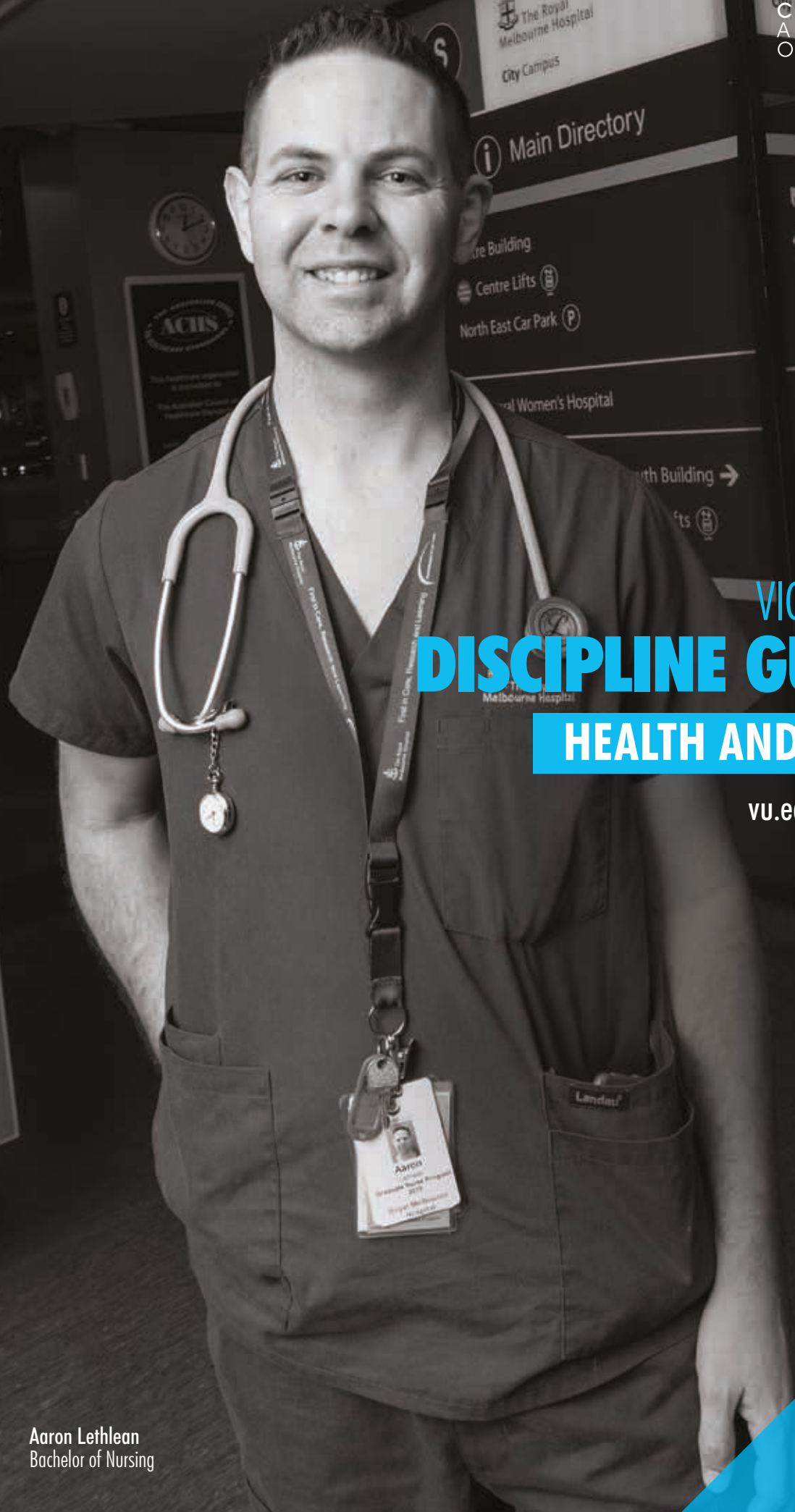




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VICTORIA UNIVERSITY DISCIPLINE GUIDE 2017

HEALTH AND BIOMEDICINE

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Aaron Lethlean
Bachelor of Nursing



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UNIVERSITY**
MELBOURNE AUSTRALIA

"The VU student-run osteopathy clinic is fantastic grounding for moving into private practice."

"I chose osteopathy at VU because I believed it was the best program with the best location – central CBD.

The best part about my course was the lecturers. They had a wide range of experiences and backgrounds which enhanced the spectrum of learning substantially. The VU student-run osteopathy clinic is also fantastic grounding for moving into private practice.

I now run two successful multidisciplinary clinics with nearly 40 staff. I have lectured throughout the world several times and in Australia. I worked at the Beach Volleyball World Championships in Holland and will be doing more consulting work overseas. My goal is to continue to be challenged and do what I love for as long as possible.

VU gave me the knowledge, experience and motivation to continue my studies and to go to the next level in my career."

PAUL HERMANN

Bachelor of Clinical Science
(now Bachelor of Science (Osteopathy))
Master of Health Science (Osteopathy)



CELEBRATING A CENTENARY OF OPPORTUNITY

In 2016, Victoria University is celebrating a Centenary of Opportunity. The University has a long, rich history as a direct descendant of Footscray Technical School, which first opened its doors to students in February 1916.

With 100 years of experience in providing excellent opportunities to all our students and communities, today's VU can help you find true success through high-quality teaching and flexible study options that suit your lifestyle.

Join us in 2017 and become a part of 100 years of tradition.

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CHOOSE HEALTH AND BIOMEDICINE AT VU

Do you dream of a rewarding and fulfilling career in the health sector? Our range of health and biomedicine courses will ignite your passions and lead to a successful future.

From nursing and osteopathy to paramedicine, our health and allied health-related courses are held in high regard around Australia and the world.

Victoria University (VU) has carved a niche in the osteopathy and dermal therapy sectors, being one of very few universities in Australia offering these accredited courses.

We will give you hands-on experience while you learn through scenario-based assessments and clinical placements. Our world-class facilities include hospital prac rooms and lifelike mannequin technology.

VU is one of the few dual-sector universities in the country to offer courses in health and biomedicine, meaning you can study with us at vocational education (TAFE), bachelor or postgraduate level – or all three if you choose.

Our unique courses, flexible pathways, and hands-on approach ensure you gain the experience necessary to graduate work ready and be a top choice of employers.

HEALTH AND BIOMEDICINE COURSE AREAS

Most courses are delivered through our College of Health and Biomedicine, which offers specialisations across a broad range of areas.

Our range of health and biomedicine specialisations includes:

- applied science
- biomedicine
- biomedical and exercise sciences
- clinical sciences
- dermal sciences
- health science
- midwifery
- neonatal and paediatric care
- manual therapy
- nursing
- nutrition and food sciences
- osteopathy
- paramedicine
- public health.

For detailed information about all health and biomedicine courses visit vu.edu.au/health-biomedicine

HEALTH AND BIOMEDICINE INDUSTRY CONNECTED

GAIN THE EMPLOYMENT EDGE

We engage with industry groups to undertake ground-breaking research, share knowledge that informs our curriculum, and provide work-integrated learning opportunities to enhance your studies.

This means you gain the latest knowledge, skills and experience necessary to be work ready and career focused before you graduate.

We are proud of our strong partnerships with local and global health agencies, and research institutes, including Western Health, Ambulance Victoria, the Australian Spinal Research Foundation, the Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute, beyondblue, the National Institute of Integrative Medicine, and Werribee Mercy Hospital.

Our nursing and allied health students train at Werribee Mercy Hospital and Western Health, and much of our research is conducted at the Western Centre for Health Research and Education — an innovative teaching, training and research facility based at Sunshine Hospital.

INDUSTRY ACCREDITED

Industry accreditation is awarded to courses that best meet the needs of employers and provide graduates with an optimum set of skills and knowledge.

Our accredited health and biomedicine courses include the Bachelor of Nursing, accredited by the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council and Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia; Bachelor of Health Science (Paramedic), accredited by the Council of Ambulance Authorities; and Bachelor of Science (Osteopathy) and Master of Health Science (Osteopathy), accredited by the Australasian Osteopathic Accreditation Council.

PRACTICAL PLACEMENTS

Clinical and practical learning is an important part of all of our courses in the College of Health and Biomedicine, and compulsory for accredited courses in midwifery, nursing, osteopathy and paramedicine.

Our clinics and simulation laboratories provide you with the opportunity to practice your new skills in a safe environment, while work placements provide you with confidence and an industry edge.

These opportunities include:

- Osteopathy Clinic
- Dermal Clinic
- paramedicine clinical placement
- Nursing Clinical Model.

vu.edu.au/student-placements

OSTEOPTHY CLINIC

Senior students in the Master of Health Science (Osteopathy) treat visitors at the Osteopathy Clinic, supervised by registered osteopaths.

DERMAL CLINIC

Treatments at the Dermal Clinic are performed by trained students in the Bachelor of Health Science (Dermal Therapies) under clinical supervision.

PARAMEDIC CLINICAL PLACEMENTS

Students are progressively introduced to the responsibilities and experiences of the ambulance paramedic under the supervision of a clinical instructor within Ambulance Victoria.

NURSING CLINICAL MODEL

Our Nursing Clinical Model gives students the opportunity to experience the true nature and challenges of contemporary nursing practice alongside expert clinicians.

WESTERN CENTRE FOR HEALTH RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

The Western Centre for Health Research and Education (Western CHRE) is a three-way partnership between Western Health, Victoria University and the University of Melbourne. Located at Sunshine Hospital, it also incorporates the Australian Institute for Musculoskeletal Science (AIMSS).

In 2013, this partnership won the prestigious Business/Higher Education Roundtable (B-HERT) Ashley Goldsworthy Award for Sustained Collaboration between Business and Tertiary Education.

As well as providing an excellent education experience and location for clinical placements for nurses, paramedics and other allied health professionals, VU staff and students undertake world-class research within Western CHRE.

vu.edu.au/wchre

PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

We are the University of Opportunity and Success. Our courses are designed to offer students from diverse backgrounds the opportunity to achieve success on their own terms. This includes flexible pathways and alternative entry programs to help you pursue your dream career.

With one of the broadest range of scholarships of any university in Australia, we are renowned for providing educational opportunities to a wide range of students of all ages, cultures, and socioeconomic and educational backgrounds.

We offer a range of work-integrated study options, academic and personal support programs, and various entry and exit points between courses, including:

- vocational education programs
- bachelor degrees across a wide range of subject areas for those who may be unsure about which specialisations to follow, or require additional support while transitioning from vocational education
- specialist professional degrees
- industry-relevant postgraduate programs.

HEALTH AND BIOMEDICINE PATHWAYS

We are one of the few universities in Australia to offer both vocational training (TAFE) and higher education. Our study pathways connect courses between vocational training and higher education, including postgraduate studies. This means that you can start your education journey at certificate level and proceed to a diploma, degree or even a PhD. You may also exit the pathway when you achieve your immediate study goal, and re-enter if, and when, you choose to further your studies.

Pathways are designed to suit all types of students, including those seeking career advancement, those wanting to develop their skills, and those seeking a career change or personal development.

vu.edu.au/pathways

CREDIT FOR SKILLS AND PAST STUDY

VU is committed to recognising previous studies and the life and work experiences that you bring with you when you decide to study with us. You can receive credit by matching your previous experiences and studies with the skills and knowledge covered in course units, allowing you to complete your studies sooner.

vu.edu.au/credit

SAMPLE PATHWAYS

Below are samples of our many health and biomedicine course pathways to give you an idea of how pathways work. Note: unless otherwise indicated, these are not guaranteed pathways but suggested study journeys.

SCHOLARSHIPS

We offer one of the most comprehensive ranges of undergraduate student scholarships of any university in Victoria.

vu.edu.au/scholarships

POSTGRADUATE COURSEWORK SCHOLARSHIPS

Visit our website for VU and externally-funded postgraduate scholarships.

vu.edu.au/scholarships
researchscholarships@vu.edu.au

POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

We offer many living stipend scholarship programs for postgraduate research students.

vu.edu.au/research-scholarships
gradresearch@vu.edu.au

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

We offer a range of special entry schemes for applicants who have been unable to reach their full educational potential or who may have restricted access to the courses of their choice because of their life circumstances.

vu.edu.au/access

VU aims to ensure that students with a disability or medical condition are able to actively participate in all aspects of university life.

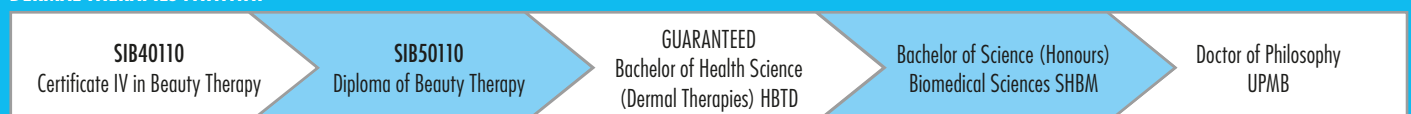
vu.edu.au/disability
disability@vu.edu.au
03 9919 5400

We encourage Indigenous Australians to apply for any of our courses. Our Moondani Balluk Academic Unit provides Indigenous students with support services.

vu.edu.au/moondani-balluk
moondani.balluk@vu.edu.au
03 9919 2836


PATHWAY EXAMPLES

DERMAL THERAPIES PATHWAY



PARAMEDICINE PATHWAY





"I would definitely recommend VU as it offers everyone a chance in a supportive and friendly environment."

"After being an at-home mother for several years, I was faced with the choice of returning to my nursing career, or taking a risk to make a complete career change. I opted for the latter.

I am so glad I made the choice to return to study. It has been challenging to juggle all my roles but I hope to inspire my children to have dreams, set goals and not be discouraged by age, circumstances or adversity.

My success is a direct result of the opportunity I was given to study at Victoria University. I would definitely recommend VU as it offers everyone a chance in a supportive and friendly environment.

I hope to continue research work within the area of cancer, with the ultimate goal that the research makes a difference in someone's life."

CHARLETT GIULIANI

Bachelor of Science (Honours)
(Biomedical Science)
Doctor of Philosophy

Charlett was awarded the 2015 William and Elizabeth Fisher Scholarship – the highest Graduate Women Victoria prize.

HEALTH AND BIOMEDICINE RESEARCH

Our health and biomedicine researchers are renowned for research excellence, which means you have access to progressive thinkers, excellent facilities, and award-winning academics when you undertake your degree.

Many of our researchers enjoy international recognition for their contribution to the field of health and biomedicine. Through partnerships and collaborations, the work of our dynamic research community benefits students and staff across the University, as well as industry and the community.

RESEARCH FOCUS

VU researchers and graduate students in health and biomedical sciences focus on exploring important issues affecting the health of individuals and the community.

They specialise in:

- molecular and nutritional physiology and pharmacology
- diabetes, cardiovascular disease, obesity and nutritional interventions
- cancer
- nerve and muscle conditions
- chronic inflammatory disorders
- paramedic and prehospital medicine
- chronic disease policy and advocacy
- public health and health promotion
- mental health and substance misuse
- nursing, and maternal and child health
- muscle and exercise metabolism

- complementary medicine
- healthier foods, sustainable production and distribution
- food security.

Our key research groups focus on world-class research and development, translating innovation in experimental medicine into positive health results for the community, particularly in Melbourne's west.

Our research is conducted in state-of-the-art facilities such as the Western Centre for Health Research and Education, an innovative teaching, training and research precinct based at Sunshine Hospital.

vu.edu.au/graduate-research

CENTRE FOR CHRONIC DISEASE

The Centre was established in 2013 to address the urgent need for research, action and intervention in chronic disease in Australia. Its goal is to be a world-class research centre focused on fundamental and applied research into all aspects of chronic disease.

With a particular focus on Melbourne's west, it seeks to translate research discoveries into applications and therapeutic results that improve the health and wellbeing of individuals and communities.





SPECIALISED HEALTH AND BIOMEDICINE FACILITIES

Health and biomedicine courses operate at our St Albans, Werribee, City Flinders, City Queen and Footscray Park Campuses, as well as the Sunshine Hospital's Western Centre for Health Research and Education.

HEALTH CLINICS

Our public Nutrition, Osteopathy and Dermal Clinics, located on campus, enable students to provide advice and treatment under the supervision of qualified staff. Clinics are fitted with high-quality, medical-grade equipment.

NURSING SIMULATION LABORATORIES

With state-of-the-art facilities featuring interactive mannequin technology, our nursing laboratories are designed to simulate a contemporary hospital environment.

WESTERN CENTRE FOR HEALTH RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

VU established the Western Centre for Health Research and Education (Western CHRE), a world-class teaching, research and development precinct along with Western Health and the University of Melbourne. The Centre is the first purpose-built research and training facility for medicine and the health sciences in Melbourne's west.

GENERAL FACILITIES

FOOD AND CAFÉS

Our city campuses have easy access to cafés and food outlets. All other campuses have on-campus cafés and food outlets for students, staff and the wider community.

CLASSROOMS OF THE FUTURE

VU's classrooms are being transformed into creative and technology-rich environments.

The multi-platform learning space at Footscray Nicholson Campus — known as the Terrain Room — is one of a growing number of the University's rejuvenated physical spaces that have transformed classrooms, libraries and lecture theatres into creative learning and teaching environments.

LIBRARIES

Our campus libraries are known as 'learning commons' — integrated hubs that offer career advice, learning and IT support, and academic resources, all in a relaxed, lounge-like setting. Our learning commons provide access to photocopying, computing and printing facilities, electronic and print resources, and a comprehensive information skills training program.

vu.edu.au/library

COMPUTER FACILITIES

We have more than 4000 computers spread across all our campuses and in all campus libraries. PCs and Apple Macs are provided in teaching laboratories and open access facilities. A central IT helpdesk is available to answer all queries and provide assistance.

You will have access to a rich collection of online resources, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. These include databases or material housed within the library, student email, e-learning content for courses, student software packages and innovative social networking tools.

vu.edu.au/student-tools

SPORT AND FITNESS

As Australia's leading sports university, we offer extensive sport services and facilities to all students, including:

- sport clubs, campus sport programs and representative sport opportunities
- quality fitness centres at Footscray Park, St Albans and Werribee Campuses
- a heated 25-metre swimming pool at Footscray Park Campus
- multi-purpose sports halls at Footscray Park Campus
- tennis courts at Werribee, Footscray Park and St Albans Campuses.

vu.edu.au/sport

CHILDCARE

We operate multi-purpose childcare centres at the following campuses:

Footscray Park 03 9919 4578
Footscray Nicholson 03 9919 8698
Werribee 03 9919 8098.

ACCOMMODATION

We own and operate a range of student accommodation, including the brand new UniLodge @ VU. This 500-bed complex offers luxury apartment living for our students. Situated across the street from the Footscray Park Campus and close to the vibrant creative arts precinct in Footscray, this complex is just a short walk to shopping and public transport that provides easy access to our other campuses.

vu.edu.au/residences
unilodge.com.au/lodge/vu

HOUSING SERVICES

Our Student Housing Service provides free advice and assistance to students looking for housing as well as general tenancy advice.

housing@vu.edu.au

HOW MUCH WILL MY COURSE COST?

COURSE FEES AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Course costs vary between VE/TAFE and higher education courses, depending on whether you are a government-funded student or full-fee paying student, and the units you select.

Below you will find some important information and a general guide to costs.* The latest information and a specific guide to study costs, including VU's Unit Fee Schedule, is available at:

vu.edu.au/fees

VE/TAFE FEES

The fees you pay as a VE/TAFE student depend on a number of factors, including:

- whether the course is government-funded
- your citizenship status
- when you commence the course
- your age
- your prior qualifications
- the units and course that you enrol in.

Some VE/TAFE students may be eligible for a government subsidy (such as the Victorian Training Guarantee) to support tuition fees, depending on:

- citizenship status
- age at time of enrolment
- prior study completed.

VE/TAFE students are also required to pay an annual Student Services and Amenities Fee. In 2016 this amounted to \$204 for full-time government funded students, \$102 for part-time government-funded students, \$42 for students studying off campus and \$84 for concession card holders. Students studying less than 25 hours are exempt from the fee.

Visit vu.edu.au/ssaf for more information on the Student Services and Amenities Fee.

VET FEE-HELP is available to assist eligible students studying higher level vocational education and training (VET) qualifications to pay their tuition fees. Higher-level VET qualifications are at the diploma level and above. VET FEE-HELP can be used to pay all or part of an eligible student's tuition fees, but cannot be used for additional study costs such as accommodation or text books.

Visit studyassist.gov.au for further information and to check eligibility.

HIGHER EDUCATION FEES

The options available to students enrolled in higher education courses are:

- Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) — course fees are shared between students and the Australian Government, which subsidises your course fees.
- Full-Fee Place (FFP) — you must pay the full cost of your course.

All domestic undergraduate students at Victoria University are enrolled in a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP).

This table (below) shows the maximum student contribution and full-fee amount for 2016 admissions, per year of full-time study.

STUDENT CONTRIBUTION BAND	MAXIMUM STUDENT CONTRIBUTION PER 1 YEAR OF FULL-TIME STUDY (2016)
BAND 1 Humanities, behavioural science, social studies, education, clinical psychology, foreign languages, visual and performing arts, nursing	\$6,256
BAND 2 Mathematics, statistics, computing, built environment, other health, allied health, science, engineering, surveying, agriculture	\$8,917
BAND 3 Law, accounting, administration, economics, commerce, dentistry, medicine, veterinary science	\$10,440

*All fee information provided here was correct at the time of printing. For the latest guide to fees and payment information, please refer to our website at vu.edu.au/fees

Note: Students are required to pay additional amenities fees annually. This information was extracted from the Australian Government's Study Assist website, studyassist.gov.au

Higher education students are also required to pay an annual Student Services and Amenities Fee. In 2016 this amounted to \$290 for full-time students and \$145 for part-time students.

POSTGRADUATE COURSEWORK DEGREE FEES

The University does not receive any government funding for postgraduate coursework student places, and students pay the full cost of their course. This is called a fee-paying place. Tuition fees are based on the units studied, rather than a fixed price for each course. Different units have different costs.

You can calculate your own individual course fees at vu.edu.au/fees

POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH DEGREE FEES

If you qualify for an Australian government-funded place under the Research Training Scheme you will not be required to pay course fees.

If you are offered a full-fee paying place you can apply for FEE-HELP government assistance as outlined below.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

For information on course fees as an international student, select your course from the list at:

vu.edu.au/courses/international

PAYING YOUR FEES

There are several options available to help you with the costs involved in studying at university.

HECS-HELP

The Australian Government's Higher Education Loan Program, HECS-HELP, allows Australian citizens and Humanitarian Visa holders to borrow the amount of their student contribution and pay it back once in the workforce and earning a specified amount. You also have the option of paying some or all of your student contribution up-front and receiving a discount.

FEE-HELP

FEE-HELP is a government loan program that enables eligible students to defer the payment of their tuition fees.

studyassist.gov.au

FINANCIAL ADVICE

We offer free financial advice and information on all study-related costs. This includes information about government assistance (such as HECS-HELP, Centrelink Youth Allowance and Austudy), household expenses, financial planning, student loans and tax.

vu.edu.au/financial-advice

*"Victoria University's
training methodologies
are aligned closely to
current industry expectations."*

"Victoria University is an industry workforce development leader. The University has demonstrated a great capacity to develop and implement innovative, highly relevant and flexible work-based programs to meet the needs of Western Health with excellent results."

WESTERN HEALTH
Accredited and Workforce
Training Department





HOW TO APPLY

There are several ways to apply for courses at VU, based on:

- your chosen course study level
- your residency status
- the time of year
- whether you are a current or recent student of VU (within the last six months).

UNDERGRADUATE AND TAFE

Applications for undergraduate and vocational education (VE/TAFE) courses are either made through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC), or by direct application to the University.

Information about all VU courses offered through VTAC can be accessed on the VTAC website at:

vtac.edu.au

Applications for courses not available through VTAC are made directly to VU. These include some undergraduate degrees, and vocational and further education (VE/TAFE) programs. Details on how to apply for these courses are provided on our website at:

vu.edu.au/apply

POSTGRADUATE

Applications for most postgraduate research and coursework programs are made direct to the University. Course indexes and Direct Entry Application forms can be downloaded from our website at:

vu.edu.au/apply

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

COURSE ADVICE

Phone 03 9919 6100 or 1300 VIC UNI
gotovu.custhelp.com
vu.edu.au/courses

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) website provides information on courses and how to apply for them:

vtac.edu.au

VU OPEN DAY

Come to VU Open Day at Footscray Park Campus on Sunday 28 August 2016.

vu.edu.au/openday

POSTGRADUATE COURSEWORK AND RESEARCH

vu.edu.au/postgraduate

COURSES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

vu.edu.au/courses/international

QUESTIONS?

Ask us a question by visiting vu.edu.au/gotovu

GOTOVU gives answers to common questions on anything from admission to graduation, including applications, enrolment, fees, exams and all other aspects of student life.

askvu.vu.edu.au

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vu.edu.au/openday

Footscray Park Campus
Ballarat Road, Footscray

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