, St Vincent's Hospital and the Alfred Hospital.

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.

PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

The Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) is accredited by the Australian Pharmacy Council (APC). Graduates of the Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) may be eligible to apply for registration with the Pharmacy Board of Australia.

EARLY ENTRY PROGRAM

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

ENTRY SCHEMES

Examples include the Diploma of Tertiary Preparation
www.latrobe.edu.au/study/apply/pathways

REGIONAL APPLICANTS.

Through the Regional Benefits Program, applicants who attend a regional school will be guaranteed entry into the Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) providing they achieve an ATAR of at least 80 and meet subject prerequisites.

SELECTION RANK ADJUSTMENTS

Depending on results, the following Units 3+4 VCE subjects are eligible for selection rank adjustments: Biology, Physics, LOTE.

INFORMATION

www.latrobe.edu.au

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	LA	LSR
Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours)	Units 3+4: minimum study scores of: 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English 25 in Chemistry 25 in any Mathematics	Bendigo	69.90	82.65
Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) (First Nations Australian Entry)	As above	Bendigo	N/A	

MONASH UNIVERSITY

Parkville campus

We're ranked #2 in the world as stated in QS World Rankings by subject 2021 for pharmacy, meaning your degree will take you places.

Our research re-shapes old solutions and well and truly changes the conversation around patient care.

Single and double degree options available.

You can apply for exchange opportunities to our Malaysia campus. You can also apply to complete projects and placements in the US, the UK and a number of developing countries.

Accredited by the Australian Pharmacy Council.



The world needs pharmacists. As the experts on medicines and the way they interact with the body, pharmacists play a vital role in improving the health of their communities. As the global population grows and ages, and as medicines become more complex, the need for pharmacists intensifies.

DOUBLE DEGREE

Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours)/Master of Pharmacy

The pathway to registration as a pharmacist in Australia generally takes five years. Traditionally, this has been structured as a four-year bachelor degree plus a one-year internship. Our Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours)/Master of Pharmacy takes the same amount of time but instead you'll graduate with a master as well as a bachelor. The Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) and Intern Training Program components of the program are accredited by the Australian Pharmacy Council and approved by Pharmacy Board Australia. High achieving students can apply for the Scholars program.

SINGLE DEGREE

Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours)

If you are a domestic student who wishes to initially commit to four years of study instead of five, you may want to enrol in the Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) in the first instance. You can choose to switch your enrolment to the Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours)/Master of Pharmacy at any time in your degree; note that this fifth year of study, which includes a paid internship, is required to register to practice as a pharmacist in Australia.

ACCESS SCHEMES

The Monash Guarantee
Special Entry Access Scheme
<https://bit.ly/3O5OD75>

ENTRY PATHWAYS

TAFE/VET
Indigenous Pathways
Higher Education
<https://bit.ly/2UMQKSx>

PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

The Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) is accredited by the Australian Pharmacy Council (APC).

SELECTION RANK ADJUSTMENTS

Depending on results, the following Units 3+4 VCE subjects are eligible for subject adjustments: Biology and Physics.

INFORMATION

www.monash.edu

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	LA	LSR
Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours)	Units 3+4 - minimum study scores of: 27 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English 25 in Chemistry 25 in Mathematical Methods or Specialist Mathematics.	Parkville	78.50	88.05
Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours)/ Master of Pharmacy	As Above	Parkville	78.10	88.10
Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) Scholars Program / Master of Pharmacy	As above	Parkville	93.75	98.00

UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA

This course is fully accredited by the Australian Pharmacy Council.

Learn from our experienced clinical educators and internationally recognised health researchers.

Benefit from our strong industry links with hospitals, healthcare centres, private practices, government and beyond, and graduate with a wealth of industry connections.

Complete a project to dive into research that will inform practice change.

Participate in multiple industry placements at metropolitan, rural or regional community and hospital pharmacies, as well as in residential aged care facilities.



A registered UC Bachelor of Pharmacy graduate is an important component of any healthcare team as they can assess a variety of medical ailments and possess the knowledge to recommend a range of drugs and medicines to help resolve or manage multiple medical issues. Also, as the global ageing population continues to grow, the demand for qualified pharmacy graduates capable of offering additional services such as asthma care, blood pressure monitoring, and more is expected to increase.

BACHELOR OF PHARMACY (HONOURS)

This four-year, full-time course teaches the science behind the practical preparation of drugs and medicines to treat injuries, illnesses, and deficiencies - and explores how to apply evidence-based knowledge, research, and scientific theory to the clinical reasoning, treatment, and evaluation of patients.

This course offers graduates the opportunity to move into a variety of career options or continue with additional academic study. It also offers an embedded Honours program for high-achieving students looking to progress into pharmacy research or academic careers. You can further your study with a Master of Pharmacy degree to elevate your career in an industry that is set to expand.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

As part of this course, each student will have the opportunity to participate in multiple 2-week placements that take place over the winter semesters at metropolitan, rural or regional community and hospital pharmacies. Some students choose to do these placements overseas. Students will also get to participate in half day or full day work placements throughout each of the teaching semesters.

Prior to commencing clinical practice, all students need to present a complete immunisation schedule as a requirement of the ACT and NSW health departments. All students are required to undergo an Australian Federal Police Record check prior to undertaking clinical placement in the ACT, and a NSW Police check before undertaking placement in NSW.

EARLY ENTRY PROGRAM

Schools Recommendation Scheme
<https://bit.ly/3k3BxcE>

ENTRY SCHEMES

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders
Higher Education
Work recognition
Access Schemes
<https://bit.ly/3xLRBb6>

PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

The Bachelor of Pharmacy is accredited by the Australian Pharmacy Council (APC).

INFORMATION

www.canberra.edu.au

Course	Assumed knowledge	Campus	LA
Bachelor of Pharmacy	Mathematical Methods Chemistry Health and Human Development Biology Physics.	Canberra, Bruce	78

UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA

This course is fully accredited by the Australian Pharmacy Council.

92% of our Pharmacy graduates gain full-time employment within four months of graduating.

Experience a minimum of 480 hours of professional experience placement during your studies.



Pharmacists play a central part in collaborative health care teams. Working alongside doctors, nurses and other healthcare professionals, they're essential in helping people manage their health as the medication experts.

BACHELOR OF PHARMACY WITH HONOURS

Combined with our low student/teacher ratio, you receive a highly supported education with significant industry experience upon graduation. This puts you in high demand with future employers, helping you enjoy the highest median salary of pharmacy graduates in the country.

After you graduate and complete a paid internship, you can apply to register as a pharmacist in Australia. Pharmacists are vital in both large and small communities, and are found in the private and public sector, in metropolitan and rural regions around the country.

You could also find a career in research, vaccinations, medication review, industry relations, medication advisory in government and non-government organisations, or the armed forces.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

We offer a minimum of 450 hours of Professional Experience Placements (PEP) during your studies, as well as significant laboratory and project experiences.

This hands-on learning begins right from first year and culminates in the second trimester of your final year where you will spend time on PEP, learning to lead medication management in multidisciplinary health teams, and undertaking a research project.

Placements can be conducted here in Tasmania, as well as in Australia and even internationally (travel restrictions pending). Previous students have completed their placement in Canada and the United Kingdom.

In your final year, you will also participate in real-world group-based collaborative research projects in healthcare settings. As the hub for pharmaceutical teaching and research in Tasmania, our industry, community, and government connections provide you with a range of options for these projects.

EARLY ENTRY PROGRAM

Schools Recommendation Program
<https://bit.ly/2R8K1UZ>

ENTRY SCHEMES

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders
TAFE/VET (Diploma or higher)
Higher Education
Work and life experience
Diploma of Pharmacy
<https://bit.ly/3xLRBb6>

INFORMATION

www.utas.edu.au

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	LA
Bachelor of Pharmacy with Honours	Units 3+4 - successful completion of the following subjects: Any Mathematics Chemistry	Hobart Launceston Cradle Coast	Not published as this is a new course.