CAREER NEWS

Friday 23 October

Dates to Diarise in Term 4

- **Year 12 VTAC late applications** – throughout 29 September – 30 October
- **VTAC SEAS and Scholarship applications** – throughout September and early October



Reminder: VTAC 2027 Upcoming Key Dates



ATARs Released	Thursday 10 December 2026
Change of Preference (CoP) closes	Saturday 12 December 2026
December Round Offers	Wednesday 23 December 2026
January Round One Offers	Wednesday 13 January 2027
January Round Two Offers	Wednesday 27 January 2027
February Offer Rounds	Wednesday 3 February 2027 onwards

For a full list of cancelled, amended, and new courses, visit VTAC Course Updates.

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News from La Trobe University

➢ Undergraduate On-Demand Webinar Series

Missed out on a live webinar event? Now you can catch up at a time that suits you – from wherever you are – with on-demand webinars. Find out more about the course you're interested in and get started on your next step.

Watch on-demand webinars at Webinars, Study with us, La Trobe University.

➢ Bachelor of Biomedicine at La Trobe

The Bachelor of Biomedicine -

- Contributes to the evolving health sector with a highly specialised major in cancer, immunology, physiology, or biochemistry.
- Trains students in high-tech labs and through interactive and authentic activities that prepare you for real-world situations.
- Develops strong foundational knowledge in topics such as biochemistry, molecular and cell biology, human physiology, infectious and non-communicable disease.
- Assists students in gaining a pathway into high-demand postgraduate degrees in research, medicine, physiotherapy, and more.

The Bachelor of Biomedicine was recently revised and offers four unique and industry-focused majors that offer students strong employment opportunities upon graduation, and the potential to pathway into further postgraduate studies.

The majors available are:

Cancer, heart and brain diseases

Immunology and infectious disease

Molecular and cellular biochemistry
Physiology and pharmacology

Students can select a single major plus four electives or two majors (one major from another faculty) in their third year of study. These majors are offered at the Melbourne (Bundoora) campus only.

Victoria University Master of Project Management

Gain a diverse and in-demand skillset for a rewarding project-management career in business, industry or the public sector, when you study the Master of Project Management at Victoria University.

This 2-year project-management course, endorsed by the Australian Institute of Project Management (AIPM), is designed for both current and aspiring project managers. It equips students with advanced project-management techniques that can be applied across various industries, including:

- construction
- engineering
- health services
- information technology
- private business
- public sector.

The course includes the latest project management methods, trending across the various industries. The lecturers are experienced project managers, and the program is industry-run and led. Through strong connections to industry students are kept up to date on current project management requirements. Some of the latest global trends in project management are also taught, including being customer-focused and agile.

Studying the Doctor of Medicine at Deakin

Deakin is one of three universities in Victoria offering postgraduate medicine. Based at the Waurn Ponds campus, this 4-year course has a unique focus on rural and regional medicine, Indigenous Health, the development of human capabilities and service to marginalised communities.

There are three entry streams available for applicants: *General Entry Stream, Rural Training Stream,* and the *Indigenous Entry Stream.*

The first two years of the Doctor of Medicine include face-to-face learning activities at Waurn Ponds (Geelong). In years one and two, students learn in simulated clinical environments and dedicated medical sciences teaching spaces, along with small group learning sessions. Teaching activities are conducted both online and face-to-face. Students are also exposed to clinical experiences from early in the course, through placements with healthcare providers.

During years three and four students will undergo intensive clinical training within health services attached to one of Deakin's clinical schools. Students get to conduct their learning in the clinical environment, guided by experienced staff associated with the clinical schools.

Browse Doctor of Medicine at Deakin to find out more.

Federation University Sports Courses on offer from 2027

- ***New* Diploma of Sports Performance and Coaching**

Jointly delivered in 2027 by Federation University and Melbourne City Institute of Sport & Business (MCISB), this immersive, industry-embedded program bridges academic theory and professional practice.

Based face-to-face at Melbourne City Football Club's world-class City Football Academy, students will build a foundation in *human performance and coaching, exploring areas including movement, exercise programming, sport psychology, biomechanics and athlete development*.
Enrolments for the 2027 cohort are now open via direct expressions of interest.

Duration: 1 year full-time
Starting: 1 March or 26 July 2027
Location: Melbourne City Institute of Sport & Business

To find out more, or to register an interest, visit Sports Performance & Coaching.

- **Diploma of Business and Sports Management (Higher Education)**

Developed in partnership with Melbourne City Institute of Sport & Business, this 12-month diploma combines theory and hands-on industry training in the elite environment of Melbourne City Football Club's state-of-the-art facility, the City Football Academy Melbourne.

This program equips students with the business acumen and industry insights needed to thrive in a dynamic sports career. Best of all, the partnership with Melbourne City Football Club means students will have an extensive range of opportunities to build their professional network and gain work experience in both business and sport.

Find out more at Diploma of Business and Sports Management.

Foundation Studies at ACU

Foundation Studies offers a pathway for domestic and international students without a recognised Year 12 qualification.

The program develops subject knowledge across key areas while preparing students for university-level study. Delivered in a supportive environment, students receive all required resources and guidance for a smooth transition to undergraduate study. The program can be completed on campus or online, and ACU covers the full cost.
Students who have a Year 12 qualification have the option to complete the program via accelerated mode (one-semester full-time) or part-time (two-semesters).

Find out more at ACU Foundation Studies.

Interesting Courses at Swinburne University

- **Bachelor of Design (Fashion)**

Focusing on digital solutions, novel fabrics and ethical practices, the Bachelor of Design (Fashion) will foster the innovation needed to transform the fashion industry. Students will graduate with the industry exposure and skills to enter this exciting and creative field and will become frontrunners in its sustainable and tech-forward future. Entry for the Bachelor of Design (Fashion) is by portfolio, not by ATAR score.

- **Bachelor of Biomedical Science**

Through hands-on, tech-focused learning and industry experience, the Bachelor of Biomedical Science immerses students in this critical arena of healthcare. With access to cutting edge equipment, including virtual reality and digital dissection, students will graduate ready for the biomedical workforce, or for postgraduate physiotherapy, occupational therapy and medicine. An ATAR of 60.00 will guarantee an offer.

- **Bachelor of Nutrition**

Lab-based study meets progressive food trend analysis in the Bachelor of Nutrition. In this always-evolving field, students will examine the science of nutrition and uncover new ideas in the relationship between food and human health, with pathways into industry or postgraduate dietetics. An ATAR of 60.00 will guarantee an offer.

New **Courses introduced in 2026**

Swinburne introduced the following courses for the first time this year, and students keen on these areas of study are advised to browse the links provided to learn more.

- Bachelor of Construction Management (Honours)
- Bachelor of Artificial Intelligence in Business
- Bachelor of Psychology and Cognitive Neuroscience
- Bachelor of Forensic Psychological Science

Box Hill Institute Diploma of Nursing Pathway

Gain the essential skills and knowledge to work as an enrolled nurse in a variety of healthcare settings with our Diploma of Nursing course.

Students learn how to implement general nursing care, assess client's health and analyse health-related information. They also learn how to administer and monitor medications and attend to the needs of a range of healthcare clients, including older clients, acute care clients and people with mental health conditions. The course assists students in developing effective communication skills and understanding how to work within the legal and ethical parameters in nursing.

Students complete a minimum of 400 hours of mandatory clinical placement in a range of healthcare settings across metropolitan, regional and rural areas.

After successful completion of the ***Diploma of Nursing*** – which is currently a FREE TAFE course – students may have the option of applying to universities and being granted up to 12 months credit towards most 3-year Bachelor of Nursing qualifications. Box Hill Institute has specific articulation arrangements with *ACU (guaranteed pathway for the top 20 students)* and *Deakin University, as well as Federation University, and La Trobe University.*

Find out more about the Diploma of Nursing at Diploma of Nursing at Box Hill Institute.

Monash University Reminder: Maths & Science Prerequisites

The best way to meet the prerequisites requirements for Monash undergraduate courses is for students to undertake them via their VCE or equivalent Year 12 studies. Without meeting the prerequisite studies at the time university offers are released means a student will not be eligible to be considered for that course.

Monash, however, does accept a range of alternate options if a student does not have the required VCE units **or** does not meet the study score. Students may choose to complete at least one of the alternative options listed on the link below before they can access their preferred destination degree.

For example, if a student is interested in Commerce and has not studied Units 3 & 4 Mathematics Methods, they could enter Monash's Business, Arts or Science degree, undertake MTH1010 and then apply to transfer to Commerce.

Find out more about maths and science units that can be completed as alternatives to the VCE prerequisites by visiting Monash Maths & Science Prerequisites.

NOTE: Register for the What does my first year in Science look like? - Discover Monash webinar taking place on Thursday 22 October from 6.00pm – 7.00pm.

Biomedicine or Science at Melbourne?

Biomedicine students study core units until semester two of year two, when they then choose their major for their third year. Therefore, students cover content of most majors before selecting their major. The cohort is very competitive, and all students have a similar experience.

An important feature of the Bachelor of Biomedicine is the students themselves. The Biomedicine Student's Society (BSS), is one of the University's most active and inclusive student groups. *The strong cohort framework of the degree (remember, you do half of your subjects together) allows the BSS to provide academic and social programs tailored to the journey you share with your peers.*
The Bachelor of Biomedicine offers 16 majors across a range of biomedical disciplines, and if students are interested in entering the health professions, Biomedicine is an ideal choice.
The Bachelor of Biomedicine is ideal preparation for a career in medicine and professional health. Completing the Bachelor of Biomedicine has never been a compulsory or privileged path to the Doctor of Medicine (MD), but it is a good strategy, providing students with a firm foundation in biomedical sciences.

Browse Bachelor of Biomedicine to learn more.

Science students have a far more flexible structure to their degree and do not have the structured core subjects the biomedicine students do. The Bachelor of Science is ideal for students who know exactly what they want to study. In fact, science students could pick their major – from over 40 on offer, across all areas of science, biomedicine, mathematics, engineering, and IT. – and not actually learn anything about the other majors.

Science students also get to choose from hundreds of breadth subjects (non-science) on offer. *Some students use breadth to explore a passion or interest – for example music or history. Others will improve their career prospects by studying a language or law, communication or business skills*.

Students might like to find out more by browsing
Breadth subjects in the Bachelor of Science.

Student experience opportunities include –

- Completing an **internship** in a workplace for course credit
- Learning from an industry professional in our **mentoring program**

Browse Bachelor of Science to learn more.

Eye Specialists

Students often ask what the differences are between **Optometrists, Orthoptists** and **Ophthalmologists**.

Below is a summary of the three as posted on the Vision Australia website.

➢ Optometrists

Optometrists are eye care professionals who examine the eyes and visual systems to detect vision changes and diagnose eye diseases.
On an average day, an optometrist will examine eyes to diagnose eye conditions and prescribe corrective lenses.
Often, the optometrist will be a person's first point of contact before they are referred to Ophthalmologists and Orthoptists.

In Victoria, students can study optometry at -

Deakin University **- Bachelor of Vision Science/Master of Optometry**
University of Melbourne **- Doctor of Optometry**

➢ Orthoptists

Orthoptists are eye care professionals who work with patients to manage a broad range of eye diseases.
Orthoptists are involved in the management of eye diseases like cataracts, glaucoma, lazy eye, and macular degeneration.
Often, Orthoptists will work in clinics alongside Ophthalmologists working on assessing and managing people's eye conditions.

In Victoria, students can study orthoptics at -

La Trobe University **- Bachelor of Orthoptics (Honours)**

➢ Ophthalmologists

Ophthalmologists are medical doctors who have further specialised in medical and surgical eye disease.
Most commonly, ophthalmologists are involved in the assessment, diagnosis and medical treatment of eye disease.
Many eye conditions can be treated with medication, surgery, or other medical interventions, and ophthalmologists manage this.
Ophthalmologists are also highly specialised, which means individuals with complex care needs may see multiple ophthalmologists to ensure all aspects of their condition are managed appropriately.

In Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Science Courses in Victoria in 2026

The Good Universities Guide states that a Pharmacist supplies, dispenses and manufactures medicines, whilst, according to the Explore Health Careers website, a Pharmaceutical Scientist spends more time in the laboratory, and are expertly trained to discover, develop, test and manufacture new medications. **Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science undergraduate degrees for school leavers offered in Victoria include:**

UNIVERSITY	COURSE	VCE PREREQUISITES	ATAR FOR 2026
La Trobe University B – Bendigo Campus	Pharmacy (Honours)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in EAL, or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	**75.05 (B)**
	Science (Pharmaceutical Science major)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in EAL, or at least 20 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in any Mathematics.	**L/N (B)**
Monash University	Pharmacy (Honours)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in EAL or at least 25 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in Chemistry; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in one of Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics.	**90.00 (P)**
	Pharmacy (Hons) and Master of Pharmacy		**90.00 (P)**
	Pharmacy (Hons) Scholars program/Master of Pharmacy		**98.10 (P)**
	Pharmaceutical Science		**82.10 (P)**
	Pharmaceutical Science Advanced (Honours)		**88.95 (P)**
	Pharmaceutical Science Advanced (Honours) - Scholars Program		**98.05 (P)**
P – Parkville Campus C – Clayton Campus	Chemical Engineering/ Pharmaceutical Science		**87.15 (C)**
RMIT University	Pharmacy (Honours) Pathway option: Associate Degree in Applied Science	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 27 in EAL or at least 25 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in one of Maths: General Mathematics, Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in Chemistry.	**81.50 (B)**
	Pharmaceutical Sciences Pathway option: Associate Degree in Applied Science	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 27 in EAL or at least 25 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in one of Maths: General Mathematics, Maths: Mathematical Methods, Maths: Specialist Mathematics or Physics; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in Biology or Chemistry.	**70.75 (B)**
B – Bundoora campus C/B – City/Bundoora	Chemical Engineering/ Pharmaceutical Science	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 27 in EAL or at least 25 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in one of Maths: General Mathematics, Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in Chemistry.	**83.55 (C/B)**

Log onto VTAC to find out more about these and other similar courses. Students should note that *pharmacology* and/or *pharmaceutical science* is often offered as a major/minor in some science and biomedicine degrees. This is the case in Biomedicine at UniMelb and Science at UniMelb.

Note: Monash University has been ranked fourth in the world for Pharmacy and Pharmacology, in the **QS World University Rankings by Subject 2025** list - QS World University Rankings for Pharmacy and Pharmacology | Top Universities.

Science Degrees in Victoria in 2026

The Bachelor of Science is offered at the following Victorian universities and students are encouraged to visit VTAC for more information on these and other science-related courses – particularly the **majors** on offer – as well as the numerous double degree options, and/or browse each university link provided below.

UNIVERSITY	VCE PREREQUISITES	ATAR 2026
DEAKIN G – Waurn Ponds campus M – Melbourne campus	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.	60.30 (G) 62.05 (M)
FEDERATION **Science** **Science (Advanced)** B - Berwick Gi – Gippsland campus Mt H – Mt Helen campus	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in any English; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in one of any Mathematics or any Science.	61.40 (B) 66.70 (Gi) L/N (Mt H)
	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in any English; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in two units (any study combination) of Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics or at least 30 in one of Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Geography, Physics or Psychology.	L/N (B) L/N (Gi) L/N (Mt H) Min ATAR 90.00
LA TROBE B – Bendigo campus M – Melbourne campus	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL; and a study score of at least 20 in any Mathematics.	57.05 (B) 61.65 (M)
MONASH **Science** **Science Advanced Global** **Science Adv. Research** C – Clayton campus R.C. – Range of Criteria	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 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, Environmental Science, Geography, Maths: Mathematical Methods, Maths: Specialist Mathematics, Physics or Psychology.	82.00 (C)
	Science Advanced – Global Challenges: Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 35 in English (EAL) or at least 30 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in one of Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Geography, Maths: Mathematical Methods, Maths: Specialist Mathematics, Physics or Psychology.	N/P (C) *Interview required as part of selection*
	Science Advanced – Research: Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 35 in English (EAL) or at least 30 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in Maths: Mathematical Methods; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in two of Biology, Chemistry, Environmental Science, Geography, Maths: Specialist Mathematics, Physics or Psychology.	93.10 (C)
RMIT C – City campus	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: Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in one of Maths: General Mathematics, Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics.	70.00 (C)
SWINBURNE H – Hawthorn campus ** Professional degree	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL (professional degree) – **OR –** 25 in EAL or 20 in English (3-year degree); and a study score of at least 20 in any Mathematics.	60.00 (H) 75.80 H) **
UNI MELBOURNE P – Parkville campus	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL; and a study score of at least 25 in one of Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics; and a study score of at least 25 in one of Biology, Chemistry or Physics. **--OR--** Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL; and a study score of at least 25 in both of Maths: Mathematical Methods and Maths: Specialist Mathematics.	91.00 (P)
VICTORIA FP – Footscray Park campus *Not Foundation Maths	Science - Biotechnology or Ecology and Environmental Management: 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 any Mathematics*.	N/P (FP)

Snapshot of Kangan Institute in 2026

- 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 five 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 a few short courses too.
- Kangan offers fashion and textile courses. 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.

    Health and Community Centre of Excellence
    Richards Restaurant
    Gunung-Willam-Balluk Learning Centre
    Automotive Centre of Excellence
    Textile & Fashion Hub
    Creative + Digital Skills Campus
    Essendon Health 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:

    - Deakin University
    - La Trobe University
    - Victoria University

Snapshot of The Hotel School – Melbourne in 2026

- The Hotel School delivers Southern Cross University courses specialising in the Tourism, Hotel Management, Hospitality and Events industries.
- Southern Cross University ranks in the top 200 Shanghai Ranking's Global Ranking of Academic Subjects in the area of *Hospitality and Tourism Management*.
- The Hotel School Melbourne Campus is located in the heart of the CBD.
- Students have access to a state-of-the-art learning hub with dedicated student spaces.
- A number of courses are on offer, including –
    - ✓ Diploma of Hotel Management
    - ✓ Associate Degree of International Hotel and Tourism Management
    - ✓ Bachelor of Business in Hotel Management
    - ✓ Master of Business in Global Hotel Leadership
- The Hotel School has over 1000 industry connections who provide an invaluable resource for internships and Work Integrated Learning as well as other activities to students.
- The Hotel School offers a range of Student Support Services.
- Internships make up an important part of the courses taught at The Hotel School
- Students can learn more by participating in a virtual tour of the Melbourne Campus.