

PODIATRY

University courses - Victoria & NSW



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CAREERS DEPARTMENT

Introduction

This document has been developed to assist domestic Year 12 students and their families in researching podiatry courses in Victoria and NSW. 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.

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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	Duration	LA	LSR
La Trobe University	Bachelor of Podiatry (Honours)	Melbourne	4-years	61.50	76.80
Monash University	Doctor of Podiatric Medicine	Peninsula	3-years		

NSW

University	Course	Campus	Duration	LSR
Charles Sturt University	Bachelor of Podiatric Medicine	Albury Wodonga	4-years	65.0
Western Sydney University	Bachelor of Podiatric Medicine	Campbelltown	4-years	75.0
University of Newcastle	Bachelor of Podiatry	Central Coast	3-years	70.0

How to become a podiatrist in Victoria and NSW



Podiatry deals with the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of medical and surgical conditions of the feet and lower limbs.

TASKS OF A PODIATRIST

- examining patients' feet to determine the nature and extent of conditions, deformities and injuries
- examining and treating foot disabilities caused by diseases such as diabetes, peripheral vascular disorders, rheumatoid arthritis and other neuropathies
- prescribing and arranging the fabrication of footwear to correct foot abnormalities
- performing minor surgery to remove and improve abnormal conditions
- prescribing and fitting replaceable pads, palliative and functional supports and other devices for the protection and correction of foot abnormalities
- advising patients about continued treatment and foot care
- may provide rehabilitation services to the physically handicapped
- may refer patients to or have patients referred from Medical Practitioners

EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS

The number of workers grew strongly over the past 5 years. There were 6,400 Podiatrist's in Australia in 2021. It's estimated there will be 8,500 by 2026.

Information taken from Labour Market Insights,
<https://labourmarketinsights.gov.au/>

STUDYING PODIATRY

To be eligible to study podiatry 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 Podiatry Association, www.podiatry.org.au

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

Only undergraduate entry podiatry degree in Victoria.

We are the oldest and largest podiatry school in Australia, currently training over one-third of Australia's podiatry students.

Gain practical experience in our podiatry clinic at the Melbourne Campus – including consulting rooms, an operating theatre and an orthoses laboratory – from your first year of study.

Access La Trobe's gait laboratory, the largest in the southern hemisphere.

Gain over 1,000 hours of practical experience, including industry placements in hospitals, private practice or specialist foot clinics around Australia. You also have the opportunity to study abroad.

With further study, this course could be your pathway to a career as a podiatric surgeon.

Graduate with a degree conditionally accredited with the Podiatry Board of Australia.



With La Trobe's Bachelor of Podiatry (Honours) you'll learn from experts – experienced podiatrists, researchers and teachers in sport medicine, biomechanics, hospital-based podiatry, paediatrics and foot surgery – who will prepare you for a rewarding career in health.

UNDERGRADUATE ENTRY

Bachelor of Podiatry (Honours)

As a podiatry student, you'll complete a cutting-edge degree, studying human anatomy, physiology, medical conditions, pharmacology, and sport medicine. From these foundations you'll learn to perform minor surgical procedures, manage complex foot and ankle conditions, and explore specialised podiatry equipment such as grinders, vacuum presses and 3D laser scanners to manufacture foot orthoses, and dopplers to assess blood flow.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

You'll have plenty of opportunities to practise these skills by treating real patients in our on-campus podiatry clinic. Your degree will include placements in a range of health services, including hospitals, specialist clinics and private practices around Australia. These clinical experiences will ensure you're job-ready when you graduate.

RESEARCH / INDUSTRY PROJECT

In your final year you'll complete either a research or industry-based project – an opportunity to set yourself up for either further study or the next step of your career.

EARLY ENTRY PROGRAM

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

ENTRY SCHEMES

www.latrobe.edu.au/study/apply/pathways

COURSE FEE

2023 – approximately \$8021 per year (full time equivalent).

APPLICATION

Apply via the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre, www.vtac.edu.au

INFORMATION

www.latrobe.edu.au

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	LA	LSR
Bachelor of Podiatry (Honours)	Minimum study scores of: 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English; and 25 in one of Biology, Chemistry, Physical Education, Physics, or any Mathematics.	Melbourne	61.50	76.80
Note: Some prerequisites can be satisfied by successfully completing specific subjects offered through Unilearn and achieving the minimum overall grade.				

MONASH UNIVERSITY

Only graduate entry podiatry degree in Victoria.

Leaders in podiatry workforce research.

Our researchers have expertise in: paediatric gait disorders, lower limb biomechanics, disease processes that place the foot and lower limb at risk, podiatry health workforce, and podiatry clinical education.

Clinical placements occur in years two and three, with practice in a simulated setting prior to acute, subacute, community and private practice clinical placements.



Building on an undergraduate degree in foundational sciences, a Doctor of Podiatric Medicine entry to practice qualification will enable graduates to deliver evidence-based care to people with complex health needs, with leadership and management skills enabling proficient use of limited

GRADUATE ENTRY

Doctor of Podiatric Medicine

Monash offers a podiatry qualification at the graduate level at the Peninsula campus. Below is the entry pathway:

Step 1

Complete an Australian bachelor degree, or equivalent, in a relevant degree with at least 70% distinction average.

Relevant area of study must include human anatomy and pharmacology.

Step 2

Apply for the 3-year Doctor of Podiatry Medicine.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

You will be trained to deliver the full scope of podiatry practice which is built on patient-centered care. You will be trained in goal setting, assessment, diagnosis and management of lower limb pathology to enhance your partnership with patients.

Our course will also equip you with the skills and knowledge to have your podiatry registration endorsed for scheduled medicines.

ACCREDITATION

The Doctor of Podiatric Medicine course will be accredited as a Pathway A course by the Podiatry Accreditation committee on behalf of the Podiatry Board of Australia, by the time the final student cohort is due to graduate in 2025.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Visit <https://bit.ly/3HwC2r6>

COURSE FEE

Approximately \$39,000 per year (full time equivalent).

INFORMATION

www.monash.edu

CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY

Albury Wodonga campus.

The course has been developed to meet the requirements of the Podiatry Board of Australia and the Australian Health Practitioner Registration Authority (AHPRA).

Graduates can work in Australia and seek registration to practice in New Zealand, the UK, Singapore and Canada.

International work placement opportunities are available in the final year of the course in countries such as the UK, Singapore and Vietnam.

More than 1,000 hours of clinical practice in a range of health and community settings, including the on-campus podiatry clinic.



Did you know the average person walks the equivalent of twice around the earth in their lifetime? If you're passionate about community health and wellbeing, you can help keep people moving and on their feet with the Bachelor of Podiatric Medicine from Charles Sturt University.

UNDERGRADUATE ENTRY

Bachelor of Podiatry Medicine

Our four-year podiatry course features a strong emphasis on clinical practice supported by on-campus workplace learning experiences at Charles Sturt University's Community Engagement and Wellness Centre.

EMPLOYMENT OPTIONS

Lead primary healthcare

Promote health and wellbeing through disease and injury prevention. Work with people of all ages to treat and manage issues affecting their feet and legs, to enable mobility and independence.

Work in public and private hospitals

Take your skills into the hospital environment and work as part of a team to improve foot health for people with diabetes.

Private health practices, sports clinics and community health centres

Specialise in a number of areas, ranging from general and paediatric care to biomechanics, sports medicine and injury management, Indigenous health, high-risk foot care (including diabetes management) and surgery.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

You'll begin workplace learning in your first year in Charles Sturt University's on-campus clinic. The clinic treats up to 240 clients each week, so you'll experience the full scope of podiatric practice, including primary healthcare, diabetes management, rheumatology, biomechanics and sports medicine, paediatrics and surgery.

As you progress through the degree, you'll spend more time in the clinic as preparation for workplace learning in the public and private healthcare sector. Senior students gain valuable experience through mentoring junior students in the clinic.

INTEGRATED HONOURS

An integrated honours program is available for high achieving students.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Recommended studies: Biology

Campus: Albury Wodonga

Lowest selection rank (2023): 65.0

EARLY ENTRY PROGRAMS

Charles Sturt Advantage

Schools Recommendation Scheme

<https://study.csu.edu.au/pathways>

ENTRY SCHEMES

<https://study.csu.edu.au/pathways>

APPLICATION

Step 1: apply direct to Charles Sturt University via Charles Sturt Advantage.

Selection is based on your Year 11 results and a soft skills statement.

Step 2: If you don't receive an offer via Advantage, apply via the Universities Admissions Centre to be assessed on your Year 12 results.

INFORMATION

www.csu.edu.au

WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

Campbelltown campus.

Our graduates are eligible to register with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency.

This program has been accredited by Australia and New Zealand Podiatry Accreditation Council (ANZPAC).

Complete approximately 1,000 hours of clinical education



Podiatrists are best known for treating problems that people commonly experience with their feet, but they are increasingly playing an important role in addressing chronic conditions, such as diabetes.

UNDERGRADUATE ENTRY

Bachelor of Podiatric Medicine

Podiatrists treat a range of patients including children, adults, workers, sportspeople and the older population. There is a focus on podiatric applications including management of common problems such as ingrown toenails or bunions, chronic disease management, musculoskeletal rehabilitation, footwear assessment and orthoses fabrication.

The program in podiatry is offered as a 4-year Bachelor of Podiatric Medicine. The first three years of the program combine studies in podiatry with a broad understanding of biomedicine and various health science fields to develop the professional competencies important for ethical and safe practice and high quality care and the skills to work in multidisciplinary teams. The final year focuses predominately on podiatry practice skills, practical experience and specialised areas.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Approximately 1,000 hours of clinical education is provided at the University's clinical training facility and at external placement sites, including one week of placement in the second year, two weeks in the third year and 16 weeks in the fourth year. As a fourth-year student you will complete a professional practice program that explores aspects of clinical practice for a professional career, focusing on professional, technical, industrial and topical legal issues of complex cases.

INTEGRATED HONOURS

An integrated honours program is available for high achieving students.

FURTHER TRAINING

Continuing education on completion of the program can lead to opportunities for advanced practice such as restricted therapeutic prescription rights and application for training as a podiatric surgeon.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Recommended studies: Biology, Mathematical Methods, Physics.
Campus: Campbelltown
Lowest selection rank (2023): 75.0

ADMISSION SCHEMES

<https://careernews.click/uwspodiatry>

APPLICATION

Apply via the Universities Admissions Centre,
www.uac.edu.au

INFORMATION

www.westernsydney.edu.au

UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE

Our focussed three-year podiatry program will get you into the workforce sooner than most.

Complete more than 1,000 hours of hands-on training in a variety of health care settings.

This degree is accredited by the Australia and New Zealand Podiatry Accreditation Council. After graduating, you are eligible to register with the Podiatry Registration Board of Australia via the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency.



If you want to help people to walk, run, skip or dance their way through life, the Bachelor of Podiatry is for you. From paediatric to adult to elderly population, you'll become an expert in the study of feet – big and small – and embark on a career that is rewarding and varied.

UNDERGRADUATE ENTRY

Bachelor of Podiatry

Our three-year accelerated podiatry degree based at our Central Coast campus will prepare you to be career-ready, faster than your peers. Help restore a person's independence and mobility by learning to diagnose, treat, and manage patients' foot and lower leg problems. A career in podiatry is challenging and rewarding.

You could find yourself correcting sports injuries, addressing developmental issues in children, supporting elderly mobility, or treating chronic illnesses such as diabetes and arthritis. When you graduate, you will be highly employable, thanks to world-class training, state-of-the-art facilities and more than 1,000 hours of practical experience.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

More than 1,000 hours of practical experience and work alongside experienced podiatrists. Our state-of-the-art teaching facilities include orthoses, clinical skills and research laboratories. We also have a fully equipped university-run clinic where students are given opportunities to learn and practice on real patients at Wyong Hospital. Travel, accommodation and related expenses for professional placement will be the responsibility of the student.

HONOURS

You can elect to study a Bachelor of Health Science (Honours) if you achieve the required grade point average in the Bachelor of Podiatry.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Assumed knowledge: Chemistry, Mathematics.

Campus: Central Coast

Lowest selection rank (2023): 70.0

EARLY ENTRY PROGRAM

Schools Recommendation Scheme

<https://careernews.click/newcastlesrs>

ENTRY PATHWAYS

www.newcastle.edu.au/study/pathways

APPLICATION

Apply via the Universities Admissions Centre,

www.uac.edu.au

INFORMATION

www.newcastle.edu.au