



Dates to Diarise in Term 4

- Year 12 VTAC very late applications – 3 November to 1 December



Reminder: VTAC 2024 Upcoming Key Dates



VTAC Personal Statement	Friday 1 December 2023
ATARs Released	Monday 11 December 2023
Change of Preference (CoP) closes	Wednesday 13 December 2023
December Round Offers	Thursday 21 December 2023
January Round International Offers	Friday 5 January 2024
January Round Domestic Offers	Friday 12 January 2024
February Offer Rounds	Tuesday 6 February 2024 onwards

For a full list of cancelled, amended, and new courses, visit [VTAC Course Updates](#)

The VTAC website is www.vtac.edu.au



News from the University of Melbourne

➤ New Narm Scholarship Program

Melbourne has just launched its *new expanded scholarship and enrichment program, available to Indigenous Australian students and to students enrolling through Access Melbourne, our Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS).*

In 2024, the university will be welcoming its inaugural cohort of Narm Scholars, who will benefit from a \$6,500 living allowance and tailored enrichment program designed to build their sense of belonging and connection with others in their wider cohort for the duration of their studies.

Narm Scholarships will be awarded to all students in eligible guaranteed cohorts, while in 2024 we will be offering approximately 200 additional Narm Scholarships across other Access Melbourne categories.

Find out more at [Narm Scholarship](#).

➤ **Studying Biomedicine or Science**

1. **Where can a Bachelor of Biomedicine Take Me?**

Biomedicine is an excellent foundation course for students keen to become experts in various fields of biomedicine. The Bachelor of Biomedicine prepares students for a range of health-related postgraduate programs, specialised graduate research, and a career contributing to the advancement of human health. Students often use Biomedicine as an undergraduate qualification into graduate study leading to professional careers in medicine, research, health sciences, and even engineering.

For more information, including YouTube clips, and links to graduate pathways a Bachelor of Biomedicine can take one, browse [UniMelb: Where can a Bachelor of Biomedicine Take Me?](#)

2. **Where can a Bachelor of Science Take Me?**

A Bachelor of Science is the first step towards a dream career in science, engineering, health, or technology. Once a student has completed their Bachelor of Science degree, they can go on to gain employment, or begin a graduate degree and work towards a professional qualification. A Bachelor of Science degree can take a student in the direction they are passionate about, from food science to psychology.

Browse [Careers by Field](#) and [Tips on Choosing a Science Major](#) to discover more. For answers to Frequently Asked Questions, browse [Science Undergraduate Studies](#).

For other information, including further study into graduate degrees, students are encouraged to browse [Where can a Bachelor of Science Take Me?](#)



TUCKWELL
SCHOLARSHIP

Tuckwell Scholarship for 2025

Australian National University (ANU) launched the *Tuckwell Scholarship Program* in 2013. *The Tuckwell Scholarship Program at the ANU is the most transformational undergraduate scholarship program in Australia.* A Tuckwell is not just about a student's intellect. It is also about their desire and determination to use their natural abilities to realise their full potential so that they can make a difference in the world. All up one could say, **this is no ordinary scholarship!**

Scholarships are awarded based on four criteria:

- academic potential and achievements to date;
- other significant achievements to date, of any type;
- demonstration of the [Attributes of a Tuckwell Scholar](#); and
- a [desire to eventually give back to Australia](#).

Applications will open in March 2024.

For more information browse [Tuckwell Scholarship](#).



University Terms

When students are looking into university study, they often come across words or terms they are unfamiliar with. Here are a few of the more commonly used terms to help students understand what is being talked about.

Associated Degree – an associate degree is generally a two-year qualification that is made up of two-thirds of a bachelor's degree and may be offered by both TAFEs and universities. Students often use this as a steppingstone to the full Bachelor Degree.

Assumed knowledge – refers to subjects the university recommends or prefers a student to have studied at school before starting the course.

ATAR – Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank – the figure used by UAC and VTAC to calculate the entrance ranking for a university course.

Bachelor's degree – the award/qualification a student gains when they have completed studies in an undergraduate course, which takes between 3 or 4 years of full-time study. This is the traditional starting point of a university qualification.

Bridging Course – an introductory course to help students achieve the preferred entry level to a degree, e.g., a bridging maths course for students who do not have the preferred maths but need it to access a course.

Census Date – the last day a student can withdraw from their university course and not owe fees.

Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) – a student's enrolment in a university degree for which the Commonwealth government contributes towards the cost of that student's education.

Credit – if a student has previously studied – perhaps at TAFE – and has Recognised Prior Learning (RPL), the student may be able to receive credit for a subject or subjects in their course. Also often referred to as *Advanced Standing*.

Double degree – a student can choose to complete a double degree – this integrates studies in two degrees resulting in an award of two degrees, usually after a minimum of 4 years of study. Often also referred to as *Combined Degrees*.

Defer – a student may choose to delay starting their course. Deferring an offer of a place might mean delaying for 6, 12, 18 or 24 months. Deferral ensures the student is guaranteed their place in their selected course.

Elective – a subject that is not core to the degree and is often from another faculty, e.g., a commerce student might choose psychology (from the Arts Faculty) as an elective.

Faculty – a department within a university devoted to a particular area of study – so, Faculty of Arts or Faculty of Science

FEE-HELP – a loan scheme for domestic students used to pay all or part of an eligible student’s tuition fees for university courses but cannot be used for additional study costs such as accommodation or textbooks. A 20% loan fee applies.

HECS-HELP – a loan scheme that assists domestic students with a CSP place to pay their contribution. Students may choose to pay their fees upfront or choose to defer payment via the HECS-HELP loan scheme.

Honours – many Bachelor degrees offer a fourth year – called an Honours year. The Honours year allows students to further focus on a particular area of interest. The Honours year can either be integrated into a 4-year bachelor’s degree or be offered as a separate year after completion of a 3-year bachelor’s degree.

Lecture – a period of teaching given by a lecturer to a large group of students in a lecture theatre; can often be as many as 300 students in a lecture.

Major study – an area within a course that allows in-depth study in a particular field. More than one major may be allowed in some courses.

Minor study – a grouping of subjects allowing a broader understanding of a few subjects, with less emphasis on in-depth study.

Prerequisite – a set of conditions – usually the completion of a subject – that must be met before enrollment in a subject or course is allowed.

SA-HELP – SA-HELP is a loan scheme that assists eligible students to pay for all or part of their student services and amenities fees – so, non-academic fees.

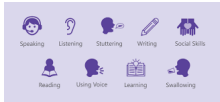
Transcript – this is the university academic record each student receives, like a school report.

Tutorial – a period of teaching given to a small group of students – involving discussion and participation.

Undergraduate – a student studying at university for a first level degree, e.g., a bachelor’s degree.

VET Student Loans – a loan scheme for domestic students used to pay all or part of an eligible student’s tuition fees for TAFE courses but cannot be used for additional study costs such as accommodation or textbooks. A 20% loan fee may apply.

Workplace learning – practical training in a workplace, such as internships or practical work experience. This is a hands-on experience – some universities call it *Industry Based Learning* or *Work Integrated Learning*.



Speech Pathology and Audiology Degrees in Victoria in 2023

Speech Pathologists study, diagnose and treat communication and swallowing disorders, including difficulties with speech, language, fluency and voice. Four Victorian universities offer an undergraduate degree in Speech Pathology, and these courses on offer are listed below. A number of these universities also offer graduate courses in speech pathology.

Audiologists are health care professionals who identify, assess and manage disorders of hearing, balance and other neural systems.

Note: The University of Melbourne offers a [Master of Speech Pathology](#) and the entry requirement for this course is the successful completion of an undergraduate degree in a relevant discipline (Science, Biomedicine, Linguistics, Phonetics, Education, Psychology).

The University of Melbourne also offers a [Master of Clinical Audiology](#), and the entry requirements are an undergraduate degree in a relevant discipline (Science, Health Sciences, Biomedicine, Linguistics, Phonetics, Psychology, Music), or equivalent.

INSTITUTION	COURSE NAME	VCE PREREQs	ATAR 2023
Australian Catholic University *Not accepted as a prerequisite from 2024 M – Melbourne	Bachelor of Speech Pathology	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in one of Biology, Chemistry, Health And Human Development* or Physics.	91.25 (M)
Federation University B – Ballarat G – Gippsland	Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Honours)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in any English; Units 1 to 4: a study score of at least 25 in one of Biology, Chemistry, Health And Human Development, any Mathematics, Physical Education or Physics.	n/p (B) n/p (G)
La Trobe University Master of Clinical Audiology * B – Bendigo M – Melbourne	Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Honours)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in one of Biology, Chemistry, Health And Human Development, any Mathematics, Physical Education or Physics.	71.80 (B) 86.95 (M)
	Bachelor of Biomedicine and Master of Clinical Audiology *	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.	80.40 (M)
	Bachelor of Health Sciences and Master of Clinical Audiology *		77.45 (M)
	Bachelor of Psychological Science and Master of Clinical Audiology *		n/p (M)
Victoria University *Not Foundation Maths F – Footscray Park	Bachelor of Speech and Language Sciences/Master of Speech Pathology	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in two of Biology, Chemistry, Health And Human Development, any LOTE, any Mathematics*, Physics, Psychology, Sociology or Texts And Traditions.	81.15 (F)



Snapshot of Kangan Institute in 2023

- With more than 30,000 enrolments each year, [Kangan Institute](#) is a major training provider for the *automotive, health and nursing sectors* and *indigenous education*.
- Kangan has a strong presence in a range of industries such as *fashion, business* as well as *justice and legal*.
- Kangan has four [campuses](#) which offer a wide range of courses in a variety of fields, ranging from certificates to diplomas.
- Kangan has hundreds of [courses](#) on offer, which include [apprenticeships and traineeships](#), and [short courses](#).
- Kangan offers fashion courses including [Applied Fashion Design and Merchandising](#).
- The [Textile and Fashion Hub](#) at Kangan Institute offers sampling & short run manufacturing services, industry relevant training courses for designers and small businesses as well as customised industry training for manufacturers, and a series of exciting short courses.
- Kangan offers the [Diploma of Justice](#) course, as well as a [Certificate IV in Legal Services](#) course.
- Students studying at Kangan Institute will undertake their training in some of the most state-of-the-art training centres in Victoria.
 - ✓ [Automotive Centre of Excellence](#)
 - ✓ [Gunung-Willam-Balluk Indigenous Learning Centre](#)
 - ✓ [Essendon Health Hub](#)
 - ✓ [Richards Restaurant](#)
 - ✓ [Textile and Fashion Hub](#)
 - ✓ [Creative and Digital Skills Hub](#)
- Kangan Institute has also partnered with leading universities in Australia to give students [guaranteed pathway options to higher education](#). The university pathways partners include:
 - [Central Queensland University](#)
 - [Deakin University](#)
 - [Federation University](#)
 - [La Trobe University](#)
 - [RMIT](#)
 - [Torrens University](#)
 - [Victoria University](#)

