



Dates to Diarise in Term 2

- GAT – Tuesday 16 June
- Melbourne Careers Expo 2026 – 17 – 19 July



Health Services Assistance (Operating Theatre Technician)

Learn the skills and knowledge to work in the fast-paced role of an operating theatre technician in our health services assistance course.

Theatre technicians are a vital part of the perioperative team who look after patients before, during and after an operation. Theatre technicians work closely with the doctors and nurses in the operating theatre. They are responsible for the patient's safety and comfort while they are in the operating room, as well as setting up and monitoring the technology needed to support the surgeon.

During this 9-month health course offered by Box Hill Institute, students will learn skills to:

- transfer patients to a theatre.
- move them safely onto the operating table.
- attach various pieces of essential equipment.
- interact with the surgical team to ensure the patient's journey is smooth, safe and comfortable.

Theatre technician roles are physical and fast paced. Due to the context of the role, most technicians in Victorian hospitals work 10 hour shifts across a 4 day week.

Find out more at [Certificate III in Health Services Assistance \(specialising in Operating Theatre Technician\)](#).



The VU Block Model

At Victoria University (VU) we have revolutionised tertiary education in Australia with our multi-award-winning VU Block Model. Feel confident and engaged in your studies with our unique VU Block Model®.

Study one subject at a time, learn in interactive, workshop-style classes, and be supported to reach your full potential.

Unlike the standard university model where students juggle multiple subjects at once over a semester, at VU students get to focus on one unit at a time over four-week or eight-week 'blocks', depending on the course. Students complete all assessments for each unit (subject) within each four-week block and receive their results soon after the block finishes.

The top 3 reasons VU's Block Model is the "New Way To Do Uni" are listed below:

1) Achieve more

Not only has Block Model seen pass rates increase, but more students are also becoming high achievers with Distinctions and High Distinctions grades increasing.

2) Stand out

Block class sizes are small, students get to know their classmates and teacher, and become a working team, not just a face in a lecture theatre.

3) Build confidence

Learning in small, collaborative working groups, students are empowered to share ideas, debate concepts, and explore learning opportunities from their first class.

Students might like to watch a YouTube clip on the [VU Block Model](#), as well as browse the link [Why Choose the VU Block Model](#).



MONASH University

News from Monash University

➤ **Monash Fine Art, Design and Architecture Experience Days**

Gain a better understanding of different art mediums, design thinking approaches, and architecture studios through our hands-on experience days at the [Monash Caulfield campus](#). Students will find out what it's like to be a student for a day, meet the university staff and explore the workshop spaces Monash students get to work in.

Fine Art Folio-building	Tuesday 30 June, 10.00am - 3.00pm
Design Workshop - Designing for Good	Wednesday 1 July, 9.30am – 11.30pm
Architecture Making Workshop	Wednesday 1 July, 12.00pm – 1.30pm

Find out more and register at [Experience day workshops - Art, Design and Architecture](#).

➤ **Science Precinct Tours**

If students would like to take a closer look and see where they could be studying after Year 12, this is a great chance to visit the brilliant science facilities and student spaces. Get a feel for campus life and have a chat with some of our science students and staff.

Dates: Tuesday 7 July 10.00am – 12.00pm OR Thursday 9 July 10.00am – 12.00pm

Where: Monash Science Precinct, Clayton Campus

Find out more or book a spot at [Monash Science Precinct Tours 2026](#)

➤ **The Monash Design Prize**

Calling all budding designers in Years 10 to 12! Submit your entry to the Monash Design Prize for your chance to win a \$1,000 VISA voucher and a two-week paid internship with one of our design research labs.

Monash invites budding designers of the future to show how one might apply design to respond to some of our most urgent challenges in the world. Participants can choose any format; a poster campaign, product design, interior or public space, wearable device, digital platform...and address a particular challenge. Students can address any issue from sustainability and climate action to social equity and healthy communities.

Submissions must be made by Friday 11 September 2026.

Find out more at [The Monash Design Prize - Art, Design and Architecture](#).

➤ **Make Music with Us**

Monash' annual '***Make Music with Us***' days are open to students, teachers and music enthusiasts of all ages. Participants will learn from the teaching staff and industry experts, and experience all that Monash Music has to offer. Events are held across both semesters and includes '*Day of Brass*', '*Day of Classical Voice*', '*Day of Percussion*', '*Day of Piano*', and others.

Visit [Make Music With Us](#) to find out more.



News from Deakin University

➤ **Difference between Financial Planning, Finance, and Accounting**

Financial planning, finance and accounting are all offered as majors in the [Bachelor of Commerce](#) at Deakin. When choosing between these options, it is important to fully understand where each course leads.

What is financial planning?

Financial Planning is a pathway to becoming an accredited financial planner. Financial planners help people devise a plan to achieve financial security and meet financial goals. As well as developing strategies and recommendations, financial planners act as life coaches, educators, and mentors.

It's a profession that combines an interest in finance and investing together, with a love of working with people and while a level of numeracy skill is required, interpersonal skills are the primary focus. Graduates work in small and large financial planning organisations or set up their own practice.

What is finance?

Finance specialists have an in-depth understanding of the structure and operations of financial markets in Australia. They typically work within large organisations at the corporate level in roles such as treasury, project funding, investment banking, financial analysis utilising their strong numeracy and analytical skills. Careers in finance allow

graduates to work across industries and provide specialised advice to aid complex business decision-making.

What is accounting?

Accounting is a pathway to becoming an accredited accountant. Businesses and individuals rely on accountants to assess their financial situation and advise on financial dealings. Graduates work with organisations compiling, analysing, verifying and preparing financial records. Strong numeracy and analytical skills are required for this role and, depending on the size and type of organisation, accountants may work with clients or solely with internal stakeholders within a business.

➤ **Construction Management at Burwood Campus**

From the start of 2026, the Bachelor of Construction Management (Honours) is now also offered at Deakin's Melbourne Burwood Campus.

Students graduate with market-ready skills for careers in *construction management, quantity surveying and property development*. Students will also gain valuable hands-on experience through an industry placement elective, helping them kickstart their professional journey. Collaboration with Deakin's architecture students ensures a sound understanding of both disciplines, preparing students for the real world with a well-rounded, adaptable skill set that employers look for.

This course is professionally accredited by the Australian Institute of Building (AIB), the Australian Institute of Quantity Surveyors (AIQS), the Chartered Institute of Building (CIOB) and the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), meaning the degree is recognised in more than 50 countries – providing a global passport for work in Australia and beyond.

Find out more at [Bachelor of Construction Management \(Honours\)](#).

➤ **Bachelor of Engineering (Industry) at Deakin**

Design and innovation are at the heart of engineering at Deakin. Our future-focused courses go beyond theory to provide you with the skills and experience you need to create innovative engineering solutions to the challenges of tomorrow.

The [Bachelor of Engineering \(Industry\) \(Honours\)](#) extends this to equip students with technical expertise in an engineering field of their choice whilst also supporting them to complete a 12-month paid industry placement in their fourth year.

Students undertake core engineering units in their first year before selecting to major in *either civil, electrical and renewable energy, environmental and sustainability, mechanical or mechatronics* engineering.

The VCE prerequisites for this course are: Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English EAL (English as an Additional Language) or at least 20 in English other than EAL. Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in one of Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics or Maths: General Mathematics.

The ATAR for 2026 entry was 79.80.

With an international skills shortage and approximately 100,000 more engineers required in Australia by 2030,* Deakin graduates are in demand. Environmental engineers and renewable energy engineers are also among the 15 fastest-growing jobs worldwide,^ offering exciting opportunities to make a global impact.

Depending on which field of engineering a student chooses during their degree, they could work in government, the private sector, consulting, or even education and research.

* Australian Council of Engineering Deans: *Shortages of Engineers and Supply Projections, Dec 2021.*

^ World Economic Forum's 'The Future of Jobs Report 2025'.



Career as a Podiatrist

The **Good Universities Guide*** states that *Podiatrists look after the health of people's feet by diagnosing, treating and preventing foot abnormalities, and educating the public about good foot health. Podiatrists may develop a special interest in dealing with particular client groups, such as children, the aged or sportspeople. They may also work in a particular area, such as occupational health, or with general medical conditions that result in foot and leg problems.*

Of particular interest is that podiatrists, like doctors and dentists, are approved to prescribe medications and do some surgery.

[*Good Universities Guide - Podiatry](#)

In Victoria, only one university offers a bachelor course in podiatry, and that is La Trobe University. La Trobe offers the ***Bachelor of Podiatry (Honours)*** which is a 4-year degree, and students are taught by experts – experienced podiatrists, researchers and teachers in sport medicine, biomechanics, hospital-based podiatry, paediatrics and foot surgery.

Students get plenty of opportunities to practise the skills they gain in the course by treating real patients in La Trobe's on-campus podiatry clinic.

Find out more about studying [Podiatry](#) at La Trobe University. Monash University offers a 2-year [Master of Podiatric Medicine](#) at its Peninsula Campus. The entry requirements for this course is *any bachelor's degree with a minimum 70% distinction average and completed studies in human anatomy AND pharmacology.*



Useful Career Guides

Have a career in mind, but not quite sure how to get there? RMIT's career guides have all the information you need to achieve your dream career.

RMIT has a range of very useful ***career guides*** – including *architecture, art, aviation, biomedical science, building & construction, business & property, media & communication, engineering, fashion, law, and science.*

Students are encouraged to browse [Career guides - RMIT University](#) to find out more.



Environmental Science Degrees in Victoria in 2026

Environmental scientists measure and record features of the environment and study, assess and develop methods of controlling or minimising the harmful effects of human activity on the environment.

Environmental science is often offered as a major in science degrees.

This is the case at [Monash University - Science](#) and [Uni Melbourne - Science](#).

INSTITUTION	COURSE	VCE PREREQUISITES	MAJOR STUDIES IN 2026
CHARLES STURT AW – Albury-Wodonga	Environmental Science and Management ATAR: L/N (AW)	n/a but a successful completion of Year 12 is required, <u>and</u> an ATAR is also used for selection.	Applied Earth Science, Aquatic Ecosystems, Climate and Sustainability, Ecology and Conservation, Parks, Recreation and Heritage.
DEAKIN M – Melbourne	Environmental Science and Sustainability ATAR: 60.55 (M)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.	Applied data analytics (minor only), Environmental science (Sustainability science, Ecology, Social science, Research methods, Mapping, Policy, Planning and impact assessment), Global engagement (minor only), Indigenous studies (Online, minor only), Sustainability (Environmental management, Water, Waste, Climate, Nature conservation, Parks, Bushfire, Catchments, Coasts, Sustainable communities).
FEDERATION B – Ballarat Be – Berwick Gi – Gippsland	Environmental Science ATAR: L/N (B) L/N (Be) 53.15 (Gi)	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.	Climate change, Conservation, Ecology, Environmental restoration
RMIT C – City	Environmental Science ATAR: 70.95 (C)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English other than EAL or at least 27 in 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.	Conservation, Ecology, Environmental analysis, Environmental biology, Environmental chemistry, Environmental monitoring, Environmental policy and management.
	Sustainability and Environment ATAR: 60.80 (C)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English other than EAL or at least 27 in EAL.	Applied environmental research, Climate change, Conservation, Ecology, Economics, Environmental Impact Assessment, Environmental economics, Environmental policy, Environmental studies, Environmental systems, Geography, Indigenous Peoples and land management, Natural resource management, Politics, Sustainability, Urban and regional planning, Urbanisation.
VICTORIA F – Footscray Park *Not Foundation Maths	Science (Ecology and Environmental Management) ATAR: N/P (F)	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 *.	Biotechnology, Ecology and Environmental Management.

Snapshot of The University of Melbourne (UoM) in 2026

- Established in 1853, the University of Melbourne makes distinctive contributions to society in research, learning and teaching and engagement.
- UoM is consistently ranked among the leading universities in the world, with international rankings of world universities placing it as #1 in Australia and #19 in the world in the QS World Rankings 2026 - [rankings](#).
- The University of Melbourne has one primary campus – Parkville – north of the Melbourne CBD and associated campuses including Southbank, and rural campuses - [Campuses and Facilities](#).
- UoM offers both undergraduate and graduate degrees - [Courses at UoM](#).
- [UoM offers a range of Graduate Degree Packages whereby students can](#) bundle an undergraduate degree offer with an offer for a place in one of the specialised, professionally accredited graduate school programs.
- [The Bachelor of Design offers 14 majors, including](#) *Architecture, Civil Engineering Systems, Computing and Software Systems, Construction, Digital Infrastructure Engineering Systems, Games Design, Graphic Design, Interior Design, Landscape Architecture, Mechanical Engineering Systems, Performance Design, Property, Spatial Systems, Urban Planning, and User Experience Design.*
- The University has over 200 clubs and societies, which play an integral part of many students' university experience - [Student Clubs and Societies](#).
- The University encourages students to make practical learning a part of their Melbourne experience, and these include internships and cadetships, leadership opportunities, and volunteering.
- Overseas study programs are offered to students, and they are encouraged to study part of their degree in an international setting - [Study Overseas](#).
- The University of Melbourne offers numerous and generous undergraduate [scholarships](#) to high-achieving students, as well as numerous equity scholarships too. A recently introduced flagship scholarship is the [Hansen Scholarship](#).
- UoM also has the Access Melbourne program aimed at students who have found high school a challenge, and their circumstances have prevented them from achieving their best - [Access Melbourne](#).
- Students have access to a wide range of Student Services, which include - [Student Services](#) and a [Careers Centre](#).
- UoM offers a Guaranteed Entry to Graduate pathways - [Guaranteed Entry to Graduate pathways](#).
- UoM has numerous residential colleges for its undergraduate students - [Student Accommodation](#).

