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Bachelor of Vision Science, see page 6.
Deakin University offers Australia’s first accelerated optometry qualification, making it the ideal course to study if you want to become an optometrist in much less time than it would take at other universities.

This doesn’t mean you miss out on any of the critical elements of study. In fact, Deakin optometry is unique in several ways, including the emphasis on case- and team-based learning; an extensive, fully-equipped clinical skills facility; industry partnerships; and a curriculum that delivers excellence across clinical, commercial and professional domains in optometry.

Above all, Deakin optometry students will have one considerable advantage over those from other universities – time. Deakin optometry’s unique course structure takes advantage of Deakin’s trimester system, so the Bachelor of Vision Science and Master of Optometry can be completed in just three-and-a-half years of full-time study. In short, our graduates enter the workforce sooner, which translates to significant earnings and ample time to consider further options, including areas of specialisation, research opportunities and further studies.

This booklet will tell you more about optometry at Deakin, including key features of our program and the career opportunities you can gain from completing your optometry studies with us.

Choosing a university course is an important decision – and we are here to help. We encourage you to gather as much information as possible to help you make an informed decision about which course is best for you.

If you need more information, please contact us on 1300 DEGREE (1300 334 733), email enquire@deakin.edu.au or visit deakin.edu.au.

We look forward to seeing you at Deakin!

The Deakin team
Using this booklet
This booklet provides you with detailed information about Deakin’s courses in optometry (for domestic students), including study areas, career opportunities, course overviews and course structures. It is designed to be read in conjunction with the 2014 Undergraduate Course Guide and 2014 Postgraduate Course Guide, which give an overview of all of Deakin’s courses, study options, support services and campuses.

Deakin University also produces course guides specifically for international students. To request a copy phone Deakin International on +61 3 9627 4877 or email deakin-international@deakin.edu.au.

Applying to Deakin is easy
You can apply for most of Deakin’s undergraduate courses (bachelor’s degrees) commencing in Trimester 1 through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC). We also offer courses commencing at other times of the year, for example Trimester 2 (commencing in August) and Trimester 3 (commencing in November), that require a direct application to Deakin. Whether you are a current Year 12, TAFE, private provider or mature-age student, currently studying at another university, in the workforce, taking a gap year or a graduate, visit www.vtac.edu.au or deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin for details.

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You can also connect with us on social media, order other publications and visit us. Turn to page 12 for more information.
OPTOMETRY AT DEAKIN

Based at the Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus, Deakin’s optometry program is Australia’s first accelerated optometry qualification. Offered as two sequential degrees, the Bachelor of Vision Science and Master of Optometry, this program can be completed in three-and-a-half years of full-time study and leads to registration as an optometrist – the primary health care professional involved in detection and management of eye disease, dispensing corrective lenses, and rehabilitation of conditions of the visual system.

Optometry at Deakin provides you with a comprehensive understanding of the practice of optometry, with strong foundations in science, interprofessional health practice, practice management and commercial awareness, so that graduates are well equipped for a variety of employment opportunities. The course has an emphasis on patient-centred, Problem-Based Learning approaches that enable you to develop the knowledge and practical skills to confidently practise as a professional optometrist.

The holistic approach to the course design ensures the curriculum offered throughout these sequential degrees is aligned to the competencies defined by the Optometry Council of Australia and New Zealand (OCANZ).

What is optometry?
Optometry is the assessment of vision and covers an incredibly diverse range of activities from measuring someone for corrective lenses to measuring how well a tennis player’s eyes track a tennis ball.

Optometrists are primary eye care providers and possess an excellent understanding of the visual system, the problems that can occur and how to manage these problems. As such, the modern practice of optometry encompasses the assessment of the human eye and visual system, as well as the management of patients with conditions of the eye and visual system.

Optometrists in Australia can refer patients directly to eye surgeons (ophthalmologists), as well as co-manage patients with ophthalmologists and general practitioners. Many optometrists are endorsed to prescribe medication to treat eye disease, as well as eye exercises and corrective lenses.

Learn in purpose-built facilities
REACH-ing out to enhance rural health
As a Deakin optometry student, you will have the opportunity to use cutting-edge teaching facilities within the brand new, purpose-built Regional Community Health Hub (REACH). This $53 million project was opened in late 2012. Linked to the Deakin Medical School at the Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus, REACH will target a myriad of underlying socio-economic and geographic challenges in order to recruit, train and retain health professionals in country areas. Through REACH, we will offer the optometry program and emphasise remote teaching via an innovative e-health learning and tele-teaching facility, which will link students, practitioners, hospitals, TAFEs and other education centres across regional Victoria in an online environment. The e-health program will also support students in disciplines such as nursing and occupational therapy.

Onsite hospitals
Despite being relatively young, the medical precinct at the Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus is set for a significant upgrade with Epworth Healthcare committing to build a 250-bed private hospital. This will be further enhanced by the State Government’s commitment of $85 million for the construction of a public hospital.

These facilities will enhance the education of Deakin health, nursing and midwifery, occupational therapy, exercise and sport science, psychology, medicine and optometry students by offering a supportive environment for supervised clinical placements.

DID YOU KNOW?
Salaries for optometry graduates are among the highest in the country. In 2011, the median salary for optometry graduates was $70,000*.

As a member of the Elite Athlete Friendly University (EAFU) Network, Deakin is dedicated to supporting elite athletes in their quest to achieve academic success alongside the demands of training and competition.

We enable recognised elite athlete students to negotiate assessment deadlines, lecture and tutorial attendance and study loads to integrate with sporting commitments. Student athletes may also be able to take several leaves of absence in order to meet sporting commitments and extend the amount of time normally allowed to complete a course.

For more information, please visit deakin.edu.au/future-students/why-deakin/eafu.

Useful websites for careers in optometry

Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA)
www.ahpra.gov.au

Australian Dispensing Opticians Association (ADOA)
www.adoa.org.au

Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Board, New Zealand (ODOB)
www.odob.health.nz

Optometry Board of Australia
www.optometryboard.gov.au

Studying optometry meets workforce demands

The optometry profession is an area of workforce shortage. Demand for optometrists is high and expected to increase as a result of our ageing population. Job opportunities are strong and career outcomes are excellent, particularly in rural and regional areas. Deakin's Bachelor of Vision Science and Master of Optometry has been designed specifically to help alleviate national workforce shortages.

We offer a fast-tracked career entry

By taking advantage of Deakin's trimester system, Deakin optometry students are able to fast-track entry into this exciting profession by gaining a professional optometry qualification in just three-and-a-half years of full-time study, compared with up to seven years at other tertiary institutions.

Course accreditation

Deakin optometry is in the process of being assessed for ‘accreditation with conditions’ by the Optometry Council of Australia and New Zealand (OCANZ). This accreditation will then need to be confirmed after the first cohort of students graduate in mid-2015. Thereafter, Deakin optometry will be subject to the same 8-year accreditation cycle applicable to all Australasian Optometry Schools.

Gain professional recognition

Subject to accreditation, graduates will be eligible to apply for registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), and as Medicare service providers, will be able to embrace employment opportunities throughout Australia and New Zealand.

You will be in demand for work overseas

Optometry is a fast-growing profession, not only in Australia but also internationally – in South-East Asia, North America and many parts of Europe – due to the ever-increasing role optometrists play in eye care, primary and tertiary medical care, the optical industry and research. Deakin optometry graduates will be well prepared to take advantage of these global opportunities.

Great career outcomes

Demand for optometrists is high, job opportunities are strong and career outcomes are excellent, particularly in rural and regional areas. Deakin optometry graduates will be well prepared for employment in a diverse range of work settings including, but not limited to, hospitals, clinics, health services, state and local governments, non-government organisations, research institutes, tertiary education institutions, private practice, and corporate and community settings.

Career and employment opportunities for qualified optometrists include private and public eye care, practice ownership, research and teaching, associates in eye surgery practice, and recognised specialties within optometry such as low vision, paediatric vision and behavioural optometry. Salaries for optometry graduates are among the highest in the country. In 2011, the median salary for optometry graduates was $70,000*.


We offer a range of scholarships

Deakin University offers scholarships for academic excellence, access and equity, accommodation and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, ensuring higher education is accessible for all members of the community. For more information on scholarships, please visit deakin.edu.au/scholarships.

Scholarships are also available through the Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship and Support Scheme (NAHSSS). For more information about this scheme, please contact Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health by sending an email to sarrah@sarrah.org.au or visit www.sarrah.org.au.

Some great reasons to study optometry at Deakin.
Visit deakin.yt/study-optometry to watch a YouTube video.
Deakin optometry has a unique course structure

Offered as two sequential degrees (the Bachelor of Vision Science and Master of Optometry), Deakin’s optometry program makes it possible for students to obtain a professional optometry qualification in just three-and-a-half years of full-time study.

The program is delivered using a variety of methods, including prevocational studies, authentic case- and team-based optometry modules and extensive Industry-Based Learning.

Prevocational studies

Optometry encompasses far more than just testing eyes. It involves a complex interplay of interprofessional communication; management of self, others and potentially a business; and the applied understanding of principles of ethics, the law, public health, professional and commercial practices. Deakin’s optometry program integrates all these elements into the curriculum from the first year of the Bachelor of Vision Science through to graduation from the Master of Optometry. Throughout your prevocational studies you will study elements from the health, medical and vision science, business and management disciplines.

Case-Based Learning

Deakin optometry extends the concept of Problem-Based Learning to deliver Case-Based Learning (CBL) modules as the predominant teaching method in the final year of the Bachelor of Vision Science and the first year of the Master of Optometry. CBL requires students to work in small groups to solve ‘real life’ optometry problems creatively, as each case contains complexities within the clinical, psycho-social, ethical and commercial domains. In attempting to ‘resolve’ the case with the guidance of a tutor, students will combine private study, supporting sessions delivered through various media (including live and online lectures), workshops and practical classes, and group study.

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‘Optometry provides me the opportunity to pursue my passion and achieve several life goals. Throughout my high school years, I was always interested in health-related subjects. I enjoy learning not only from a theoretical basis but more importantly through practice. The hands-on experience that optometry provides students really stood out to me.

I chose to study at Deakin because it was unique from the other universities. Deakin had an extremely vibrant and welcoming environment. The staff and students were friendly, approachable and were exceptionally helpful in guiding me through the rather overwhelming transition from high school to university. Also, the trimester system greatly appealed to me as it allows for opportunities that no other university is able to offer.

After graduating I plan to work in a practice alongside other optometrists, where I can further enhance my clinical skills and knowledge base. I also wish to participate in optometry volunteer programs and travel to developing countries where my services will be of immense benefit.’

PEER MENTORING PROGRAM

The Faculty of Health runs a Peer Mentoring Program as part of its commitment to providing new students with the best possible transition into university life. By joining the Peer Mentoring Program, first-year students will receive support and guidance from more senior students in their course. The program runs across all campuses and is open to students from all courses offered by the Faculty of Health.

For more information please visit deakin.edu.au/health/peer-mentoring.
Team-Based Learning

In addition to Case-Based Learning (CBL) you will engage in Team-Based Learning (TBL) activities throughout the final year of the Bachelor of Vision Science and the first year of the Master of Optometry. TBL is a group learning technique that is now being integrated into medical curriculum around the world. It encourages you to be more accountable for your own learning, enhances problem-solving skills, promotes team work and creates a high level of student engagement.

TBL typically consists of three phases. In phase 1 you will be exposed to intended learning outcomes and undertake pre-class preparation by participating in CBL modules, lectures and workshops in addition to group and private study. In phase 2, you will complete a multiple choice test to demonstrate readiness to apply the knowledge acquired in phase 1, and participate in class discussions that clarify concepts, consolidate learning and accelerate critical thinking and problem-solving skills. In phase 3, you will work in teams to solve problems that require the application of the materials assessed in phase 2.

Industry-Based Learning

Clinical placements are an integral part of many Deakin health degrees, including optometry. You will undertake a variety of short-term industry placements during the Bachelor of Vision Science and Master of Optometry, and spend the final six months of the master’s degree as a ‘student resident’ in a range of clinical optometric and medical settings. These extensive clinical rotations will enable you to consolidate your knowledge and skills in supported environments under the supervision of qualified optometrists.

You will undertake some of your placement experience at the Australian College of Optometry in Carlton as well as other placements in outpatient clinics and optometry practices.

Clinical rotations may also include time in a regional setting and, where possible, students from rural and regional backgrounds will be placed near their community of origin.
BACHELOR OF VISION SCIENCE

DEAKIN CODE: H310
ATAR: 52.45
INDICATIVE FIRST YEAR FEE: $8590 (CSP)

YEAR 12 PREREQUISITES:
VCE units 3 and 4 – a study score of at least 30 in English (ESL) or 25 in any other English.

NON-YEAR 12 REQUIREMENTS:
VTAC Personal History online.
Some applicants only: STAT Multiple Choice.

As part of the Deakin Medical School, the Bachelor of Vision Science combines expertise in clinical education with a brand new, state-of-the-art optometry facility, innovative flexible learning modalities, and a modern curriculum that reflects the clinical, managerial and commercial demands on today’s optometrists.

This course will provide graduates with transferable academic skills that enable them to conduct research and self-guided learning at the bachelor’s level. It will provide graduates with an understanding of visual health issues specifically impacting on communities in regional and rural Australia and globally, as well as the underlying social and environmental factors contributing to the health gap between these communities and well-served urban population centres. Graduates will gain an understanding of the optometric profession and how optometrists operate within the greater health care system.

Course structure:
The Bachelor of Vision Science is an accelerated two-year, 24-credit-point course delivered over six consecutive trimesters commencing in Trimester 1. All units in the course are compulsory.

Year 1:
- Trimester 1:
  - HBS107 Understanding Health
  - HBS108 Health Information and Data
  - HMO101 Principles of Optics
  - SLE111 Cells and Genes
- Trimester 2:
  - HBS110 Health Behaviour
  - HMO102 Science of Vision 1
  - SLE155 Chemistry for the Professional Sciences
  - SLE211 Principles of Physiology
- Trimester 3:
  - HMO201 Science of Vision 2
  - MAA103 Accounting for Decision Making
  - MMM132 Management
  - SLE221 Anatomy and Physiology

Year 2:
- Trimester 1:
  - HMO203 Health and Vision Sciences 1*
  - HMO204 Principles and Practice of Optometry 1*
- Trimester 2:
  - HMO203 Health and Vision Sciences 2*
  - HMO304 Principles and Practice of Optometry 2*
- Trimester 3:
  - HMO305 Health and Vision Sciences 3*
  - HMO306 Principles and Practice of Optometry 3*

* These units are worth 2 credit points.
Pathways to optometry

Students who successfully complete the Bachelor of Vision Science are eligible to articulate directly into Deakin’s Master of Optometry. Together, these sequential degrees form the Deakin optometry program – Australia’s first accelerated qualification in optometry that provides you with the opportunity to register to practise as an optometrist in three-and-a-half years of full-time study (10 consecutive trimesters).

For more information and to click through to unit descriptions, please visit deakin.edu.au/courses.

WORK PLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with Department of Human Services policy*, all optometry students are required to undertake a Police Record Check prior to clinical placements in each calendar year of their course. In accordance with the Working with Children Act 2005**, all students are required to undertake a Working With Children Check at commencement of the course. If you fail to obtain a Police Record Check and Working With Children Check prior to the commencement of clinical placement you will not be able to undertake your clinical placement. You will be asked to undergo serological testing prior to enrolment. You may also be required to declare your immunisation status to satisfy the requirements of health organisations where you will be undertaking your clinical learning experience.


As a Deakin optometry student, you will have the opportunity to use cutting-edge teaching facilities within the brand new, purpose-built Regional Community Health Hub (REACH). The $53 million facility is adjacent to the Deakin Medical School on the Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus.

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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Completion of Bachelor of Vision Science (H310) or equivalent.

Offered as part of the Deakin optometry program, the Master of Optometry builds on the knowledge and applied skills acquired throughout the Bachelor of Vision Science (or equivalent) to develop the attributes, discipline-specific knowledge, professional behaviours and standards required to practise as an optometrist within Australia and New Zealand. This course features case- and team-based optometry modules and extensive Industry-Based Learning.

Course structure

The Master of Optometry is a four trimester 16-credit-point course. All units in the course are compulsory and each unit is worth 4 credit points. Graduates of Deakin’s Bachelor of Vision Science are eligible to articulate directly into this course.

Year 1

Trimester 1
HMO701 Advanced Optometric Studies 1*

Trimester 2
HMO702 Advanced Optometric Studies 2*

Trimester 3
HMO703 Community Optometry 1*

Year 2

Trimester 1
HMO704 Community Optometry 2*

These units will commence in 2014.

This unit will commence in 2015.

NEW* = Will commence in 2014. Data is not yet available.

For more information, please refer to deakin.edu.au/optometry.

The Regional Community Health Hub (REACH)
Accredited by the Australian Medical Council (AMC), Deakin’s Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery is a four-year graduate-entry program with an emphasis on the early development of clinical, communication and procedural skills; diagnosis and management of chronic diseases; and multidisciplinary teamwork.

The course is distinctive and innovative, and aims to contribute to the improvement of the health and wellbeing of Australians by training doctors who are skilled and motivated to pursue a career in medicine in rural and regional areas either as specialists or general practitioners.

The first two years of the course will be based at the Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus and in clinical settings around Geelong, where the curriculum will be delivered using a systems approach and Problem-Based Learning tutorials with a focus on interprofessional learning. During the third and fourth years, training will be delivered in clinical settings in one of four clinical schools.

Professional recognition
Deakin’s Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery is accredited by the Australian Medical Council (AMC). Graduates who satisfactorily complete an accredited intern year following successful completion of this course will qualify as registered medical practitioners in Australia and New Zealand.

Career opportunities
There is currently a significant medical workforce shortage throughout Australia, particularly in rural, regional and outer metropolitan areas. As a graduate, you will be in high demand for internships and well prepared to enter specialty training programs for a diverse range of medical careers including accident and emergency, anaesthesia, dermatology, general practice, geriatric medicine, intensive care, medical administration, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynaecology, occupational medicine, ophthalmology, paediatrics, oncology, cardiology, neurology, pathology, histopathology, microbiology, psychiatry, public health medicine, radiology, rehabilitation medicine, sexual health, sports medicine or surgery.

Graduates may undertake work in private or public health, academia, research or a combination of these areas.

DID YOU KNOW?
Deakin’s first cohort of Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery students completed their degree at the end of 2011 and were all successful in gaining accredited internships at a number of Victorian and interstate hospitals.
Course structure
The course is only available on a full-time basis.

Level 1
HME101 Medicine 1A
HME102 Medicine 1B

Level 2
HME201 Medicine 2A
HME202 Medicine 2B

Level 3
HME301 Medicine 3A
HME302 Medicine 3B

Level 4
HME401 Medicine 4A
HME402 Medicine 4B

Work-Integrated Learning
The Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery features extensive hands-on experience in real-life clinical settings, commencing early in your first year.

Work placement requirements
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You will be asked to undergo serological testing prior to enrolment. You may also be required to declare your immunisation status to satisfy the requirements of health organisations where you will be undertaking your clinical learning experience.

Selection criteria
Selection criteria include academic record (Grade Point Average – GPA), Graduate Australian Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT) results, and interviews. Bonuses are available for applicants who can substantiate a rural and regional background, prior clinical experience and/or financial disadvantage experienced during their undergraduate degree.

Pathways into medicine
Several undergraduate programs at Deakin provide pathways for entry into the Deakin graduate-entry medicine program, particularly when appropriate major sequences and elective units are chosen. Deakin teaches a full range of health disciplines including nursing, public health and health promotion, health sciences, dietetics, occupational therapy, psychology, optometry, exercise science and biomedical science.

The Graduate Australian Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT)
The Graduate Australian Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT) has been developed by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) in conjunction with the Consortium of Graduate Medical Schools to assist in the selection of students for graduate-entry medical programs. It is designed to assess applicants’ capacity to undertake studies in an intellectually demanding course and is open to any student who has completed an undergraduate degree. More information is available on the GAMSAT website at www.gamsat.acer.edu.au.

For more information about the Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery, including information about Commonwealth Supported Places and how to apply, please refer to the 2014 Medicine Study Area Booklet or visit the School of Medicine website at deakin.edu.au/medicine.

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For more information about the Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery, including information about Commonwealth Supported Places and how to apply, please refer to the 2014 Medicine Study Area Booklet or visit the School of Medicine website at deakin.edu.au/medicine.

1 The indicative first year fee is an approximate indication of the cost of this course in the first year of full-time study for a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP). We can’t specify the exact figure, because fees are charged per unit, not per course, so the actual fees may vary depending on what units you choose to study.

The fees quoted in this booklet are for Australian students in 2013, and may change for 2014 and later years. You can find more information about fees on our website at deakin.edu.au or at studyassist.gov.au. For information on fees for international students, please visit deakin.edu.au/international.

As a Deakin student, you will learn in a friendly and supportive environment.
ENTRY OPTIONS

Gaining entry into Deakin is not just for people who have recently completed Year 12. International Baccalaureate (IB) students, TAFE students, people who have completed a single unit(s) of study, those who are currently in the workforce and those who have completed or partially completed studies at another tertiary institution or private provider can also apply to study at Deakin, providing they have met certain criteria. These alternative entry options are referred to as pathway programs and take into consideration previous qualifications or your time in the workforce.

There are a number of courses that can be used as a pathway to Deakin’s Bachelor of Vision Science and Master of Optometry, including the Bachelor of Biomedical Science, Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science, Bachelor of Health Sciences, Bachelor of Nursing, Bachelor of Occupational Therapy, Bachelor of Psychology and Bachelor of Science.

Postgraduate degrees in similar study areas, or similar undergraduate or postgraduate degrees at other universities are also suitable pathways to Deakin optometry.

Please note that completion of the aforementioned degrees does not guarantee entry to Deakin’s Bachelor of Vision Science and Master of Optometry.

For more information about undergraduate degrees at Deakin, please refer to the 2014 Undergraduate Course Guide and related career booklets or visit our website deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin.

The flowchart below outlines the various groups that can apply for Deakin optometry and the options that are available to you on your journey as a student.

Please note applicants are subject to entry requirements.

For more examples of pathways into Deakin University, please visit deakin.edu.au/pathways.
DID YOU KNOW?
Deakin offers a range of scholarships to support students in their studies. For more information, please visit deakin.edu.au/scholarships.

Whether you are a current Year 12 or non-Year 12 student interested in commencing Deakin’s optometry program with the Bachelor of Vision Science, you will need to apply through VTAC. Applicants are not required to complete the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT).

When you are applying for the Bachelor of Vision Science, make sure you check all of the entry requirements carefully. Most Deakin courses have prerequisites and some have additional requirements that you will need to complete to be eligible for selection into that course. For prerequisite and extra requirement information, please visit the VTAC website www.vtac.edu.au.

For more information on how to apply, including special consideration and deferment, visit deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/apply.

International students
Places will be offered to international students from 2014. In addition to meeting the same selection requirements specified for domestic students, international students must also achieve a minimum International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of 7, with minimum scores of 7 in each of the components. International students may also be invited to participate in a Multiple Mini Interview (MMI).

International students studying Year 12 in Australia should apply through VTAC www.vtac.edu.au.
International non-Year 12 students should apply directly to Deakin International deakin.edu.au/international.

HOW TO APPLY

IS IT POSSIBLE TO DEFER MY STUDIES IF I AM OFFERED A PLACE?
Deakin has recently made deferring your studies a whole lot easier. Most courses now allow you to postpone your studies to work or travel, but still retain your University place, for up to two years. You can apply for deferment after you receive an offer, using the form at deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/apply/enrol-defer-withdraw-or-transfer.

You must lodge this form within five days of receiving your offer. For more information, phone 1300 DEGREE (1300 334 733).

WILL CLASSES BE HELD DURING THE DAY, EVENING OR BOTH?
Classes will generally run during the day; however, some of the clinical placements may require students to attend a placement site during the evening.

IS THE UMAT OR GAMSAT REQUIRED FOR ENTRY?
Neither the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) or the Graduate Australian Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT) are required for entry into the Bachelor of Vision Science and Master of Optometry.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Deakin’s teaching and research staff are experts in their respective fields, with broad international links and connections with industry.
Talk to us
For more information, phone 1300 DEGREE (1300 334 733) to speak with a course adviser. You can also contact us via email at enquire@deakin.edu.au.

Website
Deakin on the web, deakin.edu.au, contains detailed information on everything at Deakin, including:
• courses
• fees
• campuses
• facilities and services
• applications and scholarships
• events and activities for VCE, TAFE and non-school leavers
• student profiles.

To search for courses and click through to unit descriptions visit deakin.edu.au/courses or deakin.edu.au/handbook.


Other useful websites
Future students
deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin

Subject information
deakin.edu.au/handbook

Campuses
deakin.edu.au/campuses
deakin.edu.au/tour

Clubs and societies
dusa.org.au/pages/clubs

Scholarships
deakin.edu.au/scholarships

Services and facilities
deakin.edu.au/campus-life/services-and-facilities

VTAC
www.vtac.edu.au

Study Assist
studyassist.gov.au

Social media@Deakin
Connect with Deakin University on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. Talk with other future students and ask current students and staff about life and study at Deakin.

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twitter.com/DiscoverDeakin
youtube.com/DeakinUniversity

Visit us
There are many opportunities throughout the year to visit Deakin, experience a campus tour and talk with representatives face-to-face.

To organise a campus tour and presentation for an individual or group, please phone:
Geelong 03 5227 8525
Melbourne 03 9246 8063
Warrnambool 03 5563 3444

or email future-students@deakin.edu.au.

For our 2013 Open Day dates, see the back cover of this booklet.

For more information on event dates visit deakin.edu.au or phone 1300 DEGREE (1300 334 733).

Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC)
Contact VTAC for information about:
• the application process
• VCE prerequisites
• extra requirements
• middle-band selection
• clearly-in ATARs
• fees
• Special Entry Access Schemes (SEAS).

www.vtac.edu.au

Further reading
Deakin University produces a range of booklets to help you choose the right course. These include:
• 2014 Undergraduate Course Guide
• Accommodation Guide 2014
• Introduction to University Guide
• Pathways to Deakin 2014
• Parents’ magazine
• Off-Campus Course Guide 2014
• University handbook 2013 deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/find-a-course/university-handbook (online only)
• Deakin at Your Doorstep (Associate Degree of Arts, Business and Sciences)
• 2014 undergraduate career booklets
• postgraduate course information.

You can download copies of these brochures at deakin.edu.au/course-guides or to request copies of any of the above, email enquire@deakin.edu.au or phone 1300 DEGREE (1300 334 733).

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IMPORTANT DATES
2013

DEAKIN EVENTS
Sunday 4 August
Open Day
Warrnambool Campus

Sunday 11 August
Open Day
Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus and
Geelong Waterfront Campus

Sunday 25 August
Open Day
Melbourne Burwood Campus

Deakin will hold additional events for prospective
students and parents. Please visit deakin.edu.au/
study-at-deakin for updates.

APPLICATION DATES

Trimester 1
Early August *
VTAC applications open

Late September *
Timely VTAC applications close

Mid November *
Late VTAC applications close (late fee applies)

Mid December *
Very late VTAC applications close (very late
fee applies)

December
Change of Preference

Please check the Deakin University Change of
Preference website closer to the date for specific
event details, deakin.edu.au/cop.

CAREER EXPOS

Melbourne
Thursday 2–Sunday 5 May
The Age VCE Careers Expo

Saturday 1–Sunday 2 June
Melbourne – Reinvent Your Career Expo

Friday 16–Sunday 18 August
Herald Sun Careers Expo

Interstate
Saturday 23–Sunday 24 March
Brisbane – Reinvent Your Career Expo

Sunday 12–Monday 13 May
Adelaide – Tertiary Studies and Careers Expo

Thursday 16–Sunday 19 May
Perth – Careers, Education and Employment Expo

Saturday 20–Sunday 21 July
Brisbane – The Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO)

Saturday 21–Sunday 22 September
Sydney – Reinvent Your Career Expo

VTAC OFFERS

Late November *
Early round offers

Mid to late January 2014 *
Round 1 offers

Mid to late January 2014 *
Negotiated offers (irregular offers)

Early February 2014 *
Round 2 offers

* Please check the VTAC website www.vtac.edu.au
   closer to the time for specific dates.

MEDICINE AND
OPTOMETRY
INFORMATION EVENINGS

Tuesday 14 May
6–7.50 pm
Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus
Peter Thwaites Lecture Theatre,
Room ia1.006

Wednesday 15 May
6–7.50 pm
Melbourne Burwood Campus
Lecture Theatre 1, Room 12.02

For more information and further
details in the lead up to these events,
please visit the School of Medicine
website deakin.edu.au/medicine.
2013 DEAKIN UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS

04.08.13
WARRNAMBOOL CAMPUS
Princes Highway
Warrnambool Victoria

11.08.13
GEELONG WAURN PONDS CAMPUS
75 Pigdons Road
Waurn Ponds Victoria

GEELONG WATERFRONT CAMPUS
1 Gheringhap Street
Geelong Victoria

25.08.13
MELBOURNE BURWOOD CAMPUS
221 Burwood Highway
Burwood Victoria

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