



Dates to Diarise in Term 4



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



New Bachelor of Occupational Therapy

ACU is delighted to announce that the [Bachelor of Occupational Therapy](#) will be offered at the Ballarat Campus from 2024.

Occupational therapists play an important role in the lives of individuals and communities enabling participation in occupations of self-care, productivity and leisure. To do this, occupational therapists need to know how humans function, and need the skills to practice competently and safely. Students will learn how to analyse and assess occupational performance; apply and evaluate interventions to enable occupational performance; and collaborate and communicate effectively with clients and their families and colleagues.

Students will undertake 1,000 hours of professional practice education, starting in the first year, working with people across the lifespan to help them overcome physical, cognitive or societal barriers to participation. The ACU Bachelor of Occupational Therapy has been developed to ensure new graduates will meet the competency standards of the [World Federation of Occupational Therapists \(WFOT\)](#) and [Occupational Therapy Council \(OTC\)](#).

New Aptitude Test as Alternative to the Casper

If you want to study an initial teacher education program at La Trobe, our AFTA is a free and on-demand alternative to the CASPer test.

La Trobe University has developed the [Aptitude for Teaching Assessment \(AFTA\)](#). Approved by the Victorian Institute of Teaching, it is a non-cognitive scenario-based aptitude test that students can use as an alternative to the CASPer test.

Please note: It can only be used for entry into initial teaching education programs at La Trobe.



Box Hill Institute Careers Expo

Box Hill Institute is holding a *free* Careers Expo and it has partnered with industry-leading employers, who will be onsite to provide information and answer all questions from a range of sectors including; *Health, Building and Construction, Beauty* and more. Students will be able to learn what is in demand in today's industries – and maybe even land a job! Food trucks and DJs will be on deck ensuring a fun-filled afternoon as students enjoy the opportunity to speak to the teachers and course experts about the exciting study options available at Box Hill Institute.

Date: Wednesday 18 October 2024
Time: 4.00pm – 7.00pm
Venue: Box Hill Town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Rd, Box Hill VIC 3128

Register at [Box Hill Careers Expo](#).



Casper Test Reimbursement

Do you have a student intending to study Teaching at Deakin in 2024? If they have sat the Casper test and receive an offer to Deakin, they will be eligible for a reimbursement of the cost of this test.

Payment Amount

\$80 - to be made after student commences at Deakin in Trimester 1 2024.

Eligibility

The payment is open to Deakin education students who have accepted their offer into an initial teacher education degree and enrolled to start studies in 2024 in a course that requires the Casper test as an entry requirement. Deakin will identify and communicate directly with students at the point of admission.

Find out more at [The Casper test | Deakin](#).



What do I need to remember to be successful in my first year of Uni?

- I should attend orientation and transition activities – ***that way I can find out about support and advisory services available to me!***
- I need to seek assistance to learn expectations of my lecturers – ***I will have to learn about tertiary essay writing, using sources, avoiding plagiarism, and managing my time, etc.***
- I must remember to ask for help – ***no-one will necessarily be offering any!***
- I will need to be an independent learner – ***my lecturers and tutors will not be reminding me about deadlines!***
- I will need to take charge of my own learning – ***no-one will be checking up on me to see if I am keeping up with work or assignments!***
- I will need to organise my time effectively – ***there are no bells to remind me where to be!***
- I must remember that my classes may be much larger than what I have been used to at school – ***I will receive less individual attention!***
- I must make friends – ***building new friendship groups will help me cope and help me stay motivated!***
- I will be learning new skills that will be critical for my success – ***I will have to learn important research and referencing skills!***

Useful App:



LOST ON CAMPUS: Download this useful app from iTunes and Google Play for a Campus Map of many universities. You will be able to find every tutorial room, lab, lecture theatre, coffee shop, carpark, bus stop, even your nearest vending machines and free microwaves on campus - [Lost on Campus maps — StudentVIP](#)



Nutrition and Dietetics Degrees in Victoria in 2023

According to the Dietitian Association of Australia (DAA) - [Dietitian or nutritionist | Dietitians Australia](#), there is a distinction made between dietitians and other occupations in the nutrition and food science field, including that of nutritionist. The key difference between a dietitian and a nutritionist is that, in addition to or as part of their qualification in human nutrition, a dietitian has undertaken a course of study that included substantial theory and supervised and assessed professional practice in clinical nutrition, medical nutrition therapy and food service management.

So, in Australia, all dietitians are nutritionists however nutritionists without a dietetics qualification cannot take on the expert role of a dietitian.

Victorian universities offering undergraduate courses in nutrition, food science and/or dietetics include:

UNIVERSITY	COURSE	VCE PREREQ' SUBJECTS	ATAR 2023
ACU (M) – Melbourne	Nutrition Science	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	60.70 (M)
Deakin (M) - Melbourne	Nutrition Science	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	65.25 (M)
	Nutrition Science (Dietetics Pathway)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	89.10 (M)
La Trobe (M) – Melbourne	Nutrition Science	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.	70.10 (M)
	Nutrition Science/Master Dietetic Practice	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.	90.00 (M)
Monash (C) - Clayton	Nutrition Science	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 27 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 or Chemistry.	70.35 (C)
	Nutrition Science - Scholars Program (Dietetics Pathway)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 27 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 or Chemistry.	90.10 (C)
RMIT (C/B) – City/Bundoora	Food Technology & Nutrition	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 any Mathematics.	66.65 (C/B)
SWINBURNE (H) – Hawthorn	Health Science (Nutrition major) and a Master of Dietetics	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English other than EAL or at least 30 in English (EAL).	57.55 (H)
Victoria (F) - Footscray	Human Nutrition	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in one of Biology, Chemistry, Health And Human Development, any Mathematics** or Physical Education.	n/p (F)
	Not Foundation Maths Nutritional Science/Master of Dietetics	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 two of Biology, Chemistry, Health And Human Development, any Mathematics, Physical Education or Physics.	88.45 (F)

Note: Food Science and Nutrition are often offered as majors in courses in health, exercise science, and science degrees, etc. **Students are encouraged to browse [VTAC](#) for a comprehensive list, including double degrees.**



Optometry Courses on offer in 2023

The [Good Universities Guide - Optometrist](#) states that *Optometrists perform eye examinations to determine the presence of vision problems and other eye conditions and disease. They treat or manage these problems by prescribing glasses, contact lenses, optical aids, vision therapy, medication (in the form of eye drops) or referral to an eye surgeon when required.*

Optometrists need to have a patient and caring manner; be able to carry out accurate and precise work, have good communication skills, and enjoy helping people.

To become an optometrist a student usually has to study optometry at university. Alternatively, they can complete a degree in vision science or a relevant area at university, followed by a postgraduate qualification in optometry. Prerequisite subjects, or assumed knowledge, in one or more of English, mathematics, chemistry, biology and physics are normally required. Entry to postgraduate courses usually requires completion of an appropriate bachelor degree. A number of universities in Australia offer these degrees. Universities have different prerequisites, and some have flexible entry requirements.

Optometry courses on offer in Australia include -

INSTITUTION	COURSE	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS IN 2023
DEAKIN UNIVERSITY	Bachelor of Vision Science/Master of Optometry	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL An ATAR of 95+
	Master of Optometry	Completion of a Bachelor of Vision Science, or equivalent, with an emphasis on an adequate coverage of vision sciences
FLINDERS UNIVERSITY	Bachelor of Medical Science (Vision Science), Master of Optometry	Assumed knowledge of Maths Methods, Chemistry and Physics An ATAR of 95+
QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY	Bachelor of Vision Science/Master of Optometry	Assumed knowledge of English/EAL, Maths Methods or Specialist Maths, Chemistry, Physics An ATAR of 98.5+
UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA	Master of Optometry	Only open to students who have completed the Bachelor of Vision Science at the University of Canberra
UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE	Doctor of Optometry Pathway to Optometry	An undergraduate degree (or equivalent), and three subjects at second or third year level (or equivalent) in one or more relevant biological science disciplines plus the GAMSAT or MCAT
UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES	Bachelor of Vision Science with a Master of Clinical Optometry	Assumed knowledge of English/EAL, Maths Methods, Chemistry, Physics An ATAR of 99+

Note: Students who attain an ATAR of 99.00 are eligible for the [Graduate Degree Package](#) through Biomedicine or Science



Snapshot of Flinders University in 2023

- Situated in South Australia, Flinders is a fairly young university, celebrating 55 years since opening in 1966.
- Over 26,000 students are enrolled in courses at Flinders University.
- Flinders main campus is located at [Bedford Park](#), with additional Adelaide locations at Victoria Square and Tonsley.
- The university has six colleges –
 1. [College of Business, Government, and Law](#)
 2. [College of Education, Psychology, and Social Work](#)
 3. [College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences](#)
 4. [College of Medicine and Public Health](#)
 5. [College of Nursing and Health Sciences](#)
 6. [College of Science and Engineering](#)
- Flinders offers over 500 undergraduate, postgraduate and research [degrees](#), including flexible pathways to medicine - [medicine at Flinders](#)
- Flinders introduced a range of [new courses in 2023](#).
- Flinders has over 100 partner institutions across 33 countries.
- [Scholarships](#), worth \$2,2m in total, are on offer to students.
- Flinders offers a broad range of [facilities and services](#) to students.
- There is also a wide range of [support services](#) which include *health & well-being* and *study support*.
- [Flinders Living](#) offers both on-campus and off-campus accommodation, either in the former of a catered collegiate form, or self-contained units.

