La Trobe University is creating a world-class Health and Wellbeing Hub on its Melbourne Campus (Bundoora).

The hub will improve the provision of health care services in Melbourne’s north and provide the community with:

- A new private sub-acute hospital
- Primary health care centre
- Aged care facilities
- Additional child care
- Expanded mental health services

This new infrastructure will be funded by the private sector in partnership with La Trobe University. It will help to meet the growing demand for health care services in Melbourne’s north and address an undersupply of hospital beds and aged care services.

Access to health care services will come under continued pressure due to population growth in one of Australia’s fastest growing corridors, with an additional 52,000 people living in the Banyule and Darebin catchments in the next 15 years.

Our Health and Wellbeing Hub will create well over 500 new ongoing health services jobs, improved access to health services for local residents and outstanding employment and educational opportunities. Local residents will experience first-hand the benefits of improved local access to health services.
The Hub will build on La Trobe University’s reputation for world-class health research, excellence in education and established clinical and industry partnerships in the health and wellbeing sector. It will also link with our health and wellbeing capability and capacity in regional Victoria, where we have a large footprint across the region due to our Rural Health School in Bendigo and our physical presence in Mildura, Shepparton and Albury-Wodonga.

Research Capabilities

As leaders in health care innovation, translation and delivery in Victoria La Trobe is well placed to develop this major Health and Wellbeing Hub. We are renowned for research work on:

- Ageing
- Food and nutrition
- Physiotherapy and Occupational Therapy
- Social Work
- Disability
- Sports Science
- Cancer
- Antibiotic resistance
- Stroke
- Disease detection and eradication
- Plant based medicinal research

Our work takes advantage of our state-of-the-art facilities, such as the $100M La Trobe Institute for Molecular Science. We also collaborate with established partners such as the Olivia Newton John Cancer Research Institute.

In 2017 we secured a record amount of research funding for our collaborative research programs and research centres, obtaining over $60M in funding. We excel in research on living with disability, sport and exercise medicine, and health and wellbeing. Our research strengths have led to the formation of important research centres including the Olga Tennison Autism Research Centre, which identifies early signs of autism in children, and the Judith Lumley Centre, which conducts groundbreaking trials in midwifery, breastfeeding and ways to reduce caesarean rates.

Our other prominent research centres include:

- Australian Institute for Primary Care and Ageing
- Centre for Alcohol Policy Research
- The Living with Disability Research Centre
- John Richards Centre for Rural Ageing Research
- Australian Research Centre for Sex, Health and Society
- Bouverie Centre
- ARC Centre for Excellence in Advanced Molecular Imaging
- Centre for Health Communication and Participation
- Centre for Health, Law and Society
- La Trobe Sport and Exercise Medicine Research Centre
- Research Centre for Cardiovascular Biology and Disease
- Research Centre for Molecular Cancer Prevention

Our research exceeds world standards* in:

- Social Work
- Nutrition and Dietetics
- Psychology
- Human Movement and Sports Sciences
- Biochemistry and Cell Biology
- Biological Sciences
- Genetics
- Neurosciences
- Nursing

*Excellence in Research for Australia (ERA) 2015
The Health and Wellbeing Hub is a key component of the University’s vision to create a University City of the Future in Melbourne’s north. This plan is the University’s largest capital plan in its 50-year history, it will create and drive long term jobs, innovation and economic growth, amounting to a total $5 billion investment over 10 years. Other elements of the city include a new town centre, improved transport connections, a world-class sports park and a research and innovation precinct, turning our Melbourne Campus in Bundoora ‘inside out’, and welcoming the local community as a place to work, live, socialise and exercise.

Over 2,500 La Trobe students graduate annually from our health courses (Masters, Bachelors, Diploma, Certificate) including:

- Health sciences, biomedical sciences, exercise science, rehabilitation and counselling
- Nursing in acute care, midwifery, cancer/palliative care, child and family and community care
- Occupational therapy, clinical prosthetics and orthotics, dentistry, exercise physiology, paramedic practice, physiotherapy, podiatry, public health, speech pathology, sports physiotherapy
- PhD research in clinical neuropsychology and public health.

Our Research and Innovation Precinct is focused on Health and Wellbeing

Health and Wellbeing is one of the areas of industry sector focus for our 40-hectare Research and Innovation Precinct. This strategy builds on our existing capabilities in the areas of aging, physiotherapy and occupational therapy, social work, disability and sports science by identifying future opportunities in areas such as digital health, nutrition and dietetics, NDIS, and injury prevention and rehabilitation.

Key metropolitan partners include:
- Alfred Health
- Austin Health
- Eastern Health
- Healthscope
- Mercy Health
- Northern Health
- Melbourne Health
- The Royal Women’s
- The Royal Melbourne
- Melbourne University
- Rural Health Network
- Carlton Football Club
- The Australian Ballet
- Melbourne City Football Club
- Melbourne Rebels

Key regional partners include:
- Bendigo Health
- St John of God
- Goulburn Valley
- Albury Health
- Mildura Base
- Mildura Private

Collaborating with Health Partners

We work directly with some of Victoria’s major health care providers, ensuring our students secure clinical placements, opportunities for research collaboration and improved career options. We’re undertaking high quality research with these key clinical partners in health care systems, health care delivery and translational research in nursing, midwifery, allied health and public health.

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