



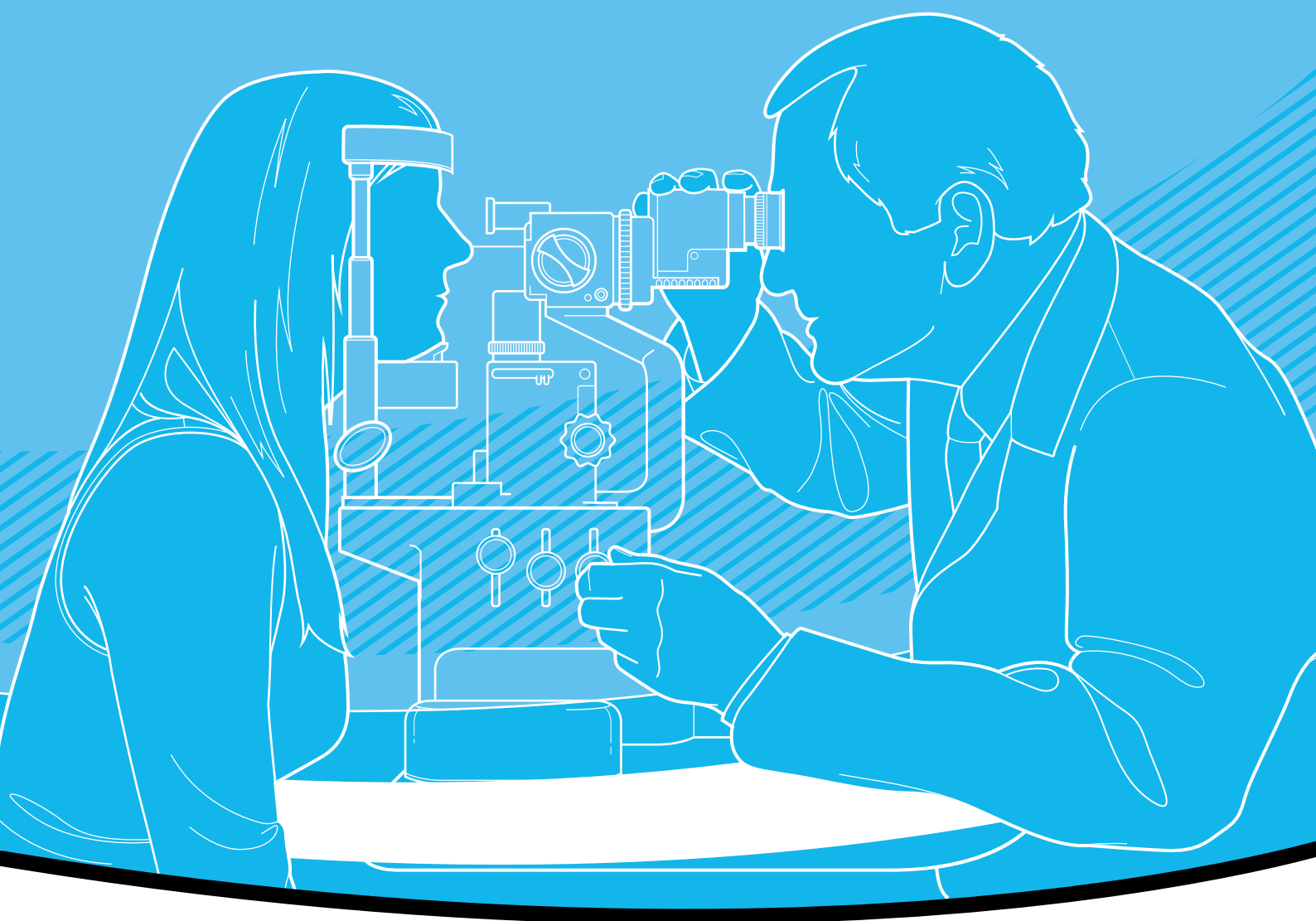
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Discover optometry at Deakin University

Deakin University offers Australia's first accelerated optometry qualification.

Deakin optometry is unique in several ways, including the emphasis on case- and team-based learning; an extensive, fully-equipped clinical skills facility; industry partnerships; and a curriculum that delivers excellence across clinical, commercial and professional domains in optometry.

Above all, Deakin optometry students will have one considerable advantage over those from other universities – time. Deakin optometry's unique course structure takes advantage of Deakin's trimester system, so the Bachelor of Vision Science and Master of Optometry can be completed in just three-and-a-half years of full-time study. In short, our graduates enter the workforce sooner, which translates to significant earnings and ample time to consider further options including areas of specialisation, research opportunities and further studies.

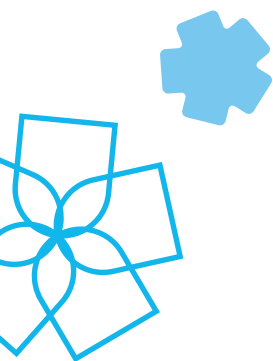
This booklet will tell you more about optometry at Deakin, including key features of our program and the career opportunities you can expect from completing your optometry studies with us.

Choosing a university course is an important decision – and we are here to help. We encourage you to gather as much information as possible to help you make an informed decision about which course is best for you.

If you need more information, please contact us on 1300 DEGREE (1300 334 733), email enquire@deakin.edu.au or visit deakin.edu.au.

We look forward to seeing you at Deakin!

The Deakin team



Finding more information

2013 course guides

These guides provide a list of the undergraduate and postgraduate courses Deakin offers, information about types of study, how to apply, our campuses, and study options, such as part time and off campus (distance education).

To order a copy of these or any other brochures, phone 1300 DEGREE (1300 334 733).

To view these brochures online visit deakin.edu.au/future-students/brochures.

2013 undergraduate career booklets

Deakin has a range of undergraduate career booklets which provide more information on areas of study, career opportunities, course overviews and course structures. These career booklets are available in the following areas:

- » architecture and built environment
- » arts, humanities and social sciences
- » business
- » education
- » engineering
- » environment
- » health
- » information technology
- » law
- » nursing and midwifery
- » optometry (this booklet)
- » psychology
- » science
- » sport.

Undergraduate eBrochure

Find out more in our new interactive eBrochure available from deakin.edu.au/ebrochure/undergrad, the Apple App Store and Google play.



Social media @Deakin

Connect with other future students and ask current students and staff about life and study at Deakin.

[facebook.com/discoverdeakin](https://www.facebook.com/discoverdeakin)

twitter.com/discoverdeakin

[youtube.com/discoverdeakin](https://www.youtube.com/discoverdeakin)



Website

Deakin's website offers comprehensive course and fee information including details of new courses, campuses, facilities and support services. Visit deakin.edu.au.

To search for courses and click through to unit descriptions visit deakin.edu.au/courses.

Contact us

Phone 1300 DEGREE (1300 334 733) to speak with a student adviser. You can also contact us via email at enquire@deakin.edu.au.

There are many opportunities throughout the year to visit Deakin, experience a campus tour and talk with representatives face-to-face.

For more information on event dates visit deakin.edu.au. 2012 Open Day dates are listed on the back cover of this booklet.

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Using this booklet

This booklet provides you with detailed information about Deakin's courses in optometry (for domestic students), including study areas, career opportunities, course overviews and course structures. It is designed to be read in conjunction with the *2013 Undergraduate Course Guide*, which gives an overview of all Deakin's courses, study options, support services and campuses.

Deakin University also produces course guides specifically for international students. To request a copy phone Deakin International on 03 9244 5095.

Optometry at Deakin

Based at the Geelong Waurin Ponds Campus, Deakin's optometry program is the only program of its kind in Victoria. Offered as two sequential degrees, the Bachelor of Vision Science and Master of Optometry, this program can be completed in three-and-a-half years of full-time study and leads to registration as an optometrist – the primary health care professional involved in detection and management of eye disease, dispensing corrective lenses, and rehabilitation of conditions of the visual system.

Optometry at Deakin provides you with a comprehensive understanding of the practise of optometry, with strong foundations in science, interprofessional health practice, practice management and commercial awareness, so that graduates are well equipped for a variety of employment opportunities. The course has an emphasis on patient-centred, Problem-Based Learning approaches that enable you to develop the knowledge and practical skills to confidently practise as a professional optometrist.

The holistic approach to the course design ensures the curriculum offered throughout these sequential degrees is aligned to the competencies defined by the Optometry Council of Australia and New Zealand (OCANZ).

What is optometry?

Optometry is the assessment of vision and covers an incredibly diverse range of activities from measuring someone for corrective lenses to measuring how well a tennis player's eyes track a tennis ball.

Optometrists are primary eye care providers and possess an excellent understanding of the visual system, the problems that can occur and how to manage these problems. As such, the modern practise of optometry encompasses the assessment of the human eye and visual system, as well as the management of patients with conditions of the eye and visual system.

Optometrists in Australia can refer patients directly to eye surgeons (ophthalmologists), as well as co-manage patients with ophthalmologists and general practitioners. Many optometrists are endorsed to prescribe medication to treat eye disease, as well as eye exercises and corrective lenses.

Meeting workforce demands

The optometry profession is an area of workforce shortage. Demand for optometrists is high and expected to increase as a result of our ageing population. Job opportunities are strong and career outcomes are excellent, particularly in rural and regional areas. Deakin's Bachelor of Vision Science and Master of Optometry has been designed specifically to help alleviate national workforce shortages.

Fast-tracked career entry

By taking advantage of Deakin's trimester system, Deakin optometry students are able to fast-track entry into this exciting profession by gaining a professional optometry qualification in just three-and-a-half years of full-time study, compared with up to seven years at other tertiary institutions.



ACADEMIC PROFILE



Associate Professor Craig Woods
Director of Optometric Clinical Studies
Geelong Waurin Ponds Campus

Craig Woods is the Director of Optometric Clinical Studies and an Associate Professor of Optometry at Deakin. He is also Adjunct Associate Professor, School of Optometry, University of Waterloo (Canada); Secretary of the International Society for Contact Lens Research; and a member of the editorial boards for the journals *Contact Lens and Anterior Eye*, and *Eye and Contact Lens*. He graduated in optometry from City University (London, UK) and was awarded his PhD while at Eurolens Research at the University of Manchester Institute of Science and Technology. He has authored more than 90 refereed and professional papers, 11 textbook chapters and presented nearly 300 presentations at conferences worldwide.

Purpose-built facilities

REACH-ing out to enhance rural health

As a Deakin optometry student you will have the opportunity to use cutting-edge teaching facilities within the brand new, purpose-built Regional Community Health Hub (REACH). This \$53 million project is due for completion in late 2012.

Linked to the Deakin Medical School at the Geelong Waurin Ponds Campus, REACH will target a myriad of underlying socio-economic and geographic challenges in order to recruit, train and retain health professionals in country areas. Through REACH, we will offer the optometry program and emphasise remote teaching via an innovative e-health learning and tele-teaching facility which will link students, practitioners, hospitals, TAFEs and other education centres across regional Victoria in an online environment. The e-health program will also support students in disciplines such as nursing and occupational therapy.

Onsite hospitals

Despite being relatively young, the medical precinct at the Geelong Waurin Ponds Campus is set for a significant upgrade with Epworth HealthCare committing to build a 250-bed private hospital by 2013. This will be further enhanced by the State Government's commitment of \$85 million for the construction of a public hospital.

These facilities will enhance the education of Deakin health, nursing and midwifery, occupational therapy, psychology, medicine and optometry students by offering a supportive environment for supervised clinical placements.

Course accreditation

Deakin optometry is in the process of seeking accreditation by the Optometry Council of Australia and New Zealand (OCANZ) – the accrediting body for optometry courses in Australia and New Zealand. The course curriculum is aligned to the competencies defined by OCANZ and accreditation will be sought when the first cohort of students graduate in mid-2015.

Professional recognition

Subject to accreditation, graduates will be eligible to apply for registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), and as Medicare service providers, will be able to embrace employment opportunities throughout Australia and New Zealand.

Global opportunities

Optometry is a fast-growing profession, not only in Australia but also internationally – in South-East Asia, North America and many parts of Europe – due to the ever-increasing role optometrists play in eye care, primary and tertiary medical care, the optical industry and research. Deakin optometry graduates will be well prepared to take advantage of these global opportunities.

Career outcomes

Demand for optometrists is high, job opportunities are strong and career outcomes are excellent, particularly in rural and regional areas. Deakin optometry graduates will be well prepared for employment in a diverse range of work settings including, but not limited to, hospitals, clinics, health services, state and local governments, non-government organisations, research institutes, tertiary education institutions, private practice, and corporate and community settings. Career and employment opportunities for qualified optometrists include private and public eye care, practice ownership, research and teaching, associates in eye surgery practice, and recognised specialties within optometry such as low vision, paediatric vision and behavioural optometry.

Salaries for optometry graduates are among the highest in the country and typically range between \$75 000 and \$100 000 – with the highest salaries paid to optometrists who are willing to work in regions of workforce shortage. Optometrists with their own practice generally earn in excess of \$100 000 per annum, with incomes often exceeding \$150 000.

Scholarships

Deakin University offers scholarships for academic excellence, access and equity, accommodation and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders, ensuring higher education is accessible for all members of the community. For more information on scholarships, please visit deakin.edu.au/scholarships.

Scholarships are also available through the Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship and Support Scheme (NAHSSS). For more information about this scheme, please contact Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health by sending an email to sarrah@sarrah.org.au or visit www.sarrah.org.au.

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Courses

Unique course structure

Offered as two sequential degrees, Deakin's optometry program makes it possible for students to obtain a professional optometry qualification in just three-and-a-half years of full-time study.

The program is delivered using a variety of methods, including prevocational studies, authentic case- and team-based optometry modules and extensive Industry-Based Learning.

Prevocational studies

Optometry encompasses far more than just testing eyes. It involves a complex interplay of interprofessional communication; management of self, others and potentially a business; and the applied understanding of principles of ethics, the law, public health, professional and commercial practices. Deakin's optometry program integrates all these elements into the curriculum from the first year of the Bachelor of Vision Science through to graduation from the Master of Optometry. Throughout your prevocational studies you will study elements from the health, medical and vision science, business and management disciplines.



Case-Based Learning

Deakin optometry extends the concept of Problem-Based Learning to deliver Case-Based Learning (CBL) modules as the predominant teaching method in the final year of the Bachelor of Vision Science and the first year of the Master of Optometry. CBL requires students to work in small groups to solve 'real life' optometry problems creatively as each case contains complexities within the clinical, psycho-social, ethical and commercial domains. In attempting to 'resolve' the case with the guidance of a tutor, students will combine private study, supporting sessions delivered through various media (including live and online lectures), workshops and practical classes, and group study.

Team-Based Learning

In addition to Case-Based Learning (CBL) you will engage in Team-Based Learning (TBL) activities throughout the final year of the Bachelor of Vision Science and the first year of the Master of Optometry. TBL is a group learning technique that is now being integrated into medical curriculum around the world. It encourages you to be more accountable for your own learning, enhances problem-solving skills, promotes team work and creates a high level of student engagement.

TBL typically consists of three phases. In phase 1 you will be exposed to intended learning outcomes and undertake pre-class preparation by participating in CBL modules, lectures and workshops in addition to group and private study. In phase 2, you will complete a multiple choice test to demonstrate readiness to apply the knowledge acquired in phase 1, and participate in class discussions that clarify concepts, consolidate learning and accelerate critical thinking and problem-solving skills. In phase 3, you will work in teams to solve problems that require the application of the materials assessed in phase 2.

Industry-Based Learning

Clinical placements are an integral part of many Deakin Health degrees, including optometry. You will undertake a variety of short-term industry placements during the Bachelor of Vision Science and Master of Optometry and spend the final six months of the masters degree as a 'student resident' in a range of clinical optometric and medical settings. These extensive clinical rotations will enable you to consolidate your knowledge and skills in supported environments under the supervision of qualified optometrists.

Deakin University's School of Medicine has strong partnerships with Barwon Health. It is anticipated that Deakin optometry students may undertake some of their placement experience in the outpatient clinics at Barwon Health, as well as several one-week placements at the Australian College of Optometry in Carlton.

Clinical rotations may also include time in a regional setting and, where possible, students from rural and regional backgrounds will be placed near their community of origin.

KEY

- 3** Course duration in years
- B** Melbourne Burwood Campus
- F** Geelong Waterfront Campus
- G** Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus
- W** Warrnambool Campus
- X** Off campus

Bachelor of Vision Science 2 G

Deakin code	VTAC code	Indicative first year fee	Clearly-in ATAR
H310	15541 (CSP)	\$7110 (CSP) ¹	91.70
Year 12 prerequisites	VCE units 3 and 4 – a study score of at least 30 in English (ESL) or 25 in any other English.		
Non-Year 12 requirements	VTAC Pi form. Some applicants only: STAT Multiple Choice.		

As part of the Deakin Medical School, the Bachelor of Vision Science combines expertise in clinical education with a brand new, state-of-the-art optometry facility, innovative flexible learning modalities, and a modern curriculum that reflects the clinical, managerial and commercial demands on today's optometrists.

This course will provide graduates with transferable academic skills that enable them to conduct research and self-guided learning at the bachelors level. It will provide graduates with an understanding of visual health issues specifically impacting on communities in regional and rural Australia and globally, as well as the underlying social and environmental factors contributing to the health gap between these communities and well-served urban population centres. Graduates will gain an understanding of the optometric profession and how optometrists operate within the greater health care system.

Course structure

The Bachelor of Vision Science is an accelerated two year, 24-credit-point course delivered over six consecutive trimesters commencing in Trimester 1. All units in the course are compulsory.

Year 1

Trimester 1

HBS107 Understanding Health
HMO101 Principles of Optics
SLE111 Cells and Genes
SLE131 Principles of Chemistry

Trimester 2

HBS108 Health Information and Data
HBS110 Health Behaviour
HMO102 Science of Vision 1
SLE211 Principles of Physiology

Trimester 3

HMO201 Science of Vision 2
MAA103 Accounting for Decision Making
MMM132 Management
SLE221 Anatomy and Physiology

Year 2

Trimester 1

HMO203 Health and Vision Sciences 1*
HMO204 Principles and Practice of Optometry 1*

Trimester 2

HMO303 Health and Vision Sciences 2*
HMO304 Principles and Practice of Optometry 2*

Trimester 3

HMO305 Health and Vision Sciences 3*
HMO306 Principles and Practice of Optometry 3*

* These units are worth 2 credit points and commence in 2013.

Pathways to optometry

Students who successfully complete the Bachelor of Vision Science are eligible to articulate directly into Deakin's Master of Optometry. Together, these sequential degrees form the Deakin Optometry program – Victoria's only accelerated qualification in optometry that provides you with the opportunity to register to practise as an optometrist in three-and-a-half years of full-time study (10 consecutive trimesters).

Master of Optometry 1.5 G

Deakin code	Indicative first year fee
H710	NEW*
Admission requirements	Completion of Bachelor of Vision Science (H310) or equivalent.

Offered as part of the Deakin optometry program, the Master of Optometry builds on the knowledge and applied skills acquired throughout the Bachelor of Vision Science (or equivalent) to develop the attributes, discipline-specific knowledge, professional behaviours and standards required to practise as an optometrist within Australia and New Zealand. This course features case- and team-based optometry modules and extensive Industry-Based Learning.

Course structure

The Master of Optometry is a four trimester 16-credit-point course. All units in the course are compulsory and each unit is worth 4 credit points. Graduates of Deakin's Bachelor of Vision Science are eligible to articulate directly into this course.

Year 1

Trimester 1

HMO701 Advanced Optometric Studies 1[#]

Trimester 2

HMO702 Advanced Optometric Studies 2[#]

Trimester 3

HMO703 Community Optometry 1[#]

Year 2

Trimester 1

HMO704 Community Optometry 2[^]

[#] These units will commence in 2014.

[^] This unit will commence in 2015.

NEW* = Will commence in 2014. Data is not yet available.

For more information, please refer to deakin.edu.au/optometry.

Work placement requirements

In accordance with Department of Human Services policy*, all students are required to undertake a National Police Record Check prior to clinical placements in each calendar year of their course. Students who fail to obtain a National Police Record Check prior to the commencement of clinical placement will not be able to undertake clinical placement. Students will be asked to undergo serological testing prior to enrolment. Students may also be required to declare their immunisation status to satisfy the requirements of health organisations where they will be undertaking their clinical learning experience.

* Department of Human Services policy on Working with Children Check and National Police Record Check can be found at: www.dhs.vic.gov.au/facs/bdb/fmu/service-agreement/5.departmental-policies-and-procedures/5.6-police-records-check-policy.

Courses



REACH building artist's impressions.

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Related course

Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery 4 G

Deakin code	VTAC code	Indicative first year fee
H311	Graduate entry through Graduate Entry Medical School Admissions System (GEMSAS).	\$9430 (CSP) ¹
Admission requirements	All applicants for the Deakin program are required to sit the Graduate Australian Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT) as a prerequisite for admission. For details about GAMSAT including testing dates visit www.gamsat.acer.edu.au .	

Accredited by the Australian Medical Council (AMC), Deakin's Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery is a four-year graduate-entry program with an emphasis on the early development of clinical, communication and procedural skills; diagnosis and management of chronic diseases; and multidisciplinary teamwork.

The first two years of the course will be based at the Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus and in clinical settings around Geelong, where the curriculum will be delivered using a systems approach and Problem-Based Learning tutorials with a focus on inter-professional learning. During the third and fourth years, training will be delivered in clinical settings in one of four clinical schools.

Professional recognition

Deakin's Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery is accredited by the Australian Medical Council (AMC). Graduates who satisfactorily complete an accredited intern year following successful completion of this course will qualify as registered medical practitioners in Australia and New Zealand.

Career opportunities

There is currently a significant medical workforce shortage throughout Australia, particularly in rural, regional and outer metropolitan areas. As a graduate, you will be in high demand for internships and well prepared to enter specialty training programs for a diverse range of medical careers including accident and emergency, anaesthesia, dermatology, general practice, geriatric medicine, intensive care, medical administration, internal medicine, obstetrics and gynaecology, occupational medicine, ophthalmology, paediatrics, oncology, cardiology, neurology, pathology, histopathology, microbiology, psychiatry, public health medicine, radiology, rehabilitation medicine, sexual health, sports medicine or surgery.

Graduates may undertake work in private or public health, academia, research or a combination of these areas.

Course structure

The course is only available on a full-time basis. Credit for Prior Learning will only be considered in exceptional circumstances for students transferring into the course from other current medical or health professional courses.

Level 1

HME101 Medicine 1A
HME102 Medicine 1B

Level 2

HME201 Medicine 2A
HME202 Medicine 2B

Level 3

HME301 Medicine 3A
HME302 Medicine 3B

Level 4

HME401 Medicine 4A
HME402 Medicine 4B

Work-Integrated Learning

The Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery features extensive hands-on experience in real-life clinical settings, commencing early in your first year.

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Selection criteria

Selection criteria include academic record (Grade Point Average – GPA), Graduate Australian Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT) results, and interviews. Bonuses are available for applicants who can substantiate a rural and regional background, prior clinical experience and/or financial disadvantage experienced during their undergraduate degree.

Pathways into medicine

Several undergraduate programs at Deakin provide pathways for entry into the Deakin graduate-entry medicine program, particularly when appropriate major sequences and elective units are chosen. Deakin teaches a full range of health disciplines including nursing, public health and health promotion, health sciences, dietetics, occupational therapy, psychology, exercise science and biomedical science.

The Graduate Australian Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT)

The Graduate Australian Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT) has been developed by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) in conjunction with the Consortium of Graduate Medical Schools to assist in the selection of students for graduate-entry medical programs. It is designed to assess applicants' capacity to undertake studies in an intellectually demanding course and is open to any student who has completed an undergraduate degree. More information is available on the GAMSAT website at www.gamsat.acer.edu.au.

For more information about the Bachelor of Medicine Bachelor of Surgery, including information about Commonwealth Supported Places and how to apply, please refer to the *2013 Medicine Study Area Booklet* or visit the School of Medicine website at deakin.edu.au/medicine.

1 The indicative first year fee is an approximate indication of the cost of this course in the first year of full-time study for a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP). We can't specify the exact figure, because fees are charged per unit, not per course, so the actual fees may vary depending on what units you choose to study.

The fees quoted in this booklet are for Australian students in 2012, and may change for 2013 and later years. You can find more information about fees on our website at deakin.edu.au. For information on fees for international students, please visit deakin.edu.au/international.

How to apply



Whether you are a current Year 12 or non-Year 12 student interested in commencing Deakin's optometry program with the Bachelor of Vision Science, you will need to apply through VTAC. Applicants are not required to complete the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT).

When you are applying for the Bachelor of Vision Science, make sure you check all of the entry requirements carefully. Most Deakin courses have prerequisites and some have additional requirements that you will need to complete to be eligible for selection into that course. For prerequisite and extra requirement information, please visit the VTAC website www.vtac.edu.au.

For more information on how to apply, including special consideration and deferment, check out our *Undergraduate eBrochure* at deakin.edu.au/ebrochure/undergrad or visit deakin.edu.au/future-students/applications-enrolments.

International students

Places will be offered to international students from 2013. In addition to meeting the same selection requirements specified for domestic students, international students must also achieve a minimum International English Language Testing System (IELTS) score of 7, with minimum scores of 7 in each of the components. International students may also be invited to participate in a Multiple Mini Interview (MMI).

International students studying Year 12 in Australia should apply through VTAC www.vtac.edu.au.

International non-Year 12 students should apply directly to Deakin International deakin.edu.au/international.

Peer Mentoring Program

The Faculty of Health runs a Peer Mentoring Program as part of our commitment to providing new students with the best possible transition into university life. By joining the Peer Mentoring Program, first-year students will receive support and guidance from more senior students in their course. The program runs across all campuses and is open to students from all courses offered by the Faculty of Health.

For more information please visit deakin.edu.au/health/peer-mentoring.

ACADEMIC PROFILE



Professor Alex Gentle
Chair in Vision Science and Director of Optometric
Pre-Clinical Studies
School of Medicine (Optometry)
Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus

Professor Gentle studied his undergraduate optometry degree at City University, London and completed pre-registration training, leading to his professional optometric qualifications, at Moorfields Eye Hospital. His PhD studies, undertaken at the University of Wales, Cardiff, and his post-doctoral research, at the University of Melbourne, reflected his broader interest in the mechanisms and manifestations of ocular and refractive development and a specific interest in scleral biochemistry.

He has published regularly in this field, predominantly in the respected vision science and biochemistry journals for which he also serves as a reviewer. He was a researcher and chief investigator on a number of successful, National Health and Medical Research Council-funded projects which all reflected his core research interests. Professor Gentle has served on the Prescribing Practices Advisory Committee of the Optometrists Registration Board of Victoria (ORBV), and on the ORBV itself, and, most recently, on the Scheduled Medicines Advisory Committee of the Optometry Board of Australia.



Entry options

Gaining entry into Deakin is not just for people who have recently completed Year 12. TAFE students, people who have completed a single unit(s) of study, those who are currently in the workforce and International Baccalaureate (IB) students can also apply to study at Deakin, providing they have met certain criteria. These alternative entry options are referred to as pathway programs and take into consideration previous qualifications or your time in the workforce.

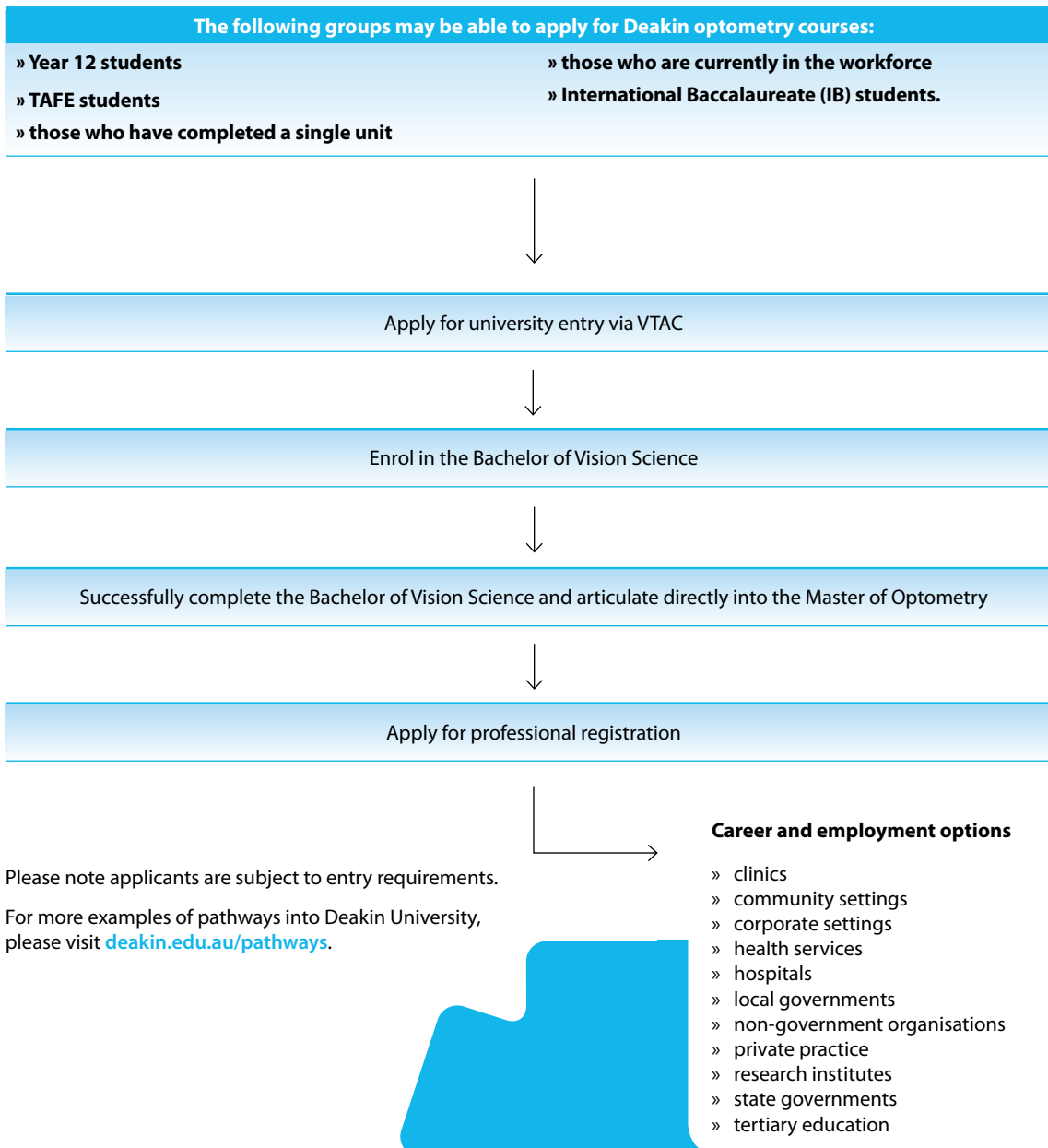
There are a number of courses that can be used as a pathway to Deakin's Bachelor of Vision Science and Master of Optometry, including the Bachelor of Biomedical Science, Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science, Bachelor of Health Sciences, Bachelor of Nursing, Bachelor of Occupational Therapy, Bachelor of Psychology and Bachelor of Science.

Postgraduate degrees in similar study areas, or similar undergraduate or postgraduate degrees at other universities are also suitable pathways to Deakin optometry.

Please note that completion of the aforementioned degrees does not guarantee entry to Deakin's Bachelor of Vision Science and Master of Optometry.

For more information about undergraduate degrees at Deakin, please refer to the *2013 Undergraduate Course Guide* and related career booklets or visit our website deakin.edu.au/future-students.

The flowchart below outlines the various groups that can apply for Deakin optometry and the options that are available to you on your journey as a student.



Additional information

Frequently asked questions

How many students are selected for the course?

In 2012, 75 full-time places were available in the Bachelor of Vision Science. It is anticipated that 120 Commonwealth Supported Places will be available for domestic students interested in commencing this course in 2013.

Are there any Fee-Paying Places available?

Fee-Paying Places are only available for international students. The first intake of international students will commence in 2013.

Is it possible to defer my studies if I am offered a place?

Deakin has recently made deferring your studies a whole lot easier. Most courses now allow you to postpone your studies to work or travel, but still retain your University place, for up to two years. You can apply for deferment after you receive an offer, using the form at deakin.edu.au/future-students/accept-your-offer/defer. You must lodge this form within five days of receiving your offer. For more information, phone 1300 DEGREE (1300 334 733).

Will classes be held during the day, evening or both?

Classes will generally run during the day; however, some of the clinical placements may require students to attend a placement site during the evening.

Can I study part time?

A full-time student typically enrolls in units amounting to 4 credit points in each trimester in an academic year; however, enrolment in 3 or more credit points in a trimester is deemed to be full-time study. Students awarded Credit for Prior Learning may effectively reduce their study load to 2 credit points (or fewer) per trimester of study and therefore be considered to be a part-time student.

Is the UMAT or GAMSAT required for entry?

Neither the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT) or the Graduate Australian Medical School Admissions Test (GAMSAT) are required for entry into the Bachelor of Vision Science and Master of Optometry.

DID YOU KNOW?

Most optometrists are business owners and retailers. Approximately 80 per cent of total revenues are generated through improving people's vision by dispensing corrective lenses.



ACADEMIC PROFILE



Dr Sharon Bentley
Senior lecturer in vision sciences
Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus

Dr Sharon Bentley obtained her undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in optometry at the University of Melbourne. Her PhD work involved the development of an instrument to measure the ability of persons with low vision to perform activities of daily living, for which she received the Brazelton Award from the American Academy of Optometry. Dr Bentley has experience as an optometrist clinician, educator and researcher in Australia, Canada and the US.

A 2010 Churchill Fellow, Dr Bentley is a senior lecturer in Deakin's School of Medicine (Optometry), a sessional optometrist at the Australian College of Optometry, an associate editor for *Clinical and Experimental Optometry* and holds honorary appointments at the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, Dalhousie University and the Centre for Eye Research Australia, Population Health Unit, University of Melbourne, Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital.



Medicine and Optometry Information Evenings

Tuesday 15 May

6–8.30 pm
Peter Thwaites Lecture Theatre, Building ia1.006
Geelong Waurin Ponds Campus

Wednesday 16 May

6–8.30 pm
LT Education Resource Centre
Ballarat Hospital

Thursday 17 May

6–8.30 pm
Lecture Theatre 13, Building HC2.005
Melbourne Burwood Campus

For more information and further details in the lead up to these events, please visit the School of Medicine website deakin.edu.au/medicine.

Useful websites for careers in optometry

Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA)

www.ahpra.gov.au

Australian Dispensing Opticians Association (ADOA)

www.adoa.org.au

Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Board, New Zealand (ODOB)

www.odob.health.nz

Optometry Board of Australia

www.optometryboard.gov.au

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To find detailed course information, including unit descriptions, you can visit deakin.edu.au/courses or deakin.edu.au/handbook.

Further reading

- » 2013 Undergraduate Course Guide
- » 2013 Postgraduate Course Guide
- » 2013 undergraduate career booklets
- » Pathways to Deakin
- » Parents' Guide to University
- » Off-Campus Course Guide
- » Scholarships Guide
- » Accommodation Guide

To order copies of these brochures, phone 1300 DEGREE (1300 334 733) or view them online at deakin.edu.au/future-students/brochures.

Undergraduate eBrochure

Check out our *Undergraduate eBrochure*, available from deakin.edu.au/ebrochure/undergrad, the Apple App Store and Google play.



Discover Deakin online

You can follow Deakin University through Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

Connect with other future students and ask current students and staff about life and study at Deakin.

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Other useful websites

Future students
deakin.edu.au/future-students

Subject information
deakin.edu.au/handbook

Campuses
deakin.edu.au/campuses
deakin.edu.au/tour

Clubs and societies
dusa.org.au/pages/clubs

Scholarships
deakin.edu.au/scholarships

Fees
deakin.edu.au/future-students/fees

Library
deakin.edu.au/library

Study skills
deakin.edu.au/future-students/services-facilities

VTAC
www.vtac.edu.au

Important dates 2012

Deakin events

Sunday 12 August
Open Day
Warrnambool Campus

Sunday 19 August
Open Day
Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus and Geelong Waterfront Campus

Sunday 26 August
Open Day
Melbourne Burwood Campus

Deakin will hold additional events for prospective students and parents. Please visit deakin.edu.au/future-students for updates.

Application dates

Early August*
VTAC applications open

Late September*
Timely VTAC applications close

Mid November*
Late VTAC applications close (late fee applies)

Mid December*
Very late VTAC applications close (very late fee applies)

December
Change of Preference

Please check the Deakin University Change of Preference website closer to the date for specific event details, deakin.edu.au/cop.

* Please check dates on the VTAC website www.vtac.edu.au and on the other websites provided.

Careers markets and expos

Melbourne

Thursday 3–Sunday 6 May
The Age VCE Careers Expo

Friday 25–Saturday 26 May
National Careers and Employment Expo

Saturday 16–Sunday 17 June
Reinvent Your Career Expo

Friday 27–Sunday 29 July
Herald Sun Careers Expo

Interstate

Sunday 29–Monday 30 April
Adelaide – Tertiary Studies and Careers Expo

Thursday 13–Sunday 16 May
Perth – Careers, Education and Employment Expo

Thursday 21–Sunday 24 June
Sydney – Western Sydney Careers Expo

Saturday 21–Sunday 22 July
Brisbane – The Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO)

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Health – Student and Academic Services | 03 9251 7777 | health-enquire@deakin.edu.au

2012 DEAKIN UNIVERSITY OPEN DAYS

**WARRNAMBOOL
CAMPUS**

Princes Highway
Warrnambool Victoria

**12
AUG**

**GEELONG
WAURN PONDS CAMPUS**

Pigdons Road
Waurn Ponds Victoria

**19
AUG**

**GEELONG
WATERFRONT CAMPUS**

1 Gheringhap Street
Geelong Victoria

**19
AUG**

**MELBOURNE
BURWOOD CAMPUS**

221 Burwood Highway
Burwood Victoria

**26
AUG**