This document has been developed to assist students and their families in researching undergraduate Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedicine courses at Victorian universities. Students are encouraged to research their options and to attend tertiary information seminars throughout the year. Written by Sandie McKoy, Catholic College Wodonga.

- **Indicative ATAR** – ATARs listed in this document are from the 2018 intake and may change for the 2019 intake. Please only use them as a guide.
- **English prerequisite** – EAL = English as an Additional Language. ‘Any other English’ includes English, English Language and Literature.
- **Prerequisites** – can change throughout the year. Please use the ones listed as a guide only.
- **Courses** – This document only lists on-campus Bachelor level courses at Government funded universities.

**Key Websites**

# COURSE SUMMARY

**Nursing**

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NURSING

Deakin University


Codes:
- Melbourne (Burwood) = M
- Geelong Waterfront = G
- Warrnambool = W
- ATAR not published = NP

Indicative ATARs listed. Prerequisite for courses – minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English.

Courses
- Bachelor of Nursing: M = 72.25, G = 65.15, W = 54.05.
- Bachelor of Nursing (Clinical Leadership): M = 83.80.
- Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Psychological Science: M = 83.70, G = 72.20, W = NP.
- Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Public Health & Health Promotion: M = 76.60.


“The School of Nursing and Midwifery at Deakin is one of the largest in Australia, and is committed to providing excellence in its courses through an emphasis on current trends and evidence-based practice in nursing.

You’ll get practical experience from the beginning, to develop and consolidate knowledge and clinical skills, giving you the employment edge on graduation day.

Our teachers are committed to providing a supportive personalised learning experience for every student, ensuring they achieve the knowledge, skills and behaviours required to meet the challenges of a dynamic healthcare system.”

Australian Catholic University

Course search, [http://bit.ly/2r7TmNS](http://bit.ly/2r7TmNS)

Indicative ATARs listed. Prerequisite for all courses – minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English.

Courses + Indicative ATARs
- Bachelor of Nursing: Melbourne - 80.55, Ballarat - 58.55.
- Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Business Administration: Melbourne - 61.35.

Pathway options
- Diploma of Enrolled Nursing at Australian Catholic University may provide a pathway into the Bachelor of Nursing with credit, [http://bit.ly/1SzVvrm](http://bit.ly/1SzVvrm)
- Diploma of Enrolled Nursing at other institutes may provide entry into the course with credit.

Community Achiever Program (CAP): Applications for this early entry program will close Tuesday 31 July. CAP conditional offers will be released by the end of August, [http://bit.ly/2kPLY2t](http://bit.ly/2kPLY2t)

“ACU is the largest provider of nurses in Australia. Our close links with hospitals and health care partners guarantee clinical experience in diverse settings. The Bachelor of Nursing develops caring professional nurses who are proactive and adaptable, competent and ethical clinicians, and creative and critical thinkers.

Across the course theory will be consistently embedded in clinical practice through the inclusion of one Integrating Practice unit every semester.

Clinical placement areas include aged care, community nursing, high dependency nursing, medical/surgical nursing, mental health, paediatrics, palliative care, and perioperative nursing.”
Victoria University

Bachelor of Nursing, St Albans, http://bit.ly/2IdUa9D

Indicative ATAR: ATAR wasn’t used for selection in the 2018 intake.

Prerequisites: Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English, plus completion of Unit 1-2 or Unit 3-4 Mathematics (any).

Pathway options

- Diploma of Enrolled Nursing at Victoria University Polytechnic may provide entry into the degree, http://bit.ly/2mALiWi
- Diploma of Enrolled Nursing at other institutes may provide entry into the course and credit.
- Completion of a Diploma level TAFE course (related or unrelated to nursing) may provide entry into the course.

Health and Biomedicine Chancellor's Scholarship: This is a scholarship program. You must achieve an ATAR of at least 90 and meet the prerequisite study scores, http://bit.ly/2m0qZ1B


"VU’s Bachelor of Nursing will ensure that you have sound scientific knowledge and skills, as well as hands-on experience. You’ll participate in simulation learning using modern technology, practising your skills in a safe environment before you work with real patients.

Your practical experience alongside expert clinicians and nurses will have you ready to register and work as a Division 1 Registered Nurse. You’ll join a cohort of VU graduates known for their extensive practical experience."

La Trobe University

Bachelor of Nursing (Pre Registration), https://bit.ly/2mUpbf


Prerequisite: Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English.

Pathway options

- Diploma of Health Sciences, La Trobe University, Bendigo: Completion of the one-year program may provide entry into the second year of the Bachelor of Nursing, https://bit.ly/2JkhE0Y
- Diploma of Enrolled Nursing - may provide entry into the course with credit.

Aspire Early Entry Program: applications for this early entry program are now open, http://bit.ly/1cXetap

“Our three-year nursing degree gives you practical experience from first year. You’ll graduate ready to register with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) as a Registered Nurse.

Your hands-on experience begins at our on-campus hospital simulation centres and extends to supervised experience in hospitals and healthcare agencies. Metropolitan senior students will study at one of our clinical schools in leading Victorian hospitals like The Alfred, The Austin, Royal Melbourne and The Northern.

You’ll cover practical nursing subjects like bioscience, long-term critical illness and Indigenous health as you learn to care for people of all ages with long-term conditions, emergency health care needs and mental health care needs. You’ll also learn how to manage your time, lead teams, manage caseloads and make ethical clinical decisions with a compassionate and caring approach.”
NURSING

Monash University

Course search link - http://bit.ly/1RZBZ91

Courses + Indicative ATARs

- Bachelor of Nursing, Clayton - 75.30, Peninsula - 70.50.
- Bachelor of Nursing (Indigenous Entry): Clayton - range of selection criteria.
- Bachelor of Nursing (Scholars Program), Clayton and Peninsula – 90+.

Prerequisites: Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English, and satisfactory completion of Unit 1-2 or Unit 3-4 Mathematics (any).

Pathway options

- Diploma of Tertiary Studies (Nursing): Completion of the one-year program may provide a direct pathway into second year of the Bachelor of Nursing providing academic outcomes are met. Must achieve an ATAR of at least 50 and an English study score of at least 30 (EAL) or 25 in any other English, http://bit.ly/1Ss6R2H
- Diploma of Enrolled Nursing: Completion of an 18-month graded Diploma of Enrolled Nursing at any institution may provide a pathway into the Bachelor of Nursing.

"Monash Nursing graduates are sought after worldwide due to the quality of evidence-based teaching and clinical practice experience they receive. The Bachelor of Nursing provides students with the knowledge and clinical skills to provide high-quality nursing care.

You will also have the scope to provide care in multiple settings, including acute care, primary health care, mental health and health promotion. Monash Nursing will prepare you for increasingly complex health care situations in Australia and internationally.

You will gain invaluable skills in clinical decision-making, client care, communication, cultural competence and research, developed through extensive clinical experience in a variety of settings."

Federation University

Course search - http://bit.ly/1nM12QH

Campus: courses are offered at Ballarat – Mt Helen, Berwick, Gippsland - Churchill and via Flexible delivery.

2019 applicants will be ranked on their ATAR plus ATAR adjustment factors.

Prerequisites: Minimum study score of 25 in any English, plus completion of Unit 1-2 or Unit 3-4 Mathematics (any).

Courses

- Bachelor of Nursing
- Bachelor of Nursing (Accelerated Program): this is for very high achieving applicants. Students will complete the degree in six semesters over two years.

Pathway options

- Diploma of Enrolled Nursing at Federation University may provide entry into the Bachelor of Nursing with credit, https://bit.ly/2nNqS8p
- Certificate IV in Disability may provide entry into the Bachelor of Nursing, http://bit.ly/2lLkHlx
- Foundation Access Studies (FAST): At the completion of this semester long program students may be granted access to the Bachelor of Nursing, http://bit.ly/1NPjT23
- Diploma of Enrolled Nursing at any institution may provide a pathway into the Bachelor of Nursing with credit.


Indicative ATAR: 65.25.

Prerequisites: Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English, and completion of any Mathematics at the Unit 1-2 or Unit 3-4 level.

Pathway options

- Diploma of Enrolled Nursing, RMIT: Students who complete the 18-month program may receive entry into the degree with credit, http://bit.ly/2lLfqtY
- Diploma of Enrolled Nursing: Completion of the 18-month Diploma of Enrolled Nursing at any institution may provide a pathway into the course.

“Nurses make a difference to people’s live every day. Working across many different communities, qualified professionals are in high demand across diverse roles in a vital global industry. Working with a range of healthcare professionals, nurses are involved in the care of individuals, families and communities.

Nurses use their clinical judgement to advocate and promote safe healthcare environments. They are also involved in education and research, shaping health policy and approaches to patient care. Nurses perform complex assessments of the physical and psychological needs of patients and put together care plans for their treatment and recovery.

They assist medical staff who perform invasive or complex procedures, educate patients to promote self-care and health, perform clinical tasks such as wound management and medication administration, and supervise other nurses or healthcare workers.

They can also specialise in a range of areas including emergency, paediatrics, cardiology, education, mental health, aged care, critical care, oncology and public health.”


Indicative ATAR: 70.

Assumed knowledge: any two units of science.

Pathway options

- Completion of the Diploma of Enrolled Nursing or completion of an AQF Diploma course at any institution may provide a pathway into the Bachelor of Nursing.
- Diploma of General Studies: Completion of the 12-month program at Charles Sturt University may provide a guaranteed entry into the Bachelor of Nursing, http://bit.ly/1GPLVMm
- Grade point average of two or more university level subjects.

Schools Recommendation Schemes (SRS): Applications for this early entry program will open in August, www.uac.edu.au/srs/

“Nursing is a highly rewarding career that can take you from outback Australia to capital cities, or even overseas. As a registered nurse, you will combine your nursing skills and knowledge with your passion for caring for others in their time of need.

CSU's Bachelor of Nursing is a contemporary and competitive course developed in close association with industry. This course is ideal if you have just completed high school, or you are an enrolled nurse looking to upgrade your qualification. CSU nursing graduates are highly sought after and have excellent job prospects in both metropolitan and rural areas.

We will support you to develop the knowledge, attitudes and practical skills needed to become a registered nurse – this includes 20 weeks of clinical practice in primary, secondary and tertiary healthcare facilities in rural and regional areas.”

**Indicative ATAR:** 60.55.

**Prerequisite:** Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English.

**Pathway options**

- Diploma of Enrolled Nursing, Swinburne University: may receive entry into the second year of the Bachelor of Nursing, [http://bit.ly/2qGe3NF](http://bit.ly/2qGe3NF)

- Diploma of Enrolled Nursing: Completion of the 18-month Diploma of Enrolled Nursing at any institution may provide a pathway into the course.

**Vice Chancellor’s Excellence Scholarship:** Year 12 applicants who achieve an ATAR of 95+ will receive a scholarship and entry into the High Achievers Program, [http://bit.ly/2EUXaFH](http://bit.ly/2EUXaFH)

“We’ve designed our brand new Bachelor of Nursing to prepare you for the diversity and complexities of 21st century nursing.

At Swinburne, you’ll benefit from our strengths in technology and innovation. You will develop your practical skills safely using simulation technology and realistic educational models, and reinforce your learning with clinical work experience. We approach assessments with an authentic, real-world view to help you develop into a well-rounded professional.

You’ll graduate as a registered nurse (RN) and be ready to pursue a career in a variety of fields, including in acute, rural, remote and international settings, emergency medicine, aged care, mental health services, palliative care, rural and Indigenous healthcare, family health, paediatrics and community nursing.”
# MIDWIFERY

## Australian Catholic University

**Bachelor of Midwifery**, Melbourne,  

**Indicative ATAR:** 88.65.

**Prerequisite:** Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English.

**Pathway option:** Completion of a graded Diploma of Enrolled Nursing may provide a pathway into the degree.

**Community Achiever Program (CAP):** Applications for this early entry program will close on Tuesday 31 July. CAP conditional offers will be released by the end of August, [http://bit.ly/2kPLY2t](http://bit.ly/2kPLY2t)

“The Bachelor of Midwifery is for those who want to become registered midwives and work in maternity settings such as hospitals, birth centres and other community agencies.

This midwifery course will teach you how to:

- manage normal pregnancy and childbirth
- provide effective postnatal, maternal and newborn care to women and their newborn infant
- provide safe and reliable care that meets the individual psychological, emotional, physical, social and spiritual needs of women.

Bachelor of Midwifery students will do over 1000 hours of midwifery clinical practice throughout the course in hospital and community settings. The students will also engage with a minimum of ten women to follow their pregnancy, labour, birth and postnatal care journey called their Continuity of Care Experiences (CCE).

This experience involves the student recruiting the woman in early pregnancy and attending appointments throughout. If possible, the student attends the labour and birth and follows the woman after discharge home up to six weeks following birth.”

## Victoria University

**Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery:**  

**Indicative ATAR:** 73.75.

**Prerequisites:** Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English, and satisfactory completion of any Mathematics at the Unit 1-2 or Unit 3-4 level.

**Pathway options**

- Diploma of Enrolled Nursing at Victoria University Polytechnic: may provide entry into the course, [http://bit.ly/2mALIWi](http://bit.ly/2mALIWi)
- Diploma of Enrolled Nursing at other institutes may provide entry into the course.
- Completion of a Diploma level TAFE course (related or unrelated to nursing/midwifery) may provide entry into the double degree.

**Health and Biomedicine Chancellor’s Scholarship:** This is a scholarship program. You must achieve an ATAR of at least 90 and meet the prerequisite study scores, [http://bit.ly/2m0qZ1B](http://bit.ly/2m0qZ1B)


“You’ll graduate career-ready, having spent 25 per cent of your course working in clinical placements. We have practical nursing-placement opportunities in over 200 clinical venues.

Our strong partnerships with Western Health and Werribee Mercy Hospital give you access to acute teaching and training hospitals for nursing and midwifery students. You’ll also meet and follow at least 10 women through: pregnancy, childbirth, and post-birth.”
Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery, [https://bit.ly/2HxqVNk](https://bit.ly/2HxqVNk)

**Indicative ATARs:** Melbourne - 86.25, Bendigo - 81.85.

**Prerequisite:** minimum study score of 30 English (EAL) or 25 in any other English.

**Pathway options**
- Diploma of Enrolled Nursing at other institutes – may provide entry into the course with credit.
- Completion of a 3-year Bachelor of Nursing at any university followed by the Graduate Diploma of Midwifery at La Trobe University, [http://bit.ly/1LIOGEN](http://bit.ly/1LIOGEN)

**Aspire Early Entry Program:** this early entry program is now open, [http://bit.ly/1cXetap](http://bit.ly/1cXetap)

“Throughout this four-year course, you’ll complete placements for both nursing and midwifery in a range of metropolitan, rural and interstate settings, and have the chance to study overseas.

Clinical placements are a feature in every semester of this double degree, and may be undertaken at a number of our clinical partner agencies including The Alfred, Austin Health, Northern Health, Melbourne Health, The Women’s and Mercy Hospital for Women.

These rotations give you first-hand experience of the reality of what it’s like to work as a midwife and nurse.

Once you complete this course, you’ll be eligible for nursing and midwifery registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA)."

Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery, [https://bit.ly/1cXetap](https://bit.ly/1cXetap)

**Indicative ATAR:** 85.15.

**Prerequisites:** minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English, and satisfactory completion of any Mathematics at the Unit 1-2 or Unit 3-4 level.

**Pathway options**
- Diploma of Tertiary Studies (Nursing): Completion of the one-year program may provide a pathway into the double degree, [http://bit.ly/1Ss6R2H](http://bit.ly/1Ss6R2H)
- Diploma of Enrolled Nursing: Completion of a graded Diploma of Enrolled Nursing at any institution may provide a pathway into the double degree.

“Nurses and midwives are among the most valued members of any community. Midwives play a crucial role caring for mothers and babies throughout the childbearing years.

As a nursing graduate you will have acquired the knowledge and skills to be a competent beginning-level registered nurse who can provide leadership and care across the age continuum, with the scope to provide care in clinical environments, including acute care, primary health care and health promotion.

As a midwifery graduate you will add to the above capabilities the specialist knowledge to provide care to mothers and babies during pregnancy, labour, birth and the postpartum period, including emergencies.

Throughout the course, you will connect theory to clinical practice, undertaking clinical experience in diverse settings throughout Victoria and major metropolitan teaching facilities such as Monash Medical Centre, The Alfred, Peninsula Health and others.”
Midwifery

Deakin University

Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery, http://bit.ly/2rPCf3a

Indicative ATARs: Melbourne - 93.60, Geelong Waterfront - 87.50, Warrnambool - 74.65.

Prerequisite: minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English.

Pathway options:

- Completion of a graded Diploma of Enrolled Nursing may provide a pathway into the degree.

- Completion of a 3-year Bachelor of Nursing at any university followed by the Graduate Diploma of Midwifery at Deakin University, http://bit.ly/2tuiwZp

“Midwives play an invaluable role in facilitating childbirth and caring for mothers and babies through pregnancy, labour and beyond.

With Deakin’s combined Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery you will graduate with qualifications that allow you to apply for registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board as a Registered Nurse (RN) and as a Registered Midwife (RM), boosting your skill set and opening the door to rewarding career options.

Throughout the course you will get a valuable mix of hands-on clinical practice and theory in both streams. Clinical placement gives you the opportunity to develop clinical skills in a range of settings including acute/sub-acute care, medical and surgical care, maternity care, including antenatal, birthing, and post birth, paediatrics, aged care, rehabilitation, community nursing and mental health nursing.

You will spend over 41 weeks across the total length of the degree in various health care settings, including hospitals and community health centres in metropolitan, rural and regional areas.”

Monash University

Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery, Peninsula, http://bit.ly/2Fqc4YT

Indicative ATAR: 85.15.

Prerequisites: minimum study scores of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English, and satisfactory completion of any Mathematics at the Unit 1-2 or Unit 3-4 level.

Pathway options

- Diploma of Tertiary Studies (Nursing): Completion of the one-year program may provide a pathway into the double degree, http://bit.ly/1Ss6R2H

- Diploma of Enrolled Nursing: Completion of a graded 18-month Diploma of Enrolled Nursing at any institution may provide a pathway into the double degree.

“Nurses and midwives are among the most valued members of any community. Midwives play a crucial role caring for mothers and babies throughout the childbearing years.

As a nursing graduate you will have acquired the knowledge and skills to be a competent beginning-level registered nurse who can provide leadership and care across the age continuum, with the scope to provide care in clinical environments, including acute care, primary health care and health promotion.

As a midwifery graduate you will add to the above capabilities the specialist knowledge to provide care to mothers and babies during pregnancy, labour, birth and the postpartum period, including emergencies.

Throughout the course, you will connect theory to clinical practice, undertaking clinical experience in diverse settings throughout Victoria and major metropolitan teaching facilities such as Monash Medical Centre, The Alfred, Peninsula Health and others.”
Bachelor of Paramedicine: Peninsula - 75.30 (Indicative ATAR), [https://bit.ly/2DbS86c](https://bit.ly/2DbS86c)

Bachelor of Paramedicine (Indigenous Entry): Peninsula - ATAR + additional selection criteria.

Prerequisites: Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English, and least 25 in Further Mathematics or 22 in Mathematical Methods or Specialist Mathematics.

Pathway option: Completion of four university-level subjects with an average grade of at least 60% (credit level).

"Paramedics are health care professionals who provide unscheduled and emergency health care to individuals in the community. They assess patients, initiate care, and determine appropriate transport or referral.

You will study foundation units such as structure and function of the human body, human development and the Australian health care system.

You will also develop core knowledge and skills to treat cardiovascular, respiratory, mental health, traumatic and medical emergencies; as well as the specific care of maternal, neonatal, geriatric and paediatric patients.

You will also learn about emergency management and the role of paramedics in mass casualty disaster incidents. The underlying theory of these clinical units will be complemented by large practical components where you will participate in scenario-based exercises and clinical placements.

This course is challenging and dynamic, and offers the successful graduate the potential for a rewarding and satisfying career."

Bachelor of Paramedicine: St Albans, [https://bit.ly/2s7VBB2](https://bit.ly/2s7VBB2)

Indicative ATAR: 70.05

Prerequisite: minimum study score of 25 in English (EAL) or 20 in any other English.

Pathway options


Health and Biomedicine Chancellor’s Scholarship: You must achieve an ATAR of at least 90 and meet the prerequisite study scores, [http://bit.ly/2m0qZ1B](http://bit.ly/2m0qZ1B)


You will gain the skills, knowledge and techniques to treat patients in out-of-hospital care. You will be able to manage all aspects of the needs of paramedic patients (physical, psychological, social). This course will prepare you to be sensitive to issues in diverse communities and treat patients accordingly.

Our paramedicine degree is held in very high regard in the industry for its hands-on approach. You will learn through practical scenarios and clinical placements, and also gain a solid understanding of theory.

VU graduates are compassionate and highly capable professionals. Studying at VU will prepare you for the real world of emergency health."
La Trobe University

**Bachelor of Paramedic Practice (Honours):** Bendigo, [https://bit.ly/2JnSA9z](https://bit.ly/2JnSA9z)

**Indicative ATARs:** Bendigo - 69.35, Albury-Wodonga – 66.50, Shepparton - 73.65, Mildura – no ATAR published.

Please note: students studying at Albury-Wodonga, Shepparton and Mildura must transfer to the Bendigo campus after first year.

**Prerequisites:** Minimum study scores of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English, and a study score of at least 20 in two of the following subjects: Biology, Chemistry, Health And Human Development, any Mathematics, Physical Education, Physics or Psychology.

**Pathway options:**

- Diploma of Enrolled Nursing at other institutes – may provide entry into the course with credit.

**Aspire Early Entry Program:** open now, [http://bit.ly/1cXetap](http://bit.ly/1cXetap)

"Paramedicine is a specialist career choice that requires employees to possess dedication, empathy, autonomy and precision. It is an exciting time to enter this profession, with the standard of paramedical skills and knowledge growing exponentially to meet evolving health demands.

This course enables qualified individuals to broaden their professional horizons and gain employment both nationally and internationally.

Paramedic graduates are qualified to gain employment in ambulance services across Australia and overseas."

Australian Catholic University

**Bachelor of Paramedicine:** Melbourne - 85.25 (Indicative ATAR), [https://bit.ly/2xVeFqw](https://bit.ly/2xVeFqw)

**Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Paramedicine,** Ballarat - 73.80 (indicative ATAR), [https://bit.ly/2JEGxni](https://bit.ly/2JEGxni)

**Prerequisites:** Minimum study score of 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English, [http://bit.ly/2r7TmNS](http://bit.ly/2r7TmNS)

**Pathway option:** completion of a Certificate IV, Diploma or Advanced Diploma may provide entry.

**Community Achiever Program (CAP):** Applications for the CAP early entry program close on Tuesday 31 July, [http://bit.ly/2kPLY2t](http://bit.ly/2kPLY2t)

"The Bachelor of Paramedicine will teach you how to:

- analyse situations using appropriate assessment techniques
- examine patients and consider their particular needs
- cope in a high-pressure environment.

As a graduate, you will be qualified to work as a paramedic with an ambulance service in Australia and in some international ambulance or health organisations. With further study, you can go on to become an:

- ambulance service manager
- clinical instructor
- flight paramedic
- intensive-care paramedic (ICP)
- special operations team (SOT) rescue paramedic
- specialist educator
- team leader

Bachelor of Paramedicine students will undertake a minimum of 360 hours of clinical practice throughout the course within an emergency or simulated emergency environment."