

PODIATRY

University courses - Victoria & NSW



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Introduction

This document has been developed to assist Year 10 - 12 students and their families in researching podiatry courses in Victoria and New South Wales. 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.

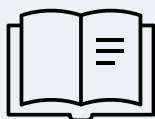
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Indicative ATAR

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 2024 January intake (VTAC applicants).

LSR (Lowest Selection Rank) = lowest ATAR inclusive of adjustment factors to receive entry into the course for the 2024 January intake (VTAC and UAC applicants).

VICTORIA

University	Course	Campus	Duration	LA	LSR
La Trobe University	Bachelor of Podiatry (Honours)	Melbourne	4-years	56.10	70.35
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 Podiatric Medicine	Central Coast	4-years	77.0

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 podiatrists is expected to grow strongly in the future. Source: [Labour Market Insights](#).

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.
- NDIS Worker Screen Check

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

EXCELLENT WEBSITES

Australian Podiatry Association, www.podiatry.org.au

My Health Career, <https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/>



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.

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 will gain over 1,000 hours of practical experience, including industry placements in hospitals, private practice or specialist foot clinics around Australia. You'll 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. You'll access La Trobe's gait laboratory, the largest in the southern hemisphere.

FIRST YEAR SUBJECTS

The following are the first-year subjects for the 2024 intake. They may change for the 2025 intake.

Semester 1

Human Biosciences A
Foundations of Professional Practice
Understanding Health and Wellbeing
Cutaneous Science of the Foot

Semester 2

Human Biosciences B
Research and Evidence in Practice
Microbiology for Allied Health
Podiatric Practice A

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.

PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

The Bachelor of Podiatry (Honours) is accredited by the Podiatry Accreditation Committee (PAC). Graduates of the degree may be eligible to apply for registration with the Podiatry Board of Australia (PBA).

LA TROBE ASPIRE EARLY ENTRY PROGRAM

Applications for the [Community Contribution](#) stream of the Aspire Early Entry program are now open and will close on 6 September 2024. Selection is based on a statement about your community service, volunteering, or leadership. Successful applicants will unlock a guaranteed 'Aspire ATAR' of 55.00 for the Bachelor of Podiatry (Honours).

ENTRY SCHEMES

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

HOW TO APPLY

Apply via the [Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre](#). Applications open for Year 12 students on 29 July 2024.

COURSE INFORMATION

Click [here](#).

Course	Prerequisites – Units 3 and 4	Campus
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

Note: Some prerequisites can be satisfied by successfully completing specific subjects offered through Unilearn and achieving the minimum overall grade.



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 health resources.

GRADUATE ENTRY

Monash offers a podiatry qualification at the graduate level at the Peninsula campus. In this course, you will develop the relevant knowledge, practical and analytical skills required for podiatry practice, as well as extend your undergraduate skills of communication, ethical and reflective practice, collaboration, research, and leadership.

This graduate entry course is delivered over three years. Foundational knowledge and skills are introduced in year one, with the focus on integration of prior science knowledge and principles into the context of podiatry in addition to the development of clinical skills.

A learner-centred philosophy allows preferences to be pursued in an independent research project in the final years. 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.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Doctor of Podiatric Medicine

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 Podiatric Medicine.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

An integrated and case-based learning approach facilitates active learning and development, which include early workplace and interprofessional learning opportunities. Clinical placements occur in years two and three, with practice in a simulated setting prior to acute, subacute, community and private practice clinical placements.

COURSE FEE

Approximately \$39,500 per year (full time equivalent).

COURSE INFORMATION

Click [here](#).

CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY



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.

BACHELOR OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE

Campus: Albury Wodonga

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 complete more than 1000 hours of clinical practice in a range of health and community settings, including the on-campus podiatry clinic starting in the first year. 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.

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

INTEGRATED HONOURS

An integrated honours program is available for high achieving students.

COURSE INFORMATION

Click [here](#).

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Recommended studies: Biology

Lowest selection rank (2024): 65.00

CONNECTIONS - FIRST NATIONS DIRECT ENTRY PROGRAM

First Nations Australian applicants who complete the 5-day Connections program may be eligible to receive guaranteed entry into the Bachelor of Podiatric Medicine. Click [here](#).

EARLY ENTRY PROGRAMS

Charles Sturt Advantage

Schools Recommendation Scheme

ENTRY SCHEMES

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

APPLICATION

Step 1: apply direct to Charles Sturt University via the [Charles Sturt Advantage](#) program. Selection is based on your Year 11 results and a soft skills statement. Applications open 1 May 2024.

Step 2: apply for the course via the Universities Admissions Centre ([UAC](#)). Selection is based on your Year 12 results. Applications open 3 April 2024 for NSW students and late July/early August 2024 for Victorian students.

Step 3: apply for the [Schools Recommendation Scheme](#) via your UAC account.

WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY



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. As a podiatrist, your patients can range from children to active sportspeople to the elderly.

BACHELOR OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE

This course is offered as a Joint Podiatry Program (JPP) with the University of Newcastle.

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

With around 1,000 hours of clinical education provided at our clinical training facility and at external placement sites, this course includes week-long placements from your second year of study, and up to 16 weeks in your fourth year. This experience focuses on providing extensive clinical practice prior to graduation.

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. All clinical placements will occur during normal work hours of the various clinical facilities.

INTEGRATED HONOURS

An integrated honours program is available for high achieving students.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Recommended studies: Biology, Mathematical Methods, Physics.

Campus: Campbelltown

Lowest selection rank (2024): 75.00.

PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

Our students are eligible to register with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency. The program has been accredited by the Australia and New Zealand Podiatry Accreditation Council.

APPLICATION

Apply for the course via the Universities Admissions Centre ([UAC](#)). Selection is based on your Year 12 results. Applications are open for NSW students and will open late July/early August 2024 for Victorian students.

COURSE INFORMATION

Click [here](#).



Gain a fulfilling and flexible career with this degree. You will be part of the 4-year Podiatry program delivered jointly with Western Sydney University. You will have the opportunity to apply for the new program component focusing on administering medicine to patients. The program includes jointly taught podiatry subjects with practical work completed at the student's home institution.

BACHELOR OF PODIATRIC MEDICINE

The Joint Podiatry Program (JPP) offers real-life experience under experienced podiatrists' guidance. You'll work in advanced clinics, using modern technologies for diagnosis and treatment. Specialist clinic area will cover surgery, paediatrics, sports injuries, and more.

Podiatrists care for lower limbs, addressing foot pain that affects all ages and lifestyles. This pain can lead to discomfort in the back and joints by altering how you stand, walk, and run. Podiatrists are crucial for sports injuries, paediatric concerns, diabetes, and more. Due to shortages, the field's demand is strong, as noted on the government's Skills Priority List.

SCHEDULED MEDICINES

The Bachelor of Podiatric Medicine includes an option for scheduled medicines. Students taking this option will take part in a special clinical program in year 4 designed to develop skills for registration with the Podiatry Board of Australia.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Students complete more than 1,000 hours of practical experience during their second, third and fourth year of studies which will help them to become 'life ready graduates'. The program strongly supports students with multidisciplinary experiences that will help the transition into the workforce.

Work alongside experienced podiatrists in the University of Newcastle Student Podiatry Clinic's located at Wyong Hospital and Newcastle Hospital (Hunter Street). Students also partake in external placements in rural and regional areas.

HONOURS

There is an option for high-achieving students to embed honours-level research courses over the final 1.5 years of the program.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

On completion of this degree, you'll be able to work in a range of health environments, such as general or specialised podiatry practice (e.g. sports podiatry), private and public practices, hospitals, rehabilitation and community health centres, sports clinics, research centres and consultancy.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Assumed knowledge: Chemistry, Mathematics.

Campus: Central Coast

Lowest selection rank (2024): 77.00

EARLY ENTRY PROGRAM

Schools Recommendation Scheme (SRS)

This is an umbrella early entry program that covers several institutes across NSW and ACT. Applications are now open for NSW students and will open in late July for Victorian students. Apply for the program via your UAC account by 16 September 2024. Selection is based on your Year 11 results and your school's ratings of your aptitudes. Successful applicants will receive a conditional offer.

APPLICATION

Step 1: apply for course via the Universities Admissions Centre ([UAC](#)). Selection is based on your Year 12 results. Applications are open for NSW students and will open late July/early August 2024 for Victorian students.

Step 2: apply for the [Schools Recommendation Scheme](#) via your UAC account by 16 September 2024.

COURSE INFORMATION

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