



THE UNIVERSITY OF
MELBOURNE

ORAL HEALTH 2019



BACHELOR OF ORAL HEALTH

The Bachelor of Oral Health equips graduates with the professional skills and expert knowledge required to sustain a successful career across the spectrum of oral health therapy.

GAIN SCIENTIFIC AND CLINICAL SKILLS

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). Oral Health students learn alongside dental students at the Melbourne Dental School in a high-tech clinical setting. You will also have the opportunity to undertake placements in metropolitan clinics and rural areas.

You will learn from a clinical teaching team comprised of active practitioners and world-leading academics who bring international leadership, research and policy experience to the program.

You will learn skills in:

- Analytical thinking and problem solving
- Clinical treatment
- Communication
- Critical thinking and evaluation
- Evidence-based practice
- Leadership and advocacy
- Planning and time management
- Respect for intellectual integrity and scientific truth.

Study areas:

- Clinical and preventive dentistry
- Dental and health sciences
- Social sciences and health promotion
- Vocational clinical practice.

CAREER OUTCOMES

On graduation, you could practise as an oral health therapist, a dental therapist or a dental hygienist.

In these roles, you may examine and diagnose oral and dental conditions, plan oral health care, help prevent disease, provide clinical dental treatment, undertake oral health promotion and perform orthodontic and preventive procedures, including impressions and applying topical fluoride or fissure sealants. You will provide fillings and extract deciduous teeth for children and young adults as well as plan care, treat periodontal conditions, and clean, scale and root plane teeth for people of all ages. You will also take and interpret radiographs, and work in collaboration with other dental and health practitioners to improve oral health.

We'll teach you how to work empathically with people to help them improve oral health, to plan and deliver oral health promotion interventions for individuals, groups and communities, and contribute to public oral health programs.

HONOURS

Honours is a fourth-year program that gives you the opportunity to draw together your previous studies and focus your knowledge, skills and intellect on an exciting piece of original research. Honours can further prepare you for employment or a research higher degree.

“After graduation I hope to work in both public and private practice to get the best experience I can in all areas. I would then like to focus on health promotion and help people from disadvantaged areas.”

Laura James (Australia)

BACHELOR OF ORAL HEALTH

Duration

3 years full time
Part time not available

Campus

Parkville

Entry

February (Semester 1)

Entry requirements

Domestic

Indicative minimum entry 2019:
ATAR 85.00, IB 31

International students

International applicants will need to meet the academic admission and English language requirements. Visit: futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au

Prerequisite subject areas:

English/EAL, biology and chemistry

For full details of entry requirements and information for other qualifications, visit: coursesearch.unimelb.edu.au

Contact hours (first year, full time)

Approximately 30–35 hours per week, plus independent study time of approximately 6–8 hours per week. Please note: This is a full-time course with high contact hours each week plus clinical placements outside of semester time. Applicants will be required to comply with the faculty's background checks, first aid training and immunisation policy:

mdhs.unimelb.edu.au/study/current-students/placements

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Find out more

▶ dental.unimelb.edu.au



COURSE INFORMATION

COURSE STRUCTURE

The Bachelor of Oral Health requires the successful completion of 12 compulsory subjects (300 points) in the areas of oral health sciences, social sciences and health promotion, preventive and clinical dentistry and vocational clinical practice. Students study two subjects per semester plus a year-long subject for the first two years, followed by two year-long subjects in third year.

THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Social and networking opportunities abound through clubs and professional associations such as the Melbourne Dental Students' Society, the Australian Dental and Oral Health Therapists' Association and the Dental Hygienists Association of Australia.

The Melbourne Dental School Mentoring Program fosters relationships between experienced practitioners and students in final year, easing the transition from dental school into work.

dental.unimelb.edu.au/engage/mentoring

FURTHER STUDY OPTIONS

Under our unique curriculum, you have the flexibility to enter the workforce straight from your undergraduate degree, or you may choose to progress to a specialised graduate degree.

You'll be eligible for entry into a range of graduate courses in public health, health services management and research. Graduate courses are also available in other areas such as the humanities and social sciences, business and economics, law, nursing, science, teaching and more.

Please note that the Bachelor of Oral Health is not a direct pathway to the Doctor of Dental Surgery at the University of Melbourne.

PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

The Bachelor of Oral Health is recognised in all Australian states and New Zealand, and is accredited by the Australian Dental Council. Graduates are registered for practice by the Dental Board of Australia and are eligible for membership of the Australian Dental and Oral Health Therapists' Association and the Dental Hygienists Association of Australia.

You will need to register as a student with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) when you are accepted into the course.

Registration may be granted in some countries other than Australia, subject to the entry requirements for the degree in specific countries and the requirements of those countries' registering authorities.

BACHELOR OF ORAL HEALTH – COURSE STRUCTURE¹

Year 1	Semester 1	Society and Health 1A	Oral Health Sciences 1A	Oral Health Practice (Year-long subject)
	Semester 2	Society and Health 1B	Oral Health Sciences 1B	
Year 2	Semester 1	Health Promotion 2A	Oral Health Sciences 2A	Oral Health Practice 2 (Year-long subject)
	Semester 2	Health Promotion 2B	Oral Health Sciences 2B	
Year 3	Semester 1 and 2	Oral Health Therapy Research Oral Health Practice 3		

 Compulsory subjects

¹ All subjects in the Bachelor of Oral Health are compulsory and must be taken in sequence. There is a selective opportunity in the final year as part of the Oral Health Therapy Research subject. This is a sample course plan only. Subjects offered may change from year to year. You will be advised of subject offerings prior to subject selection and enrolment.

ADMISSIONS

HOW TO APPLY

Domestic students

Domestic students applying for an undergraduate course must submit an application through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC). Domestic students studying overseas must also apply through VTAC.

International students

International students studying the VCE, an Australian Year 12 or IB in Australia must apply through VTAC.

All other international students, including those undertaking foundation studies in Australia, must apply directly to the University or through one of our overseas representatives.

FEES

Domestic students

All domestic undergraduate students are enrolled in a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP), subsidised by the Australian Government. Payment of the student contribution amount can be deferred through HECS-HELP for eligible students.

International students

Tuition fees are charged for each year that you are enrolled. You will pay tuition fees according to your specific enrolment in any given semester. Detailed fee information, including the fee policy covering your enrolment, will be provided when you are offered a place at the University.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Melbourne Scholarships Program is one of the most comprehensive and generous in Australia. It recognises outstanding academic achievement and provides access to students who might otherwise be excluded by socioeconomic, cultural, geographic and other disadvantages.

scholarships.unimelb.edu.au



ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Qualification	Bachelor of Oral Health
Australian Year 12	
Domestic students: Indicative 2019 minimum ATAR ¹	85.00
Domestic students: 2018 lowest selection rank to which an offer was made	85.15
International students: 2019 ATAR	85.00 ²
VCE (Units 3 and 4) prerequisite subjects	A study score of at least 25 in English/English Language/Literature or at least 30 in EAL, and at least 25 in one of Biology or Chemistry
International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma	
International students: Indicative 2019 score	31 ²
IB prerequisite subjects	English and one of Biology or Chemistry ³
GCE A Levels/Singapore A Levels	
International students: 2019 score	BCC ²
A Level prerequisite subjects	Biology or Chemistry and at least Grade B in an accepted AS Level English subject ⁴
Trinity College Foundation Studies	
International students: 2019 score	80 ²
TCFS prerequisite subjects	EAP, English and one of Biology or Chemistry

¹ Domestic students: Applicants who achieve the minimum ATAR for a course will be eligible for a place, provided prerequisite studies and any other specific course requirements are met. The lowest selection rank to which an offer was made may be higher, depending on demand for the course and the number of places available. Only applicants eligible for special entry schemes will be admitted below the minimum ATAR. Minimum ATARs are reviewed annually. The published minimums and guaranteed scores are those approved for 2018 and should be considered indicative for 2019. The 2019 minimums and guaranteed scores are yet to be finalised and will be available on the University's website once confirmed.

² **International students:** Indicative score only (entry is not guaranteed). **Domestic students completing an international qualification:** The score listed should be considered a minimum score to be eligible for a place in that course. The actual standard required may be higher depending on the demand for the course and the number of Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) available.

³ For students with English as their second language, a pass in English B at the required level will be accepted as satisfying the English prerequisite. Except where specified, IB subjects must be passed to at least Grade 4 Standard or Higher Level.

⁴ Accepted GCE AS and A Level English subjects are: General Paper, General Studies, English Language and Literature, English Literature, English Language. Singapore A Level subject Knowledge and Enquiry (H2) is also accepted. A grade of at least C is required to meet the University's English language requirements and also in prerequisite subjects unless stated otherwise.



“My lecturers are incredibly invested in my study and clinical work and placements. It’s amazing to have such a great support network at your disposal.”

Simon Chiem (Australia)

CONNECT WITH US

If you're considering studies at the University of Melbourne, we'd love to hear from you online or meet you on campus.

Sign up at:

futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/connect

OPEN DAY

Sunday 19 August 2018

10am–4pm

Parkville and Southbank campuses

openday.unimelb.edu.au

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