

Physiotherapy
Chiropractic
Osteopathy
Clinical Myotherapy

Victorian Uni Courses, 2022

Weekly Career News CCW

This document has been developed to assist domestic Year 12 students and their families in researching physiotherapy, chiropractic, osteopathy and myotherapy courses in Victoria.



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



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 degree.



Graduate: this is study you do once you have graduated from a Bachelor degree. For example - Honours, Graduate Diploma, Master degree.

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Indicative ATARs

Please use entry requirements and indicative ATARs listed in this document as a guide only and check university websites for updates.

Disclaimer

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.

PHYSIOTHERAPY

University	Course	Campus	Indicative ATAR
Charles Sturt University	Bachelor of Physiotherapy	Albury-Wodonga	80
Australian Catholic University	Bachelor of Physiotherapy	Ballarat	92.00
La Trobe University	Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours)	Bendigo	91.05
	Master of Physiotherapy Practice	Melbourne Bendigo & Melbourne	96.20 Graduate entry
Federation University	Bachelor of Physiotherapy	Gippsland	65.20
Victoria University	Bachelor of Applied Movement Sciences / Master of Physiotherapy	Footscray Park	93.05
The University of Melbourne	Doctor of Physiotherapy	Parkville	Graduate entry
Swinburne University	Master of Physiotherapy	Hawthorn	Graduate entry

CHIROPRACTIC

University	Course	Campus	Indicative ATAR
RMIT University	Bachelor of Health Sciences / Bachelor of Applied Science (Chiropractic)	Bundoora	60.90

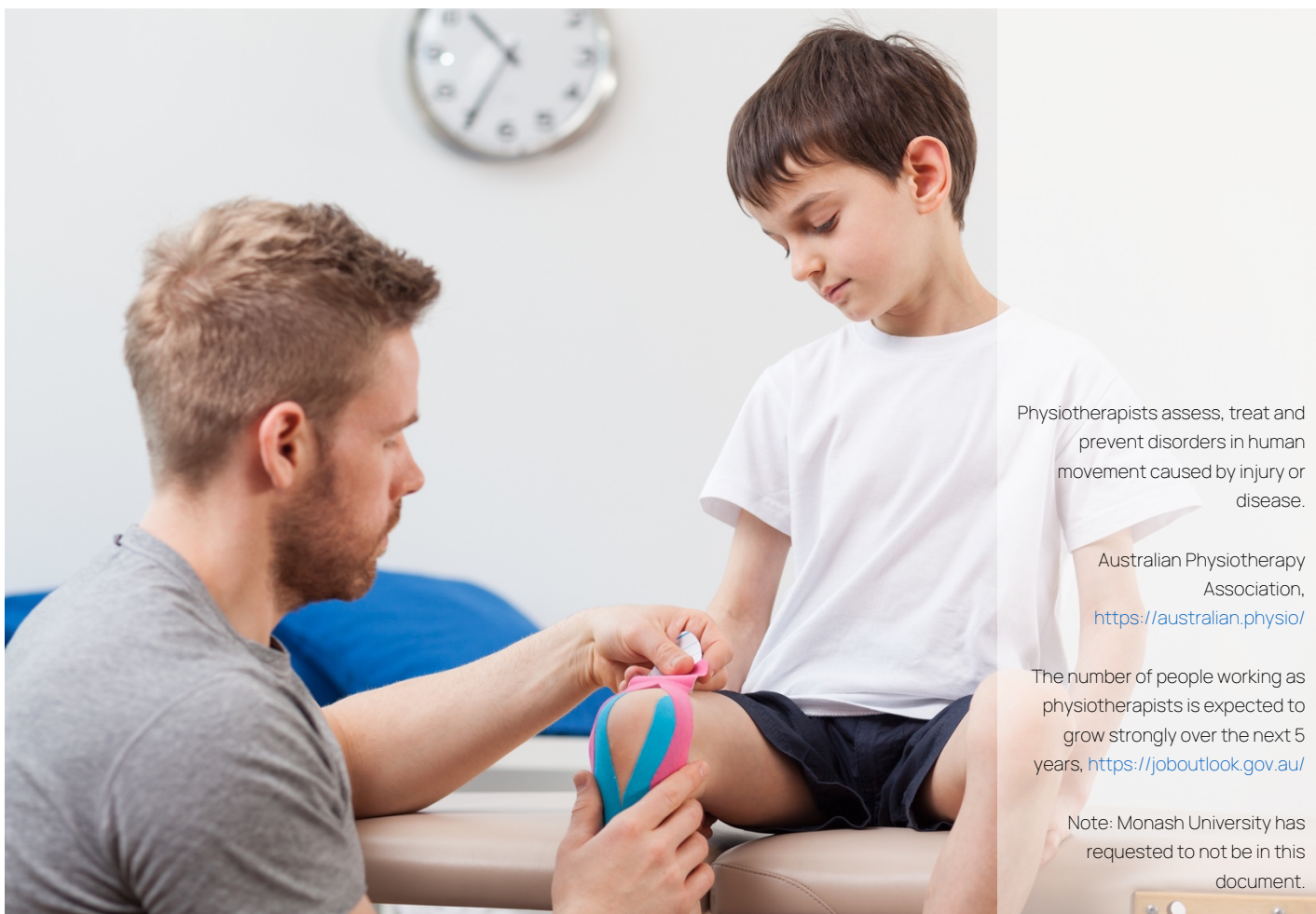
OSTEOPATHY

University	Course	Campus	Indicative ATAR
RMIT University	Bachelor of Health Sciences / Bachelor of Applied Science (Osteopathy)	Bundoora	60.60
Victoria University	Bachelor of Science (Osteopathy)	City Flinders	60.65

MYOTHERAPY

University	Course	Campus	Indicative ATAR
Southern School of Natural Therapies	Bachelor of Health Science (Clinical Myotherapy)	Melbourne	N/A

Physiotherapy



Physiotherapists assess, treat and prevent disorders in human movement caused by injury or disease.

Australian Physiotherapy Association,
<https://australian.physio/>

The number of people working as physiotherapists is expected to grow strongly over the next 5 years, <https://joboutlook.gov.au/>

Note: Monash University has requested to not be in this document.

CHARLES STURT UNIVERSITY

www.csu.edu.au

Bachelor of Physiotherapy

The School of Community Health works in partnership with communities to provide allied health education and research.

Onsite facilities

Facilities designed to simulate clinical environments found in real workplaces include a musculoskeletal clinic, hospital ward, rehabilitation gym, movement laboratory, on campus clinics, skills laboratories and simulation facilities set you apart from the rest.

Industry experience

You'll gain hands-on experience through extensive workplace learning, making you job-ready when you graduate.

You'll work with clients of all ages from diverse backgrounds.

Overseas experience

You may have the opportunity to work at an orphanage in Vietnam in your fourth year of study.

Graduate with Honours

High-achieving Bachelor of Physiotherapy students can undertake honours in their third and fourth years, providing they meet admission requirements.

Pathway options

On successful completion of the first year of either of the courses listed below, it is possible to transfer to the Bachelor of Physiotherapy, subject to approval based on academic merit.

Bachelor of Health and Rehabilitation Science
Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science

Professional accreditation

The Bachelor of Physiotherapy is accredited by the Australian Physiotherapy Council.

Admission pathways

Includes information on early entry programs, <https://bit.ly/2UoUIAb>

Course	Assumed knowledge	Campus	Minimum ATAR
Bachelor of Physiotherapy	Recommended studies: Biology.	Albury-Wodonga	80.00
		Orange	80.00
		Port Macquarie	80.00

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

www.acu.edu.au

Bachelor of Physiotherapy

The Bachelor of Physiotherapy is for those who want to prevent injury and disability in others as well as rehabilitate those already injured.

You will learn how to identify, assess, and treat conditions such as musculoskeletal, cardiorespiratory, and neurological.

As a graduate, you will be a skilled physiotherapist who can work with everyone from children to the elderly, as well as deal with gender-specific issues.

Industry experience

Students will undertake clinical placements in which they will be supervised by a clinical educator. Clinical placements allow students to use their knowledge of practical skills and apply them to the everyday needs of individuals in hospitals, private practice, aged care facilities and rehabilitation units.

As part of your course, you will be placed in a range of organisations to integrate the theory you learn with practical workplace experiences (placements)

Honours program

High-achieving Bachelor of Physiotherapy students can undertake honours in their third and fourth years, providing they meet admission requirements.

Professional accreditation

Eligible graduates can apply for registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and membership of the Australian Physiotherapy Association.

This course is accredited by the Australian Physiotherapy Council.

Admission pathways

Includes information on the ACU Guarantee, <https://bit.ly/39y07e6>

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Indicative ATAR
Bachelor of Physiotherapy	Minimum study scores of: 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English; and 25 in one of Biology, Chemistry or Physics.	Ballarat	92.05

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

www.latrobe.edu.au

Undergraduate entry

Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours)

Become a fully-qualified physiotherapist. Learn from industry leaders and world-class researchers. Apply theory and build on your practical skills with our 18-month clinical program where you'll be supported to transition to independent practice.

You'll gain quality hands-on experience with placements at leading hospitals and private practices. In your Honours year, choose between research or industry-based project work to solve real problems relating to health and physical performance.

Research opportunities

Access the La Trobe Sport and Exercise Medicine Research Centre: a world-leading centre for sport and exercise medicine research at the Melbourne campus.

Industry experience

Undertake work placements in leading hospitals and private practices such as The Alfred, Northern Health, Royal Melbourne Hospital, Bendigo Health, Olympic Park Sports Medicine or Back in Motion.

Overseas experience

Take advantage of opportunities for overseas placements in countries including Vietnam, Cambodia, Denmark and Italy.

Professional Accreditation

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

Admission pathways

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

Postgraduate entry

Master of Physiotherapy Practice

This fully accredited course is for students who already have a Bachelor degree and will take 18-months of full-time study to complete. Suggested pathway course at La Trobe is the Bachelor of Exercise Science, <https://bit.ly/2XVh3Jn>

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Indicative ATAR
Bachelor of Physiotherapy (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.	Bendigo Melbourne	91.05 96.20
Master of Physiotherapy Practice	Detailed information on selection criteria, https://bit.ly/2QJNYMs	Bendigo & Melbourne	Graduate entry

FEDERATION UNIVERSITY

<https://federation.edu.au/>

Bachelor of Physiotherapy

Physiotherapists are qualified health professionals who are skilled in a number of areas, including the assessment, diagnosis and rehabilitation of acute and chronic musculoskeletal, neurological and cardiovascular disease.

You will engage in hands on, practical sessions from your first year of study, and support your theoretical understanding of the human body through lectures, group sessions and online supported learning.

You will gain knowledge and skills in a range of areas including anatomy, manual therapy, pharmacology, physiology, radiology, sociology, pathology & kinesiology.

Career opportunities

Physiotherapists are employed in public and private hospitals, medical rehabilitation centres, community health centres, home care services, aged care facilities, psychiatric clinics, hostels and hospitals, vocational rehabilitation centres, schools and educational facilities, independent living/respite centres, private practice and elite local level sporting clubs.

Physiotherapists work with people across their lifespan, in injury prevention and management.

Clinical experience

Throughout your degree, you will undertake extensive clinical placements of at least 1094 hours.

Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours)

High achieving students wanting to pursue research can move into the Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours) after second year.

Professional accreditation

This program is accredited by the Australian Physiotherapy Council.

Graduates will be eligible to apply for professional registration with the Physiotherapy Board of Australia through the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Lowest 2021 ATAR
Bachelor of Physiotherapy	Minimum study score of 25 in any English. Units 1 to 4: satisfactory completion in one of Biology, Chemistry, Health and Human Development, Physical Education or Physics Supplementary form, https://bit.ly/3ilpr7z	Gippsland - Churchill	65.20

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

www.vu.edu.au

Bachelor of Applied Movement Sciences / Master of Physiotherapy

Become a physiotherapist and use rehabilitation, injury prevention and exercise to improve people's quality of life, with the Bachelor of Applied Movement Science/Master of Physiotherapy from Victoria University.

Our 4.5-year dual degree will prepare you for real-world, contemporary physiotherapy practice. You will learn how to restore, maintain and enhance people's mobility, function and health – regardless of their age or physical ability.

Industry experience

You'll complete supervised professional practice (work-integrated learning) in a range of settings, including:

- elite sports
- private practice
- acute care and rehabilitation clinics
- aged care
- community care.

Professional accreditation

The Master of Physiotherapy is accredited by the Australian Physiotherapy Council. Successful graduates are eligible for membership of the Physiotherapy Board of Australia enabling them to practise in Australia.

Graduate opportunities

You may work as part of a multidisciplinary team in a variety of settings, including:

- hospitals
- aged and community care
- centres for people with physical disabilities
- rehabilitation centres
- private practice
- elite and community sports
- health research and health promotion
- paediatrics
- women's and men's health

Admission pathways

Visit, <https://bit.ly/3nEuFIO>

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Indicative ATAR
Bachelor of Applied Movement Sciences / Master of Physiotherapy	Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English; and at least 25 in one of the following subjects: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematical Methods (any) or Specialist Mathematics.	Footscray Park	93.05

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

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

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

Undergraduate

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



Graduate

Complete the Doctor of Physiotherapy (3-years).

Undergraduate study

First you will complete a Bachelor of Biomedicine or a Bachelor of Science. You will need to complete studies in physiology and anatomy to gain comprehensive knowledge of the human body.

Graduate study

Following your undergraduate degree you will complete the three-year Doctor of Physiotherapy. This is a comprehensive, integrated course in the theory and practice of physiotherapy to assess, diagnose and treat disorders of human movement.

You will complete intensive clinical training in the largest major metropolitan teaching hospitals, primary care, rural and international settings.

Professional accreditation

Physiotherapy Board of Australia.

Guaranteed entry

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

Graduate Degree Package – Bachelor of Science or Bachelor of Biomedicine / Doctor of Physiotherapy.

Melbourne Chancellor's Scholars – Bachelor of Science (Chancellor's Scholars) or Bachelor of Biomedicine (Chancellor's Scholars).

For information, visit <https://bit.ly/3bnee7H>

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Minimum ATAR
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
Doctor of Physiotherapy	Detailed information on selection criteria, https://bit.ly/2wADqZ9	Parkville	Graduate entry

SWINBURNE UNIVERSITY

www.swinburne.edu.au

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

Undergraduate

Complete the Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science (3-years).



Graduate

Complete the Master of Physiotherapy (2-years).

Undergraduate study

First you will complete the Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science. This course has qualifying accreditation status with Exercise Sport Science Australia.

Graduate study

Following your undergraduate degree you will complete the two-year Master of Physiotherapy.

You'll be equipped with the skills and knowledge as informed by current and emerging evidence to become a confident, resilient and enterprising physiotherapist.

You'll gain an authentic experience of working in clinical environments and health care systems through four clinic practice

placements and a work immersive program within a community setting.

You'll also undertake units in digital health and technology, business, leadership, and enterprise that will build your capacity for work readiness and empower you to drive innovation in the field.

Professional Accreditation

The Master of Physiotherapy program is an accredited and approved program by the Australian Physiotherapy Council and is endorsed by the Australian Physiotherapy Board.

Admission pathways

Visit, <https://bit.ly/2VOt8Nz>

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Guaranteed ATAR
Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science	Minimum study scores of: 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English; and 20 in any mathematics.	Hawthorn	60.00
Master of Physiotherapy	Detailed information on selection criteria, https://bit.ly/39pCuEm	Hawthorn	Graduate entry

CHIROPRACTIC



Chiropractic is a drug free, surgery free system of healthcare primarily for the musculoskeletal systems (bones, joints, muscles and ligaments) and some of the neurological system (nerves and the spinal cord).

Chiropractic Australia,
<https://bit.ly/33RaAzN>

The number of people working as Chiropractors is expected to grow strongly over the next 5 years, <https://joboutlook.gov.au/>

RMIT UNIVERSITY

www.rmit.edu.au

Chiropractors are primary contact practitioners focusing on the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of mechanical disorders of the musculoskeletal system.

Chiropractic emphasises the relationship between the musculoskeletal system and general health.

It promotes self-help measures and health promotion in the management of musculoskeletal disorders.

You will examine how such disorders affect biomechanics, the nervous system and health in general. The focus is on manual treatments such as spinal adjustments and other joint and soft-tissue manipulation.

Anatomy, physiology and pathology courses underpin the clinical science studies of physical examination, differential diagnosis for the chiropractor and clinical practicum.

You will begin work-integrated learning immediately, culminating in your fourth year when you will perform patient-care duties with supervision from a registered practitioner.

Clinical experience

At the RMIT Health Sciences Clinic at University Hill, Bundoora, fourth- and fifth-year students, under the supervision of registered chiropractors, treat patients using a wide variety of management approaches.

You'll also have the opportunity to provide chiropractic care to people who

are socially or financially disadvantaged through RMIT's partnership with Sacred Heart Mission, Hands on Health Australia, and the Wellington Community Centre.

Professional accreditation

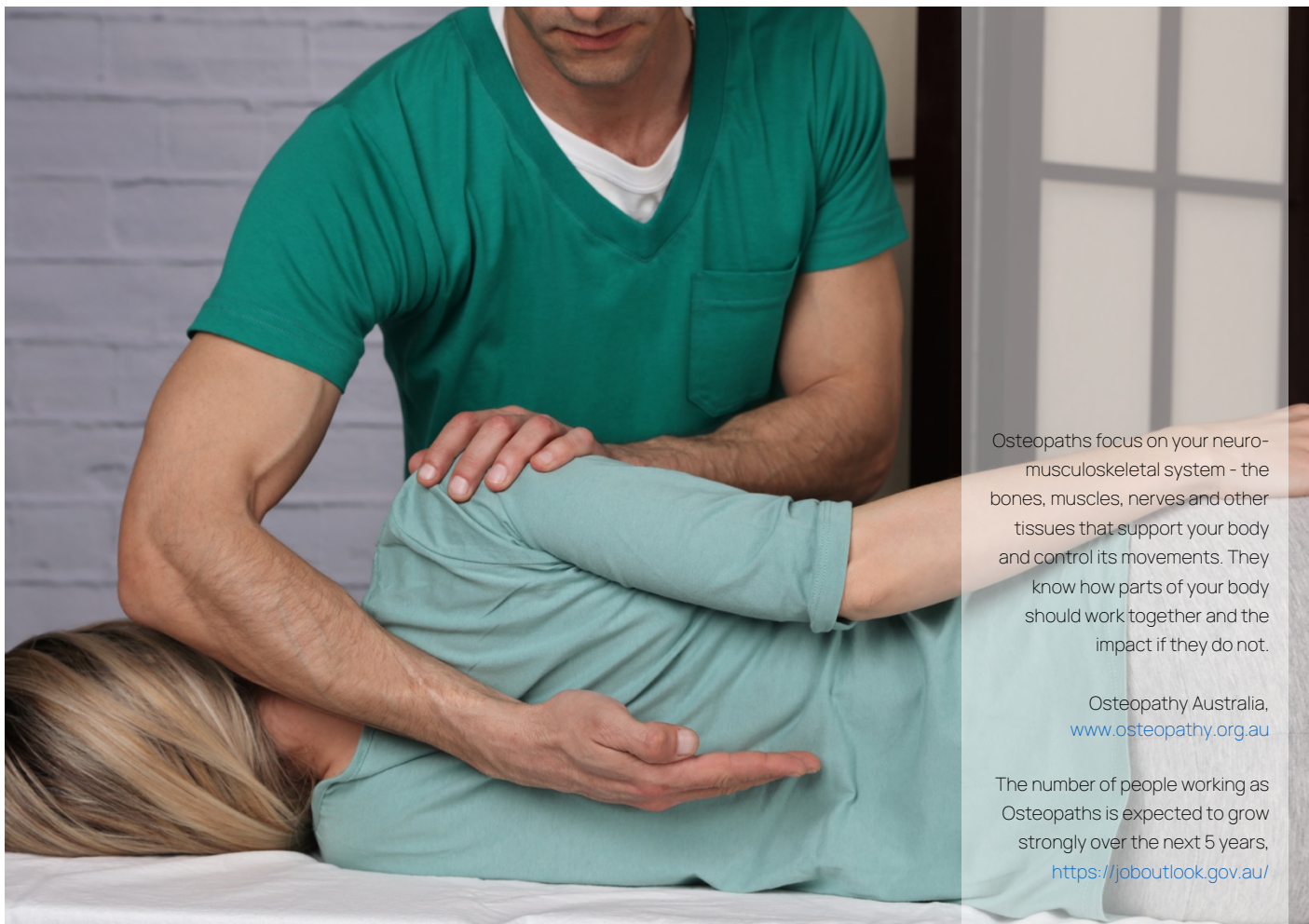
This program is accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education Australasia for the Chiropractic Board of Australia.

Career outcomes

Chiropractors are usually employed in private practice as sole practitioners or in a group practice environment. Increasingly, chiropractors share offices with other healthcare practitioners in a multidisciplinary environment.

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Indicative ATAR
Bachelor of Health Sciences / Bachelor of Applied Science (Chiropractic)	Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English.	Bundoora	60.90

Osteopathy



Osteopaths focus on your neuro-musculoskeletal system - the bones, muscles, nerves and other tissues that support your body and control its movements. They know how parts of your body should work together and the impact if they do not.

Osteopathy Australia,
www.osteopathy.org.au

The number of people working as Osteopaths is expected to grow strongly over the next 5 years,
<https://joboutlook.gov.au/>

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

www.vu.edu.au

To become a qualified osteopath, you will complete the following study pathway at Victoria University.

Undergraduate

Complete the Bachelor of Science (Osteopathy) (3-years).



Graduate

Complete the Master of Health Science (Osteopathy) (1.5-years).

Osteopathic treatments include: soft-tissue techniques, joint manipulation, joint mobilisation, exercise rehabilitation, and general healthcare advice.

You'll gain work experience through extensive clinical practice. This perfect mix of scientific study and hands-on practice will have you confident and job-ready following our masters.

VU's hands-on learning approach and extensive clinical placements are held in high regard by industry.

Treating patients at our Osteopathy Clinics at City Flinders and Werribee campuses, as well as external community clinical engagements, ensures you have a diverse clinical experience.

Professional Accreditation

This course is accredited by the Australasian Osteopathic Accreditation Council. You can gain the following registrations and memberships:

- registration with the Osteopathy Board of Australia
- registration as an osteopath in all other Australian states and in New Zealand
- membership with Osteopathy Australia.

Clinical experience

Our osteopathy teaching clinic operates 47 weeks of the year. As part of our Master of Health Science (Osteopathy) program, you'll attend clinical sessions on a rotational basis. You'll gain real-world experience working with paying patients.

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Indicative ATAR
Bachelor of Science (Osteopathy)	Minimum study scores of 25 in English (EAL) or 20 in any other English; 20 in one of Biology, Chemistry, Physics or any Mathematics.	City Flinders	60.65

Bachelor of Health Sciences / Bachelor of Applied Science (Osteopathy)

Osteopathy is a form of manual therapy that focuses on the musculoskeletal system and related disorders. RMIT's osteopathy degree was the first of its kind in Australia.

Osteopaths are trained in diagnosis, management, and treatment of musculoskeletal pain disorders. They combine conventional medical testing procedures and skills of palpation and motion testing to inform their clinical rationale for treating a patient's condition.

You will be trained in musculoskeletal diagnosis, clinical procedures in performing conventional medical tests, physical examination techniques, and motion testing in order to assist in diagnosis of a patient's condition.

Osteopaths make treatment decisions that depend on the patient as well as their condition. They might give advice on posture, exercise, lifting procedures, nutrition and other areas.

Professional accreditation

This course is accredited by the Australasian Osteopathic Accreditation Council.

Clinical experience

You will begin work-integrated learning in first year, with clinical observations in the RMIT Health Sciences Clinic.

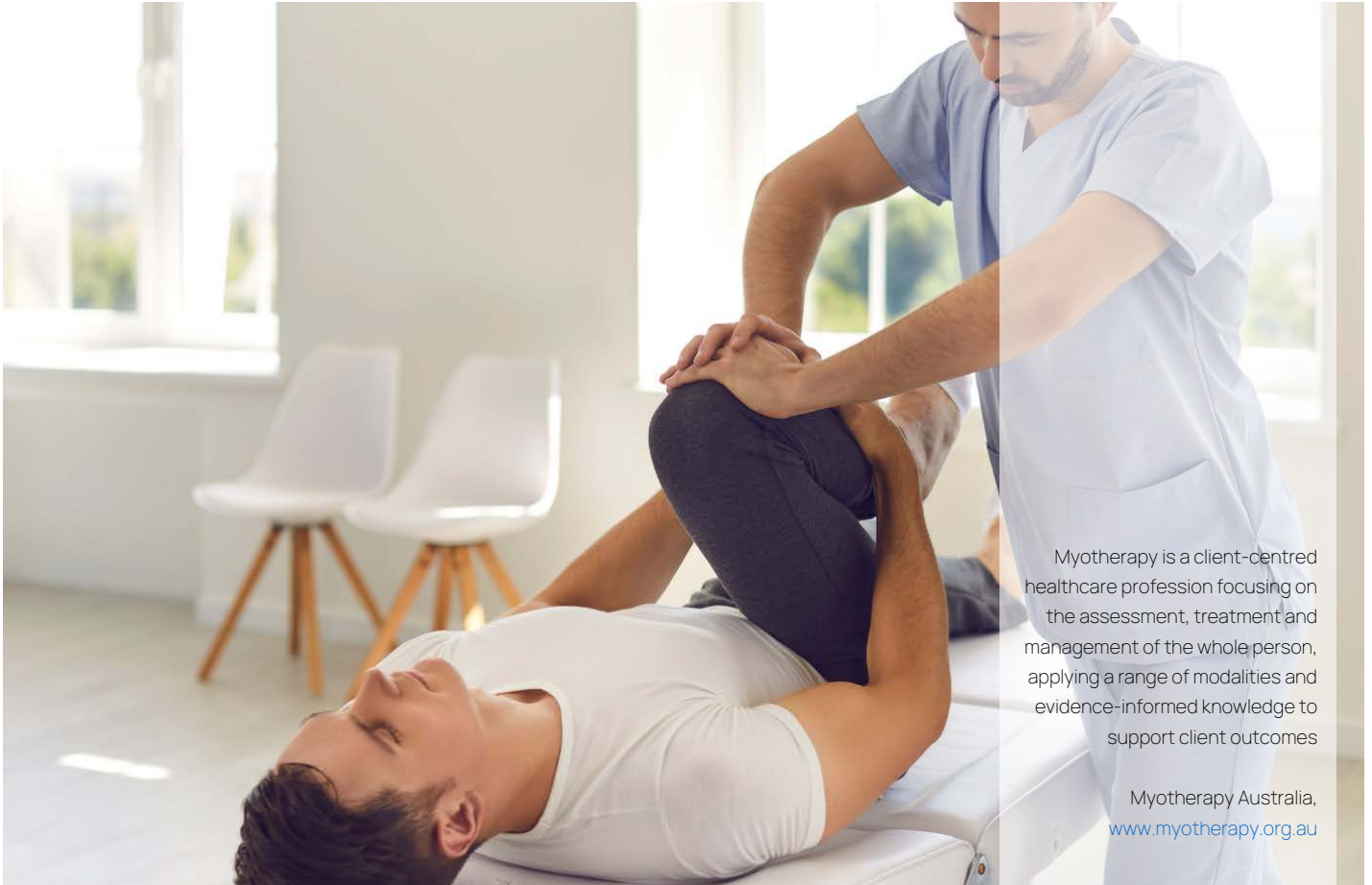
In the final two years, you will conduct safe, skilled evaluation, diagnosis, and management of a wide-range of musculoskeletal complaints under the supervision of qualified and nationally registered osteopaths, over a period of 38 weeks per year.

There is also an opportunity to complete a work placement in an Australian osteopathic clinic.

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Indicative ATAR
Bachelor of Health Sciences / Bachelor of Applied Science (Osteopathy)	Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English.	Bundoora	60.60



Myotherapy



Myotherapy is a client-centred healthcare profession focusing on the assessment, treatment and management of the whole person, applying a range of modalities and evidence-informed knowledge to support client outcomes

Myotherapy Australia,
www.myotherapy.org.au

SOUTHERN SCHOOL OF NATURAL THERAPIES

www.think.edu.au

Bachelor of Health Science (Clinical Myotherapy)

This course is delivered through Think Education.

Clinical myotherapy is a system of health care focusing on assessment, treatment and management of musculoskeletal pain.

Musculoskeletal pain can be divided into three categories:

- myofascial pain arising from trauma or muscle contracture
- neuropathic pain deriving from the nervous system; and
- articular pain that originates from the joints.

This three-year degree is approved by TEQSA (Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency) the National Australian accreditation body.

Students will gain theoretical knowledge in the biomedical and clinical sciences combined with a proficiency in clinical reasoning and the dexterity to utilise specific manual skills.

Our Bachelor of Health Science (Clinical Myotherapy) degree is:

- The longest established degree course of its type in Australia (AQF level 7)
- Nationally recognised
- Government accredited (FEE-HELP approved)

Industry Experience

Students will gain hands on experience at The Practice Wellbeing Clinic under the guidance of experienced practitioners in a clinical setting treating public patients. This prepares graduates to confidently and successfully commence practice in the community.

Professional Memberships

Graduates may apply for membership with the following professional associations:

- Massage and Myotherapy Australia
- Myotherapy Australia

Course costs

This course is full fee paying. Eligible students can apply to receive FEE-HELP.

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Indicative ATAR
Bachelor of Health Science (Myotherapy)	Completion of Year 12	Melbourne	ATAR score not required