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Dates to Diarise in Term 3

- **University / TAFE Open Days 2024** – throughout August
- **Year 12 VTAC timely applications** – throughout August and September
- **VTAC SEAS and Scholarship applications** – throughout August and September



Concordia College International Excellence Scholarship

Students considering studying in the USA might like to find out more about Concordia College's **International Excellence Scholarship**. The scholarship is awarded automatically to all admitted international students from \$11,000 to \$17,000 USD per year for the 2024-2025 academic year.

The amount awarded is determined by the strength of the student's academic performance in high school.

Students can find out more at [Concordia College International Excellence Scholarship](#).



Schools Recommendation Program

The University of Tasmania's **Schools Recommendation Program** is a program allowing Australian Year 12 students to apply for up to five courses and receive a conditional offer before the final results are released.

So, rather than an ATAR, the application is based on a student's school recommendation and their Year 11 results. It has been designed to give students confidence in completing their Year 12 and receiving a university place in 2025.

Applications open 27 June 2024, and there are a number of application rounds, and applications can be submitted right up to 4 October 2024.

Note: students who apply by 29 July will be eligible for a main round offer in September. Applicants will be notified of their success after UTAS has received the recommendation from their school.

Students are encouraged to browse [UTAS School's Recommendation Program](#) to find out more.

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Studying Psychology at La Trobe University

Gain an understanding of the human mind and how it influences behaviour. You'll develop analytical, research and communication skills while studying clinical and health psychology, developmental and social psychology, assessment, intervention and research.

La Trobe offers several degrees that allow students to study psychology. For example, the Bachelor of Arts offers a major in Psychological Sciences.

Students who are keen to enter a course with a greater focus on psychology, or to pursue a career as a psychologist might opt to enrol in one of two undergraduate degrees. Both the Bachelor of Psychological Science and Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) are accredited by the Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC).**

*** Professional registration with the Psychology Board of Australia will require an APAC-accredited fourth year and additional or ongoing requirements beyond the completion of the degree as well as an application to the professional body.*

1. [Bachelor of Psychological Science](#)

This is a 3-year degree that prepares students for a career as a professional psychologist, or in a psychology-related field across industries from clinical psychology to human services and marketing. Graduates of this course planning to continue on in further psychology-related studies will need to apply for an Honours year, such as the 1-year [Bachelor of Psychological Science with Honours](#). A WAM of 70 is required to be eligible for consideration.

2. [Bachelor of Psychology \(Honours\)](#)

This is a 4-year degree that prepares students to become a professional psychologist, build a career in a psychology-related field or pursue research. Automatic progression to fourth year in this course requires a minimum weighted average mark (WAM) of 70%.



Career as a Data Scientist

The Good Careers Guide states that a *Data Scientist investigates large datasets and interprets them to make insights and recommendations for clients or employers that is easy to understand and important for future practice.*

Data Scientists can work in environments such as public services, private sectors, scientific and professional research, financial services and industry corporations, and most often in teams.

[Good Careers Guide - Data Scientist](#)

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[Coursera](#) states that a *data scientist uses data to understand and explain the phenomena around them, and help organizations make better decisions. Working as a data scientist can be intellectually challenging, analytically satisfying, and put you at the forefront of new technological advances.*

Data Science is offered as specialised bachelor's degrees at *Deakin, Monash, RMIT, Swinburne, and VU*, but is also offered as a major Computer Science and Science degrees.

Students are encouraged to browse [VTAC Home](#) to learn more about the range of offerings in Victoria.



Accelerated Bachelor of Education (Primary)

Did you know you can achieve a four-year equivalent qualification in only three years of full-time study if you undertake selected units in Trimester 3?

Deakin University offers the ***Bachelor of Education (Primary)*** at its Burwood, Waurn Ponds, and Warrnambool campuses. This degree has been developed and reviewed with input from professional educators and the education sector, meaning students' learning is highly relevant to their future teaching careers. Students gain confidence under the expert guidance of experienced staff who are recognised leaders and innovators in their fields.

Students get to choose a specialisation and develop advanced skills in a priority area of the primary curriculum, such as:

- health and physical education
- languages (*not available as an accelerated completion*)
- language and literacy
- mathematics and numeracy
- science.

Of note is that this course can be fast-tracked over three years if students undertake units in Trimester 3.

Students are encouraged to browse [Bachelor of Education \(Primary\)](#) to find out more.

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Optometry Courses in Australia in 2024

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 2024
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 95.00+
Flinders University	Bachelor of Health Sciences (Vision Science)/Master of Optometry	Assumed knowledge of Maths Methods, Chemistry and Physics An ATAR of 95.00+
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 98.00+
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 – through Biomedicine or Science	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 99.00+

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Speech Pathology and Audiology Degrees in Victoria in 2024

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 requirement is an undergraduate degree in a relevant discipline (Science, Health Sciences, Biomedicine, Linguistics, Phonetics, Psychology, Music), or equivalent.

INSTITUTION	COURSE NAME	VCE PREREQS	ATAR 2024
Australian Catholic University 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, or Physics.	84.25 (M)
Federation University B – Ballarat Be - Berwick 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 (Be) n/p (G)
La Trobe University 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.	77.00 (B) 88.80 (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.	76.90 (M)
	Bachelor of Health Sciences and Master of Clinical Audiology *		75.65 (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.	82.50 (F)

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Snapshot of Chisholm Institute in 2024

- Chisholm Institute is a government-owned TAFE with eight [locations](#) across Melbourne and the south-eastern suburbs, and each one has facilities dedicated to the particular learning area offered at that campus.
- Chisholm Institute offers over 250 certificate, diploma, advanced diploma, bachelor, and graduate certificate [courses](#).
- Chisholm boasts some excellent training [facilities](#) including –
 - ✓ [Trade Training Centres](#) which has general purpose classrooms as well as a multi-trade workshop equipped to deliver building and construction trades, including carpentry, bricklaying, plumbing, electro technology and engineering. There is also an engineering workshop which includes equipment such as 3d printers, laser cutters and CNC routers and milling machines.
 - ✓ [Building Trades Facilities](#) where bricklaying, building and carpentry, building design, cabinetry and furniture making, electrical and plumbing are taught.
 - ✓ [National Precision Growing Centre](#) is situated in Cranbourne and is the only facility of its kind in Australia. It is designed to deliver industry training in horticulture locally, nationally, and globally.
 - ✓ [Salon and Spas](#) – with a number of hair and beauty courses being delivered at Chisholm, treatments and services are performed in the salons and spas, with each student developing their treatment skills while being supervised by the salon staff and teacher.
- As with other leading tertiary institutions, Chisholm Institute also offers a range of [Student Support Services](#) which include a counselling service, library, career and employment service, as well as international student support.
- Chisholm Institute offers a suite of [Free TAFE](#) courses including areas such as *Accounting, Legal and Information Technology, Printing and Graphic Arts, Automotive, Building Trades and Construction, Community Services, Education, Engineering and Electronics, Hair and Beauty, Horticulture, and Hospitality and Tourism.*

