

## Important Information

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All students enrolled in the Bachelor of Health Science and Master of Physiotherapy Practice will complete a total of 33 weeks full time clinical experience, mainly in the last 18 months of the course. The clinical program will involve travel and accommodation expenses to be met by the individual student. For the major placements, students are allocated to a Clinical School, which comprises a cluster of hospitals in a Health Network. Allocation to a Clinical School is by geographic area and availability of places. Students at Bundoora are expected to undertake at least one major clinical placement in a rural health agency. Students at Bendigo are expected to undertake at least one major clinical placement in a metropolitan health agency.

Students undertaking clinical placements require proof of up-to-date vaccinations, an annual National Police Record Check and a Working With Children Check. Applicants unable to meet these criteria may jeopardise their ability to gain access to suitable (or any) professional placement(s), and may delay or prevent completion of the course

All classes in the course are co-educational (mixed-gender classes) and students are expected to practice physiotherapy techniques on each other during practical classes.

## Contact details

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**Bachelor of Health Sciences and  
Master of Physiotherapy Practice**

## Bachelor of Health Sciences and Master of Physiotherapy Practice

The School of Physiotherapy, La Trobe University provides a high standard of physiotherapy education that is reflected in its worldwide reputation for excellence.

Selection in 2009 is into the new 4-year double degree program Bachelor of Health Sciences and Master of Physiotherapy Practice. Completion of the double degree allows graduates to register with the Physiotherapists Registration Board and to practice as a Physiotherapist. The first year of the double degree is a Common First Year taken by all students across the Faculty of Health Sciences. Application to transfer between courses will be considered at the end of first year and selection into another course will depend on the course prerequisites for that course and the students results in their first year of studies.

The Bachelor of Health Sciences and Master of Physiotherapy Practice is offered at both the Bundoora and Bendigo campuses. Intake in 2009 will be approximately 80 students at Bundoora and 40 at Bendigo. Bendigo students will complete Yrs 1, 3 and 4 at Bendigo, and Yr 2 at Bundoora.

### Prerequisites

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#### Year 12 entry (VCE or equivalent)

VCE Units 3 & 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (any) plus a study score of at least 25 in two of Biology, Chemistry, a Mathematics (any), Physical Education or Physics.

High course demand means that marks actually needed to gain admission into Physiotherapy are much higher. Clearly-in ENTERs for 2008 were 95.05 in Bundoora and 93.75 in Bendigo. Year 12 applicants account for approximately 70% of the 1st year intake.

#### Middle Band

Middle band selection is based on:

- Relevant work experience
- Criteria associated with VTAC's Special Entry Access Scheme
- La Trobe University Rural and Regional Student Access Scheme (where applicable; details are provided at [www.latrobe.edu.au/vtacinfo/](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/vtacinfo/)).

#### Graduate and tertiary transfer applicants

Applications from graduates and those with incomplete tertiary studies (at least 120 credit points [La Trobe] or its equivalent, a one year full time load) are ranked on the basis of their grade point average (GPA). This only applies where the applicants have undertaken, or are undertaking a degree at a recognised University. Associate Diplomas, Postgraduate studies and TAFE studies are not recognised. If you have more than one degree, the latest degree where one full year has been completed will be used in the calculation of a GPA. The clearly-in grade point averages for 2008 were Bundoora 6.21 and Bendigo 6.00.

All applicants must satisfy the School of Physiotherapy's Year 12 pre-requisite requirements. Where an applicant has less than one full-time year of tertiary study, their application will be considered on the basis of their Year 12 studies.

Tertiary Transfer applicants account for approximately 30% of the 1st year intake. Applicants need at least a minimum B+ average (using a scale of A-D [passing grades]) across all grades, taking all years of the degree into account. The Selection Committee does not give more weight to the last year of study.

All applicants in this category, apart from current La Trobe students, must apply through VTAC. La Trobe students apply directly to the School using the University's Internal Transfer

Form, which is available from the University. Applicants who have completed a La Trobe University degree must apply through VTAC.

#### SEAS (Special Entry Access Scheme)

Please refer to [www.latrobe.edu.au/vtacinfo](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/vtacinfo) for further information.

#### Please note:

- UMAT is not required for entry into the Bachelor of Health Sciences and Master of Physiotherapy Practice.
- There is no mature age entry scheme in the Bachelor of Health Sciences and Master of Physiotherapy Practice – there are mature age students in the course but they have been selected through the categories referred to above. The course is only offered full-time.

#### Applicants with relevant employment experience in the health field

Applicants who have relevant paid employment experience (e.g. as a health professional or health professional assistant) of at least six months full-time or equivalent in the last two years must complete a Supplementary Information form available from the Division of Allied Health Reception (see contact details on next page). Unpaid work is not considered by the Selection Committee. Completed forms must be lodged with the Division of Allied Health Reception by Friday 14th November 2008.

On the basis of the information supplied, the Selection Committee may apply a boost for relevant work experience of between zero and 10% to the grade point average (tertiary transfer category) or ENTER (Year 12 applicants).