

SPEECH PATHOLOGY

University courses - Victoria



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INTRODUCTION

This document has been developed to assist domestic Year 12 students and their families in researching speech pathology courses in Victoria. Please use entry requirements and indicative ATARs listed in this document as a guide only and check university websites for updates.



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 - Graduate Diploma.

Disclaimer

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

COURSE SUMMARY

University	Course	Campus	Indicative ATAR
La Trobe University	Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Honours)	Bendigo	74.25
		Melbourne	87.75
Australian Catholic University	Bachelor of Speech Pathology	Melbourne	80.80
The University of Melbourne	Master of Speech Pathology	Parkville	Graduate entry
Victoria University	Bachelor of Speech and Language Sciences / Master of Speech Pathology	Footscray	71.50
Federation University	Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Honours)	Mount Helen (Ballarat) Gippsland Flexible delivery - Ballarat Flexible delivery - Gippsland	N/A - New course



Speech Pathologists provide diagnostic assessment and management of disorders of communication and swallowing through direct intervention, education, consultancy, advocacy, or a combination of these approaches.

Speech Pathology Australia,
<https://bit.ly/3dEkPfe>

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY

www.latrobe.edu.au

La Trobe is the longest standing provider of speech pathology education in Victoria.

Key features

Complete 1,000 hours of clinical placements in metropolitan and regional hospitals, clinics and other health settings.

Build professional experience when you study at our on-campus speech pathology clinic in Bundoora.

Learn from world-renowned specialists in transgender voice, stuttering, children's speech and language, aphasia and acquired brain injury.

Choose between an industry-based or research honours.

Undergraduate program

Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Honours)

This four-year course considers every aspect of speech pathology, teaching you to diagnose and treat issues such as speech and language problems, stuttering and swallowing difficulties.

You will complete placements at a range of hospital and community agencies, schools and rehabilitation centres, so you'll gain the skills to work with all kinds of people, from children with developmental delay to adults with acquired disorders.

Graduates are prepared to practise in hospitals, community health centres, private practice, schools, rehabilitation centres and aged care centres.

You may also work in health promotion, teaching and consultancy, and in specialised centres helping people with hearing impairment, cerebral palsy and intellectual disability.

La Trobe is seeking accreditation for this course with Speech Pathology Australia.

Admission pathways

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

Graduate program

Master of Speech Pathology

This course is for students who already have a Bachelor degree and will take 18-months of full-time study to complete.

This course is accredited by Speech Pathology Australia.

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Indicative ATAR
Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Honours)	Minimum study scores of: 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English; and 25 in one of Biology, Chemistry, Health and Human Development, Physical Education, Physics, or any Mathematics.	Bendigo Melbourne	74.25 87.75
Master of Speech Pathology	Detailed information on selection criteria, https://bit.ly/3drp3Hb	Melbourne	Graduate entry

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Speech Pathology

Our speech pathology program will prepare you to assess and diagnose difficulties with speech, language, voice, fluency, multi-modal communication and swallowing, and enable you to provide intervention and support that is person-centred, culturally-sensitive and evidence-based.

You'll recognise the dignity of the human person and your responsibility towards the common good, and have opportunities to put your values, knowledge and skills into

action with professional practice and community engagement activities in Australia and overseas.

Clinical placement

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).

In the fourth and final year, clinical placement is a major part of the course.

Professional Accreditation

The course has full accreditation with Speech Pathology Australia.

Careers

Our graduates have pursued careers in:

early intervention services for children
schools
hospitals
rehabilitation centres
mental health services
community health services
aged care services
private practice research

Admission programs

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

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Indicative ATAR
Bachelor of Speech Pathology	Minimum study scores of: 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English; and 25 in at least one of Biology, Chemistry, Health and Human Development, or Physics.	Melbourne	80.00

THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

<https://bit.ly/2wV84N6>

The University offers an accredited speech pathology 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 Speech Pathology (2-years).

Master of Speech Pathology

The first year of the course provides the scientific background in anatomy and physiology, articulatory and acoustic phonetics, linguistics, speech and language disorders, clinical practice and processes.

The second year builds on the specialised knowledge acquired in first year, develops clinical skills and introduces students to research methods in the field.

Clinical Placement

Students will be scheduled for approximately 400 hours of supervised clinical work at various health-care and educational facilities in metropolitan and rural areas in Victoria.

Professional Accreditation

This course is accredited with Speech Pathology Australia.

Melbourne Chancellor's Scholarship Pathway

Students who achieve a high ATAR (general entry 99.9+, Indigenous entry – 90+) will be eligible for a place in the Melbourne Chancellor's Scholarship.

Chancellor's Scholars will be guaranteed a Commonwealth Supported Place in the Master of Speech Pathology providing they meet the prerequisite course and entry requirements after completing an eligible Bachelor degree at The University of Melbourne, <https://bit.ly/2WH4TBb>

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
Bachelor of Arts	Minimum study score of: 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English.	Parkville	85
Master of Speech Pathology	Selection criteria, https://bit.ly/2wB2uiJ	Parkville	N/A – grad entry

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

www.vu.edu.au

Bachelor of Speech and Language Sciences / Master of Speech Pathology

This Australian-first dual degree taught with the VU Block Model will prepare you to support those with communication and/or speech and swallowing challenges.

As a speech pathologist, you'll play a crucial role in enabling communication and/or speech and improving swallowing disorders to enhance quality of life for those experiencing these difficulties, as well as support their families and broader community.

The course combines the practical and theoretical study of communication and swallowing disorders with human development, biomedical sciences, human rights and principles of social justice to enable you to graduate as a well-rounded practitioner.

Clinical placement

During your degree you will have the opportunity to complete extensive supervised professional practice in a range of real workplace settings including education, health and community contexts, starting in the first year.

Our on-campus health science simulation labs will also offer you the ability to develop your skills in treating patients in realistic clinical scenarios.

Professional Accreditation

The course has been designed to meet the accreditation standards of Speech Pathology Australia and is currently in the qualifying phase of accreditation.

Special admission programs

Includes the VU Guaranteed program for selected schools, <https://bit.ly/2UMgLRK>

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Indicative ATAR
Bachelor of Speech and Language Sciences / Master of Speech Pathology	Minimum study scores of: 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English; and 20 in two of the following: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics (any), Psychology, Sociology, Text and Traditions, Health and Human Development or LOTE (any).	Footscray Park	71.50

FEDERATION UNIVERSITY

www.vu.edu.au

Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Honours)

Speech pathologists study, diagnose and treat communication and swallowing disorders, including difficulties with speech, language, fluency and voice.

Throughout the degree you will develop knowledge and core practical skills in anatomy and neurophysiology behind communication and swallowing impairments, science of speech and hearing, linguistics, language and healthcare.

You will also learn how to identify and implement appropriate therapeutic treatments and management options. You

will study foundation subjects in year 1 and 2 and specialise in one of two streams in year 3 and 4: Professional and Research. Both streams enable you to work as a Speech Pathologist in Australia.

The Professional stream

offers an honours project allowing you to pursue speech pathology interests in health or education disciplines.

The Research stream

also offers a research project in health or education disciplines, however eligibility for entry requires a high-grade pass average (GPA). The clinical practice placement throughout the program will provide valuable and relevant workplace experience.

Professional Accreditation

The course has been designed to meet the accreditation standards of Speech Pathology Australia and is currently in the qualifying phase of accreditation.

Clinical experience

This program includes prescribed professional practice placements of 1000hours.

Students may be required to undertake such placements away from the Gippsland or Ballarat campuses, at their own expense

Course	Prerequisites	Campus	Indicative ATAR
Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Honours)	Minimum study scores of 25 plus satisfactory completion of one of the following: Maths (any from Units 1-4), Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Health Education, Physical Education.	Mount Helen (Ballarat) Gippsland Flexible delivery – Ballarat Flexible delivery – Gippsland	N/A – new course