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A smiling male optician with short brown hair, wearing a white lab coat over a light blue shirt, stands with his arms crossed. He is positioned in front of a blurred eye chart. The chart features large letters like 'E', 'P', 'T', 'O', 'I' and smaller ones like 'L', 'P', 'S', 'B', 'H', 'K', 'M', 'N', 'X', 'Y', 'Z' arranged in rows of varying sizes.

# **ORTHOPTICS OPTOMETRY CLINICAL AUDIOLOGY**

Undergraduate & graduate courses

# INTRODUCTION

This document has been developed to assist domestic Year 12 students and their families in researching Victorian Orthoptics, Optometry and Clinical Audiology 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.

## ORTHOPTICS

University	Course	Campus	Indicative ATAR
La Trobe University	Bachelor of Orthoptics (Honours)	Melbourne	73.60

## OPTOMETRY

University	Course	Campus	Indicative ATAR
Deakin University	Bachelor of Vision Science / Master of Optometry	Geelong Waurin Ponds	General Stream: 95.80 Regional and Remote Stream: 89.90
The University of Melbourne	Bachelor of Science / Doctor of Optometry Bachelor of Biomedicine / Doctor of Optometry Doctor of Optometry	Parkville	99+ 99+ Graduate entry

## CLINICAL AUDIOLOGY

University	Course	Campus	Indicative ATAR
La Trobe University	Bachelor of Health Science and Master of Clinical Audiology Bachelor of Biomedicine and Master of Clinical Audiology Bachelor of Psychological Science and Master of Clinical Audiology Master of Clinical Audiology	Melbourne	75.65 76.65 Not published Graduate entry
The University of Melbourne	Master of Clinical Audiology	Parkville	Graduate entry



# ORTHOPTICS



Orthoptics is a discipline in eye healthcare specialising in the assessment, diagnosis and non-surgical management of eye disorders.

Orthoptics Australia,  
[www.orthoptics.org.au](http://www.orthoptics.org.au)

Difference between orthoptics and optometry,  
<https://bit.ly/2wEgVm1>

## LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

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

### Bachelor of Orthoptics (Honours)

Join Australia's only undergraduate orthoptics program and learn to detect, diagnose and manage eye conditions in a range of patients, including children and adults.

With a strong focus on clinical experience, our Bachelor of Orthoptics (Honours) will prepare you to launch a successful career as an orthoptist. You'll explore the anatomy and physiology of the eye to understand vision and visual function.

Learn how to help people with eye disorders including strabismus (eye turns), eye diseases and low vision.

### Clinical experience

Clinical experiences start in your first year and will be a significant part of your degree. We work closely with industry to give you access to placements and hands-on experience in hospitals with dedicated eye clinics as well as private eye clinics.

During these experiences, you'll learn how to use specialised technology, such as retinal cameras and ultrasonography machines.

You'll have the opportunity to complete a placement beyond Melbourne in your final year with one of our partner clinics in regional Victoria, interstate or overseas. You'll also have the opportunity to help where you're needed most - in a developing country.

### Professional accreditation

Currently seeking accreditation with the Australian Orthoptic Board.

### Career opportunities

There is a strong demand for orthoptists in Australia and overseas. You may expect to work in specialist eye clinics, public hospitals with ophthalmic surgeons, rehabilitation centres, low vision agencies, and eye and vision research centres.

### Admission pathways

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

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Indicative ATAR
Bachelor of Orthoptics (Honours)	Minimum study scores of: 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English; and 25 in two of Biology, Chemistry, Physical Education, Physics, or any Mathematics.	Melbourne	73.60

# OPTOMETRY



Optometrists perform eye examinations and vision tests to determine the presence of visual, ocular and other abnormalities, ocular diseases and systemic diseases with ocular manifestations, and prescribe lenses, other optical aids, therapy and medication to correct and manage vision problems and eye diseases.

Optometry Australia,  
[www.optometry.org.au](http://www.optometry.org.au)

## DEAKIN UNIVERSITY

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

### Bachelor of Vision Science / Master of Optometry

Graduate with a professional qualification in optometry in just three and a half years with Deakin's Bachelor of Vision Science/Master of Optometry. Gain the discipline-specific knowledge and skills to be work-ready and eligible to apply for registration as a practising optometrist in Australia and New Zealand.

This program has a strong emphasis on understanding the visual health issues that impact regional and rural Australia, particularly those contributing to the health gap between members of these communities and those living in urban centres.

You will develop crucial skills in the clinical assessment, treatment and management of eye and vision disorders, with strong foundations in evidence-based and reflective practice, inter-professional collaborative practice and practice management.

### Clinical experience

You will undertake a variety of short-term industry placements and spend the final six months of the course as a 'student resident' in one of a range of clinical optometric and medical settings.

These extensive rotations take place in both metropolitan and regional or rural settings, and will enable you to consolidate your knowledge and skills in supported environments under the supervision of qualified optometrists.

### Professional accreditation

On successfully completing this course, you can apply for registration to practise as an optometrist in Australia.

Deakin optometry has been awarded accreditations by the Optometry Board of Australia, following assessment by the Optometry Council of Australia and New Zealand (OCANZ).

You will also be eligible to apply for registration to practise as an optometrist with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

### Regional & Remote Scheme

For regional and remote applicants. Visit <https://bit.ly/3cWnKzu>

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Bachelor of Vision Science / Master of Optometry	Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English.	Geelong Waurn Ponds	General Stream: 95.80 Regional and Remote Stream: 89.90



## THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

<http://bit.ly/2ve2Nzf>

The University offers an accredited Optometry 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 Optometry (4-years).

## Undergraduate

First you will study the Bachelor of Biomedicine or Bachelor of Science Melbourne and complete three subjects at second-year or third-year level in one or more relevant biological science disciplines.

## Graduate

Next you will study the Doctor of Optometry, which is a masters level professional entry degree that creates a new benchmark in 21st century optometric education.

As an internationally recognised qualification, the program is the first of its kind in the southern hemisphere. Clinical studies commence in first year and gradually increase to full-time in the final year.

## Professional recognition

Accredited by The Optometry Council of Australia and New Zealand (OCANZ)

## Guaranteed entry

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

Graduate Degree Package – Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Biomedicine / Doctor of Optometry (ATAR – 99+).

Melbourne Chancellor's Scholars

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

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Minimum ATAR
Doctor of Optometry	Detailed information on selection criteria, <a href="http://bit.ly/2ve2Nzf">http://bit.ly/2ve2Nzf</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



# CLINICAL AUDIOLOGY



Audiologists provide diagnostic assessment and rehabilitative services related to human hearing defects.

Audiology Australia,  
<https://audiology.asn.au>

Future job growth for this occupation is predicted to be very strong, <https://joboutlook.gov.au/>

## LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

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

The University offers a graduate pathway into Clinical Audiology.

Audiology at La Trobe aims to provide you with the skills and knowledge to prevent and to assess and treat hearing, tinnitus and balance disorders.

The course combines pre-clinical and clinical study, integrating theory and practice. Students will need to complete an eligible undergraduate before apply for the Master of Clinical Audiology.

## Course packages

La Trobe has developed four undergraduate / graduate course packages, which are listed in the table below that Year 12 students can apply for.

Note: to enter the 2-year Master of Clinical Audiology, students will need to successfully complete the 3-year Bachelor degree with an overall Weighted Average Mark of 70% or higher.

## Professional recognition

The Master of Clinical Audiology is accredited by Audiology Australia.

## Demand for Audiologists

Demand for audiologists is expected to increase significantly over coming years due to a number of factors including:

- the ageing population
- improved and compulsory screening of infants for hearing loss
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## Admission pathways

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

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Indicative ATAR
Bachelor of Health Sciences and Master of Clinical Audiology	Minimum study score of 25 in English (EAL) or 20 in any other English.	Melbourne	75.65
Bachelor of Biomedicine and Master of Clinical Audiology	Minimum study score of 25 in English (EAL) or 20 in any other English.	Melbourne	76.65
Bachelor of Psychological Science and Master of Clinical Audiology	Minimum study score of 25 in English (EAL) or 20 in any other English.	Melbourne	Not published
Master of Clinical Audiology	Detailed information on selection criteria, <a href="https://bit.ly/3buJKjU">https://bit.ly/3buJKjU</a>	Melbourne	Graduate entry



## THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

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

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

### Undergraduate

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



### Graduate

Complete the Master of Clinical Audiology (2-years).

## Undergraduate

First you will choose an undergraduate degree such as the Bachelor of Biomedicine, Bachelor of Science, or the Bachelor of Arts with a major in linguistics, psychology or relevant discipline.

## Master of Clinical Audiology

Next, you will choose the Master of Clinical Audiology course to qualify as an Audiologist.

The course consists of formal lectures, seminars, practical work and student presentations along with a substantial clinical component.

Students will be scheduled for supervised clinical work at our clinical school and at various hearing care facilities across Victoria.

## Professional recognition

As a Graduate of this Master program, you can apply for membership of the Audiological Society of Australia (ASA).

## Guaranteed entry

Applicants can secure guaranteed entry into the Master of Clinical Audiology via acceptance into the Melbourne Chancellor's Scholars program, <https://bit.ly/2zfhBPU>

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Minimum ATAR
Master of Clinical Audiology	Detailed information on selection criteria, <a href="https://bit.ly/3akZWnA">https://bit.ly/3akZWnA</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 Arts	Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English	Parkville	85

