



THE UNIVERSITY OF  
MELBOURNE

# Bachelor of Oral Health (BOH)



## Why study at Melbourne?

If you are passionate about health and biosciences, highly motivated to succeed, have a thirst for life-long learning and excel academically, then the University of Melbourne is for you.

Renowned for global leadership in health research, policy and practice, the University of Melbourne educates more health professionals than any other university in Australia.

As a student, you will benefit from our first-class study options, state-of-the-art facilities and extensive connections with specialist and general hospitals, leading research institutes and the community and private sectors.

Studying at the University of Melbourne opens the door to a world of opportunities.

## About the Bachelor of Oral Health (BOH)

The Bachelor of Oral Health is an undergraduate degree that covers four main areas:

- > Oral health sciences
- > Social sciences and health promotion
- > Preventive and clinical dentistry
- > Vocational clinical practice

Students in the Bachelor of Oral Health develop the knowledge and technical skills required to practice as oral health therapists, which includes both dental hygienist and dental therapist practice.

The curriculum reflects the latest developments in oral health, while the strong research base at the Melbourne Dental School ensures students have access to the latest knowledge and expertise.

The majority of clinical work is undertaken at the Royal Dental Hospital of Melbourne in Carlton, where the Melbourne Dental School is located, and in third year, in metropolitan and rural community clinics. The Hospital and community clinics provide access to state-of-the-art facilities.

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## Testimonial Shugufa Wardak

"I chose the Bachelor of Oral Health at the University of Melbourne because of the prestige of the university and because the dental courses are highly regarded. The highlight so far has been community studies, where we get to learn how we can apply what we're learning clinically out in the field in various communities and how we can make a change in those areas."

### How long is the course?

The Bachelor of Oral Health is a three year, full-time fixed course with a combined vocational outcome of professional registration as dental hygienists and dental therapists.

### Career opportunities

Bachelor of Oral Health graduates provide dental care in collaboration with dentists and work as oral health therapists in both the public and private sectors, general and specialist practice, and in oral health promotion. Graduates find excellent employment prospects in private practice, public hospitals and health services. There are also career opportunities in research, education and public health.

Dental therapists provide dental care for children and adolescents, examine oral and dental conditions, restore and conserve permanent and deciduous teeth, perform extractions of deciduous teeth, and remove calculus. Under recent changes in national legislation, dental therapists are also able to provide care to adults under certain circumstances.

Dental hygienists provide dental care for all age groups, examine and record the nature and severity of periodontal conditions, and clean, scale and root-plane teeth.

Both therapists and hygienists undertake oral health promotion, a range of orthodontic and preventive procedures (including impressions, topical fluoride applications and fissure sealants) and take and interpret radiographs.

### Fees and scholarships

- > Commonwealth Supported Places (CSP) and international full fee paying places are available
- > The Department of Human Services is offering scholarships to support students undertaking the Bachelor of Oral Health

For detailed information on fees and scholarships go to: [www.dent.unimelb.edu.au/dsweb/future\\_students/undergrad/bach\\_oral\\_health6.html](http://www.dent.unimelb.edu.au/dsweb/future_students/undergrad/bach_oral_health6.html)

### Partnerships and Networks

In recent years, the Melbourne Dental School has attracted more nationally competitive research funding than any other dental school in Australia. The Melbourne Dental School established the Cooperative Research Centre for Oral Health Science and the Victorian Centre for Oral Health Science, whose researchers work closely with the Bio 21 Institute.

### Selection criteria

To apply for the Bachelor of Oral Health, applicants must have:

- > VCE prerequisites (units 3 and 4);
- > Study score of at least 25 in English / English Language / Literature or at least 30 in ESL;
- > Study score of at least 25 in Biology or Chemistry.

### How do I apply?

You can apply through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC): [www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)

### More information

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