

Bachelor of Physical and Health Education (EBPHEB)

Faculty of Education, Bendigo

Frequently Asked Questions

What is required to qualify for tertiary entrance in 2011?

Satisfactory completion of VCE or equivalent.

Units 1 and 2: two units of general mathematics or mathematical methods (either).

Units 3 and 4: a study score of 30 or higher in English (ESL) and 25 in any other English, a study score of 25 or higher in one of Physical Education or Health and Human Development (this prerequisite will not apply from 2013).

Is there a 'Guaranteed Entry' pathway available for this Course?

Any applicant who achieves an ENTER/ATAR of 80 or above is guaranteed a Commonwealth Supported Place in this Course.

When and how can I apply?

Applications can be made on-line only, through VTAC, at www.vtac.edu.au, from 9.000am Monday 2nd August 2010. Timely applications close at 5.00pm Thursday 30th September 2010, although late applications (incurring a higher fee) may be submitted up until 5.00pm Friday 12th November 2010 and very late applications up until 5.00pm Friday 10th December 2010. Applications to transfer between tertiary courses are considered from within La Trobe University only and should be directed to the Course Administrator.

What do I put on the Pi (Personal Information) form?

The Pi form provides you with the opportunity to explain why you wish to teach. You can provide information that may explain past results that you do not think reflect your true capability e.g.: an illness, injury, death etc. You can provide information that you think will help your application e.g.: gap years, work experience, relevant voluntary activities, non/academic courses, references or contact number for references. If there is not enough room on this form, information may be sent directly to the Selection Officer, Faculty of Education, Bendigo Campus.

Internal University Transfer Applications

Applications should be made by 30 September, directly with the Course Administrator – Yvonne Street. Additional information may be provided with the application such as a reference (which is recommended). Volunteer work is also recommended i.e. work in schools, kindergartens, after school care, regular coaching of students. Once University results are released, the Selection Officer will then make a decision on your application. You may be asked to an interview. It is recommended that you achieve a B grade average to be competitive. There is no guarantee of a place.

Advanced Standing

Applications for Advanced Standing for previous studies should be made with the Course Administrator and are considered upon acceptance into the Course.
Applications for advanced standing should be made as soon as you enroll.

What is the difference between Human Movement and PE teaching Courses (e.g. Ballarat & RMIT) and the EBPHEB Course?

The Bachelor of Physical and Health Education course offers qualifications in generalist primary teaching and specialism's in PE, health and student welfare from prep to year 12. No other PE degree provides these qualifications. Human Movement degrees do not provide a teaching qualification.

How do I arrange accommodation at the Bendigo Campus?

La Trobe University, Bendigo has developed a variety of high quality residences for accommodating over 560 students and visiting scholars. Our residences are well reputed for facilities and service and offer excellent value for money. Information can be accessed via the website or email residences-bendigo@latrobe.edu.au or telephone (03) 5444 7425.

What Employment Opportunities will be available to me upon graduation?

Students who have completed the EBPHEB degree can apply for the following positions:

- Generalist Primary teaching
- Health and PE teaching in primary and/or secondary schools
- Student Welfare Positions in primary or secondary schools
- Primary Welfare Officers (primary schools)
- Sports Coaching
- Fitness Instructors
- Recreation Officers

What is the difference between the Bachelor of Physical & Outdoor Education (BPOE) and this Course?

The BPOE course qualifies students to teach PE and Outdoor Education at secondary level (year 7 -12) only.

If this is a different degree, why does it have the same first year as other Education Courses?

The common first year provides all students in teacher education courses at the Bendigo Campus (except BPOE) with a common experience in a broad range of subjects that form the basis for education studies as well as health and PE studies. Each of the subjects taken lead into subjects taken within the specific degree you have chosen. The common first year is structured in such a way that you will be attending all tutorials with the same group (about 25) students. This allows students to develop friendships as well as positive teamwork opportunities.

I work part-time and wonder what days I have to attend University?

Whilst it is imperative for many students to undertake paid work throughout their time at university, all students must be aware that if they have committed to full time study, they must be available to attend university on a full time basis. You are expected to attend all timetabled lectures, tutorials, workshops and seminars in the subjects for which you have enrolled. Tutorial and lecture attendance often forms part of the assessment for some subjects. Where other activities clash with your university requirements, it is expected that the University requirements will take priority.

Do we just teach PE on Practicum (teaching practice in schools), or do we get an opportunity to teach other subjects in the Primary and/or Secondary schools?

In the Bachelor of Physical and Health Education course, you will teach across all subjects including health and PE, in your primary school practicum experience within the first two and a half years of the degree. In the final year of your degree, you will be required to teach both PE and Health at secondary level. You will also be expected to take an interest in and participate where possible in the Student Welfare programs and policies within each practicum experience.

Can I teach any other Methods in Secondary, or am I restricted to PE & Health only?

The Bachelor of Physical and Health Education course is approved by the Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT), the organization which registers teachers in Victoria. It includes Health and PE secondary methods only.

If you wish to teach another method, you must ensure you complete the requirements set out by VIT for that specialist teaching area (see http://www.vit.vic.edu.au/files/documents/1672_Specialist-Area-Guidelines-Nov08.pdf.)

You can only do this by over enrolling and paying full fees for the subjects they require. This is not encouraged as the study load can become too demanding.