



# Pharmacy

## Undergraduate Courses Victoria & ACT, 2019

### OVERVIEW

This document has been developed to assist students and their families in researching undergraduate pharmacy courses at Victoria and Canberra based universities. Written by Sandie McKoy, Catholic College Wodonga.

**Exploring courses:** Information has been taken from 2019 Undergraduate Course Guides and university websites. To search for Victorian courses, use the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) course search function at [www.vtac.edu.au/](http://www.vtac.edu.au/) and the Universities Admissions Centre [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au) for NSW and Canberra courses.

- **Indicative ATAR** = the lowest selection rank (ATAR plus adjustment factors such as academic and equity adjustments) for the 2019 Round 1 intake. Please only use indicative ATARs as a guide as they may change for the 2020 intake.
- **English prerequisite:** EAL = English as an Additional Language. 'Any other English' includes English, English Language and Literature.
- **Course information, selection criteria and prerequisites** – may change throughout the year. Please use the ones listed as a guide only and use the university websites for the most up to date information.

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#### Key Websites

- Pharmacy Board of Australia - [www.pharmacyboard.gov.au](http://www.pharmacyboard.gov.au)
- How to become a qualified pharmacist, <https://bit.ly/1OY6tkE>
- How to become a hospital pharmacist, <https://bit.ly/2WU1DSD>
- Job Outlook: job prospects for pharmacists, <https://bit.ly/2IHL4BF>
- My Health Career: Pharmacy, <https://bit.ly/1PU45CH>
- Rural Pharmacy Scholarship Scheme, <https://bit.ly/2IEfqFh>

# PHARMACY

## La Trobe University

**Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours):** 4-years, Bendigo, <https://bit.ly/2HrE7Zd>

**Indicative ATAR:** 82.90.

**Prerequisites:** minimum study scores of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English; and 25 in Chemistry; and 25 in any Mathematics.

“By understanding the properties and impacts of medicines and developing the skills required to counsel patients about their use, pharmacists have the opportunity to improve health and even save lives.

This course aims to prepare you for a rewarding career in pharmacy. You'll focus on achieving excellence in provisions of clinical services and reviewing medication for safety and effectiveness. You'll develop skills in drug development, action and use in disease states, medication review, counselling and communication.

The aim is for you understand the effects and best use of medications and the role of medicines in responsible healthcare.

You'll practise in our model pharmacy at the Bendigo campus, to help you develop your communication and patient-service skills. La Trobe University students have won the Victorian Pharmacy Student of the Year competition six times in the last seven years”.



## RMIT

**Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours):** 4-years, Bundoora, <https://bit.ly/2uwtBpm>

**Indicative ATAR:** 75.15.

**Prerequisites:** minimum study scores of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English; and 25 in Chemistry; and 25 in any Mathematics.

“As an RMIT pharmacy student you'll benefit from a supportive academic community with diverse research strengths. You'll be able to gain real-world experience through work placements in both hospital and community pharmacies.

You'll develop a sound scientific base in studies that include biochemistry, biostatistics, human biology, genetics, microbiology, immunology and cell biology.

In-depth knowledge of pharmacology, pharmacy practice, pharmaceuticals and therapeutics is gained along with an understanding of drug development, clinical trials, regulatory affairs and pharmacovigilance.

Clinical placement is a key focus throughout this program. Teaching labs are equipped with the latest pharmacy facilities.

You'll begin to develop the skills of a pharmacy practitioner in the purpose-built model pharmacy, together with practical work experience in hospital, community and specialist work-integrated learning environments.

The program is taught by experienced professionals skilled in cutting-edge research and sessional staff with current industry experience”.

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## Monash University

**Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours)/ Master of Pharmacy:** 5-years, Parkville, <https://bit.ly/2x4vqij>

**Indicative ATAR:** Lowest selection rank including adjustment factors – 90.

**Prerequisites:** minimum study scores of 35 in English (EAL) or 30 in any other English; 25 in Chemistry; and 25 in any Mathematical Methods or Specialist Mathematics.

**Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) Scholars Program/ Master of Pharmacy:** 5-years, Parkville. Same prerequisites. Indicative ATAR – 98.1, <https://bit.ly/2IDLokV>

**New degree at Monash:** “The work of pharmacists changes people's lives for the better and has done for centuries. But there is still so much more to do.

An ageing global population, increasingly complex and personalised medicines, as well as a move towards team-based 'integrated' healthcare mean that the challenges and opportunities facing pharmacists are greater than ever before. That's why we need medicines superheroes.

Our new course, the Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) / Master of Pharmacy, will equip you with the power to tackle these challenges head on and build healthier, happier communities.

Every pharmacy degree in Australia offers a five-year pathway to registration as a pharmacist. Our pathway takes the same amount of time start to finish, but instead of graduating with one degree, you'll graduate with two: a master as well as a bachelor (with honours).

And the fifth year of the course entails an internship, so not only do you get valuable work experience, you also get paid for it”. According to the QS rankings, this course is ranked second highest in the world, <https://bit.ly/2IWwSEY>

## University of Canberra

**Bachelor of Pharmacy:** 4-years, Canberra, Bruce, <https://bit.ly/2x8xeXE>

**Indicative ATAR:** Lowest selection rank including adjustment factors – 74.15

**Assumed Knowledge:** any Mathematics, Chemistry, Health and Human Development, Biology, Physics.

“This four year undergraduate degree incorporates lectures, practicals, tutorials, and Pharmacy-specific work experience placements. These placements will include range of practice settings in public hospitals and community pharmacies in the ACT and region, around Australia, or in our own Faculty of Health student-led clinics.

Students will acquire foundation knowledge and skills in basic and life sciences and learn how to apply this to the clinical reasoning, treatment and evaluation skills required by a pharmacist. The curriculum is evidence based and research led.

The University of Canberra provides a contemporary pharmacy program with smaller class sizes to facilitate individual learning and relevant professional experiences. Academics provide supportive academic leadership informed by their currency of clinical practice.

Many of the staff are leaders within the pharmacy profession and actively engage with the profession to seek innovative future roles for graduates”.

