



DERMAL THERAPIES

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OTHER INFORMATION

Information about course fees, articulation and credit transfer, recognition of prior learning, admission and enrolment procedures, examinations, and services available to students can be accessed on the University's website or by contacting the University directly on 03 9919 6100.

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FURTHER STUDY

Upon completion of the Associate Degree students may go on to complete the Bachelors program in one year of full time study.

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PATHWAYS

Dermal Therapies has a number of pathways with different schools. Please see the VU website for the [complete](#) list of pathway schools. Students from a pathway program can quote their school's pathway number and gain the established credit towards the dermal program. All other students will be given an opportunity to discuss possible Recognition of Prior Learning and credits prior to the commencement of their course. Although recognition and credit transfers will be granted as per Victoria University policy, this may not allow students to fast track completion of the course. Schools interested in establishing a pathway can do so via contacting the course coordinator.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

For specific information about entry requirements, application procedures and an updated list of courses offered to international students, visit vu.edu.au/international or contact Victoria University International (VUI) on 61 3 9919 1164.

HOW DO I APPLY?

The Associate Degree in Dermal Therapies is an exit point from the Bachelor of Health Science – Dermal Therapies. There is no separate entry into this program. If you wish to complete the Associate Degree you will need to apply for the Bachelor and can exit with the Associate Degree upon completion of the 2nd and 3rd years units.

CLINICAL TRAINING

Teaching clinics operate 50 weeks per year, and students will be required to attend clinical sessions on a rotation basis including outside of semester hours to maintain a public service and provide continuity of patient care. Some units may [require](#) you to complete clinic hours outside of normal lectures and tutorials.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to be awarded an Associate Degree in Dermal Therapies degree, you must pass all components of assessment where indicated and satisfactorily complete all theoretical and clinical hurdle requirements to proficiency standards as specified by local industry and government requirements.

**ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN
DERMAL THERAPIES**

COURSE CODE: HADT

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The Associate Degree in Dermal Therapies will provide a foundation for further studies in Dermal Therapies. This Associate Degree is intended for learners who typically come from the aesthetics industries and who hold the Diploma of Beauty Therapy (SIB50110, or equivalent). This program allows students who have studied the first two years of the higher education part of the Bachelor of Health Sciences – Dermal Therapies to exit with an Associate Degree in Dermal Therapies.

WHERE DO I STUDY?

This course is located at our City Queen campus, classes may also be held at our City King and City Flinders Campuses. Students studying the higher education part of the course may also be able to study units in this course online. If students choose to study online they will be required to complete examinations, some laboratory sessions and practical, burst mode sessions in Melbourne.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

When you graduate, you will have obtained the core theoretical knowledge and some basic practical skills required by dermal therapists in industry. As a graduate, you can also apply to be an Associate Member of the Australian Society of Dermal Clinicians

HOW DOES IT WORK?

This course is 2 years full time.

HOW DO I GET IN?

You need to have completed the Diploma of Beauty Therapy (SIB50110, or equivalent).

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Victoria University is the only University to offer Degree programs designed specifically for the Beauty Industry. Our programs have become very popular in recent years and our graduates are enjoying a highly successful employment rate.

The area of Dermal Therapies is designed to provide training in dermal care in a clinical context, graduates can offer advanced treatments to their clients, and work together with other health professionals in providing such treatments. These treatments encompass complimentary techniques that enhance and maintain the wellbeing of the client. Graduates can also work with the medical profession pre and post operatively to enhance aesthetic outcomes of cosmetic, plastic and re-constructive procedures.

More specifically these skills include techniques to improve healing and reduce scar tissue. High strength chemical peels, micro-dermabrasion, Lymphatic drainage, low and high level laser treatments, pulsed light, phototherapy and nutrition are just some aspects of the course.

Our subject information is constantly updated with the latest developments through an interaction between the University, the Industry and The Australian Society of Dermal Clinicians.

The Dermal Therapies has various opportunities for study, these include:

- Associate Degree in Dermal Therapies
- Bachelor of Health Science (Dermal Therapies)
- Post Graduate Programs via research or specific programs.

BACHELOR OF HEALTH SCIENCE (DERMAL THERAPIES)

COURSE CODE: HBTD VTAC CODE: 41151 CRICOS CODE: 060780C

COURSE DESCRIPTION

VU is the only English-speaking institution offering Dermal Therapies at a degree level of this kind in the world. In comparison with similar courses in other 'western' institutions, the course has a number of competitive features offered at higher and more rigorous standards. The Dermal Therapies course at VU is known nationally for its academic standards in and professional contributions to dermal therapies. Currently, the Victoria University Dermal Therapies course is the benchmark course of this kind in Australia and around the world. Other institutions are now beginning to follow the VU lead and are beginning to develop their own courses, but we still remain the most highly accredited level of training and the best.

WHERE DO I STUDY?

This course is located at our City Queen campus, classes may also be held at our City King and City Flinders Campuses. Students studying the higher education part of the course may also be able to study units in this course online. If students choose to study online they will be required to complete examinations, some laboratory sessions and practical, burst mode sessions in Melbourne.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

You will obtain knowledge and skills that will allow you to work comfortably in a wide range of settings. When you graduate, you will find career paths that allow you to perform advanced treatments such as laser on clients, and work together with medical, paramedical and allied health professionals to enhance aesthetic outcomes in exciting areas like cosmetic and re-constructive surgery. As a graduate, you are eligible for full membership with the Australian Society of Dermal Clinicians.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

This course is 4 years full time for non Diploma of Beauty Therapy applicants or 3 years full time with the Diploma of Beauty Therapy.

ENTRY POINT ONE

FIRST YEAR

Diploma of Beauty Therapy (SIB50110) or equivalent

ENTRY POINT TWO

Entry for those with Diploma of Beauty Therapy (SIB50110) or equivalent. Commencement of Higher Education Program. Please note work based learning units are only required to be completed by those without relevant work experience

COURSE STRUCTURE

SECOND YEAR SEMESTER ONE

HHD 2112	Dermal Science 1
HHD 2113	Health Research and Dermal Studies
HHD 2115	Permanent Hair Removal (clinic hours required)
HHD 2116	Industry Experience 1 – work based learning

SECOND YEAR SEMESTER TWO

HHD 2212	Dermal Science 2
HHD 2213	Dermal Workplace Issues
HHD 2215	Laser Fundamentals and Safety
HHD 2216	Industry Experience 2 – work based learning

THIRD YEAR SEMESTER ONE

HHD 3112	Light Based Hair Reduction (clinic hours required)
HHD 3113	Nutrition for Dermal Therapies
HHD 3115	Wound Care for Dermal Practice
HHD 3116	Lymph and Adipose Biology (clinic hours required)

THIRD YEAR SEMESTER TWO

HHD 3212	Dermal Science 3
HHD 3213	Electrotherapy (clinic hours required)
HHD 3215	Advanced Health Research
HHD 3216	Dermal Professional Practice

FOURTH YEAR SEMESTER ONE

HHD 4112	Resurfacing Science (clinic hours required)
HHD 4113	Advanced Laser and Light 1 (clinic hours required)
HHD 4115	Post Operative Micropigmentation (clinic hours required)
HHD 4144	Independent Research 1

FOURTH YEAR SEMESTER TWO

HHD 4212	Plastic and Reconstructive Procedures
HHD 4213	Dermal Clinical Practicum (clinic hours required)
HHD 4215	Advanced Laser and Light 2 (clinic hours required)
HHD 4244	Independent Research 2

CLINICAL TRAINING

Teaching clinics operate 50 weeks per year, and students will be required to attend clinical sessions on a rotation basis including outside of semester hours to maintain a public service and provide continuity of patient care. Each practical unit requires clinical practice outside of class time, these times are allocated via the MY Timetable system.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to be awarded a Bachelor of Health Science – Dermal Therapies degree, you must pass all components of assessment where indicated and satisfactorily complete all theoretical and clinical hurdle requirements to proficiency standards as specified by local industry and government requirements.

HOW DO I GET IN?

You need to have successfully completed the Victoria Certificate of Education (VCE), with units 3 and 4 and a study score of at least 20 in English (any). For those wanting to complete only the higher education section of the course, you will need to have successfully completed the Diploma of Beauty Therapy SIB50110 or equivalent prior to entry.

All applicants should attend a course information session or speak to the selection officer before applying for this course. For details of information sessions, please email dermaltherapies@vu.edu.au

Students will be required to undergo a Victoria Police check before commencing placement subjects. Police checks may be conducted annually throughout the program. Future and current students should be aware that not passing relevant police checks may restrict access to clinical placements necessary for graduation.

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HOW DO I APPLY?

All applicants need to apply via VTAC between August and September for a January/February semester one start. vtac.edu.au

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