

# ORAL HEALTH & DENTISTRY

University courses - Victoria

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# INTRODUCTION

This document has been developed to assist domestic Year 12 students and their families in researching Victorian Oral Health and Dentistry courses.



## Indicative ATAR

The lowest selection rank (ATAR plus adjustment factors such as academic and equity adjustments) for the 2021 January intake. 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 - Masters.

## Disclaimer

Information taken from VTAC and university websites. 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: Monash University has requested to not be included in this brochure.

## ORAL HEALTH

University	Course	Campus	Indicative ATAR
Charles Sturt University	Bachelor of Oral Health (Therapy & Hygiene)	Wagga Wagga	70.00
		Holmesglen (Chadstone)	
La Trobe University	Bachelor of Oral Health Science	Bendigo	85.00
The University of Melbourne	Bachelor of Oral Health	Parkville	85.00

## DENTISTRY

University	Course	Campus	Indicative ATAR
La Trobe University	Bachelor of Dental Science (Honours)	Bendigo	99.05
	Bachelor of Dental Science (Honours) (Regional Entry)		99.10
	Bachelor of Dental Science (Honours) (Regional Benefits Program)		85.00
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

# ORAL HEALTH

Dental Therapists examine and treat diseases of the teeth in preschool, primary and secondary school children.

Dental Hygienists carry out preventative dental procedures for all age groups.

Careers in Oral Health,  
<https://bit.ly/2Ui3wsV>

Job Outlook information -  
<https://joboutlook.gov.au/>



## CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY

[www.csu.edu.au](http://www.csu.edu.au)

### Bachelor of Oral Health (Therapy & Hygiene)

Charles Sturt offers the Bachelor of Oral Health (Therapy & Hygiene) at the Wagga Wagga Campus, or you can study the first two years of your course at the Holmesglen Institute's Chadstone campus in Melbourne.

If you are enrolled at the Holmesglen Institute, you will undertake lectures and pre-clinical training in Years 1 and 2 at Holmesglen, with some clinical training at Wagga Wagga.

Towards the end of your degree, you may be able to apply to embark on a short study tour to Cambodia.

The course qualifies you to work as an oral health therapist in Australia.

As a graduate, you will help combat the national chronic shortage of oral health professionals, while also making a valuable contribution to the health of your local community.

Oral health practitioners are skilled clinicians who examine and treat diseases of periodontal tissues and teeth.

They perform routine restorative and periodontal care with a primary focus on early diagnosis and treatment.

Charles Sturt's oral health and dental science graduates have excellent overall employment rates 94% of our graduates find jobs within four months of graduating.

### Clinical experience

You will develop your practical skills in the state-of-the-art simulation clinic, dental technology/clinical support laboratory, biodental science learning suite and anatomy teaching facilities.

If you are studying at the Holmesglen Institute's Chadstone Campus, you'll have access to a world-class oral health simulation facility.

### Professional accreditation

Accredited by the Australian Dental Council and graduates are eligible for registration with AHPRA. Graduates are able to provide hygiene treatment to individuals of all ages and dental therapy care to children and young adults (up to age 26).

### Admission pathways

Visit <https://bit.ly/2UoUIAb>

Course	Assumed knowledge	Campus	Minimum ATAR
Bachelor of Oral Health (Therapy & Hygiene)	Assumed knowledge - Chemistry. Recommended studies - Biology.	Wagga Wagga Holmesglen (Chadstone)	70.00

## LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

[www.latrobe.edu.au](http://www.latrobe.edu.au)

### Bachelor of Oral Health Science

This two-and-a-half-year degree gives you an overview of rural health sciences before focusing on oral health and promotion.

You'll learn how to assist in the prevention and treatment of tooth decay and gum disease and promote oral health to rural Victorians.

In the first and second years of your degree, you'll focus on applied science subjects such as human biosciences, principles of public health and determinants of health.

You'll have access to our on-campus clinical facility to practise your skills in dentistry, oral health practice, special

needs dentistry and pharmacology before entering into external clinical placements.

Before starting your last semester, you must complete a summer semester that includes a two-week placement at either a rural Victorian dentistry practice or overseas, before returning to our Bendigo Campus to finish your studies.

The skills you gain in this degree are in high demand in rural and remote settings around Victoria - in community centres, Indigenous health collectives and dental clinics.

You may find work as a dental hygienist, dental therapist or oral health therapist.

### Professional Recognition

The Bachelor of Oral Health Science is accredited by the Australian Dental Council.

### Clinical Experience

Clinical placements form an important part of our program and take place primarily in Bendigo at our new 20-chair clinical facility at the Anne Caudle campus.

You may do other placements in third year across a wide range of locations including special needs areas, nursing homes, schools and community health centres and internationally.

### Admission pathways

Includes information on the Aspire Early Admissions Program and the Regional Benefits Program, <https://bit.ly/2UPULoZ>

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Indicative ATAR
Bachelor of Oral Health Science	Minimum study scores of: 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English; and 25 in one of Chemistry, Physical Education or Biology.	Bendigo	85.00

## THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

<https://bit.ly/39jBWje>

### Bachelor of Oral Health

The Bachelor of Oral Health has a curriculum reflecting the latest developments in oral health for the education of oral health therapists (dental hygienists and therapists).

As a Bachelor of Oral Health student, you'll develop all the scientific, theoretical and clinical skills required for practice as an oral health therapist (which includes both dental hygienist and dental therapist practice).

Please note that the Bachelor of Oral Health is NOT a pathway to the Doctor of Dental Surgery.

The Bachelor of Oral Health has combined vocational outcomes in hygiene and therapy.

### Dental hygienists

Provide dental care for all age groups. They examine and record the nature and severity of periodontal conditions, and clean, scale and root-plane teeth.

### Dental therapists

Provide dental care for children and adolescents. They examine oral and dental conditions, restore and conserve permanent and deciduous teeth, perform extractions of deciduous teeth, and remove calculus.

Under recent changes dental therapists are also able to provide care to adults under certain circumstances.

### Clinical experience

In the first two years you'll undertake clinical work at the Royal Dental Hospital. In the final year, clinical rotations are undertaken at community clinics in metropolitan and rural locations.

The Dental School provides the most high-tech dental teaching facilities in the southern hemisphere and teachers who are leaders in their fields.

### Professional accreditation

The Bachelor of Oral Health is recognised in all Australian states and territories and in New Zealand and is accredited by the Dental Board of Australia (AHPRA).

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Minimum ATAR
Bachelor of Oral Health	Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English; and minimum study score of 25 in one of Chemistry or Biology.	Parkville	85.00



# DENTISTRY

Dentists diagnose and treat dental disease, injuries, decay and malformations of the teeth, periodontal tissue (gums), hard and soft tissue found on the mouth and other dento-facial structures using surgery and other techniques.

Careers in Dentistry,  
<https://bit.ly/2Ui3wsV>

Job Outlook information -  
<https://joboutlook.gov.au/>



## LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

[www.latrobe.edu.au](http://www.latrobe.edu.au)

### Bachelor of Dental Science (Honours)

Launch your career in dentistry with this five-year industry Honours course. While undertaking La Trobe's Bachelor of Dental Science (Honours) you'll learn about oral health in rural and ageing populations and develop hands-on skills in clinical placements across regional Victoria.

You'll treat patients under the supervision of experienced clinicians and participate in community-based oral health promotion programs. You can also complete a community-based project or research project, which can lead to PhD entry.

### You'll learn

**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.

### Professional Recognition

The Bachelor of Dental Science (Honours) is accredited by the Australian Dental Council (ADC).

### Admission pathways

Includes information on the Aspire Early Admissions Program and the Regional Benefits Program, <https://bit.ly/2UPULoZ>

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Indicative ATAR
Bachelor of Dental Science (Honours)	Minimum study scores of: 35 in any English; 25 in Biology; and 25 in Chemistry.	Bendigo	99.05
Bachelor of Dental Science (Honours) (Regional Entry)			99.10

## THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

<https://bit.ly/3bvj9mO>

The University offers an accredited dentistry qualification at the graduate level. The following is a suggested study pathway at The University.

### Undergraduate

Complete the Bachelor of Science or the Bachelor of Biomedicine (3-years)



### Graduate

Complete the Doctor of Dental Surgery (4-years).

## Undergraduate

First you will complete the Bachelor of Science or the Bachelor of Biomedicine.

## Doctor of Dental Surgery

Next you will complete the Doctor of Dental Surgery, which will provide you with the minimal qualification and competencies required to register for practice as a registered dentist according to the Dental Practice Board.

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.

## Guaranteed entry

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

**Graduate Degree Package** – Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Biomedicine / Doctor of Dental Surgery.

### Melbourne Chancellor's Scholars

For information, visit <https://bit.ly/2WZcn48>

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Minimum ATAR
Doctor of Dental Surgery	Detailed information on selection criteria, <a href="https://bit.ly/3bvj9mO">https://bit.ly/3bvj9mO</a>	Parkville	Graduate entry
Bachelor of Science	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	85
Bachelor of Biomedicine	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	92
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 above.	Parkville	99.85

