

## HOW DO I GET IN?

You will need to have successfully completed a Bachelors of Health Science, Science or Nursing, and have twelve months experience in a health related field.

All applicants will be required to participate in a pre-selection interview. For further details and to organize this please email [dermaltherapies@vu.edu.au](mailto:dermaltherapies@vu.edu.au)

Students will be required to have or complete a Victoria Police check as well as have the relevant immunisations prior to commencing practical units.

## PATHWAYS

Dermal therapies has other opportunities for further studies including:

- Graduate Diploma of Dermal Science
- Master of Dermal Science
- Research Specific Programs (PhD)

## HOW DO I APPLY?

Students are required to submit a direct entry application between October and December for a January/February Semester 1 start.

## NEED MORE INFORMATION?

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## FURTHER STUDY

Upon completion of the Graduate Certificate in Dermal Science students may go on to complete the Advanced Diploma in Dermal Science in one year part time study and Master of Dermal Science in two years part time study.

## CONTACT US

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## GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN **DERMAL** SCIENCE

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Course Code HCDS

Victoria University is the only university to offer Bachelor and Post Graduate Degrees designed specifically for the dermal therapy industry. Our programs are highly regarded nationally and internationally and have become very popular in recent years. As such our graduates are enjoying a highly successful employment rate.

The Bachelors Degree has been offered since 1999 and has enjoyed growth and expansion with the popularity of cosmetic/aesthetic surgical procedures as well as non-surgical dermal therapy and cosmetic procedures.

The Post Graduate Degrees in Dermal Science are graduate entry course work Degrees that are specifically designed for existing health professionals that wish to expand their scope of practice or undertake a career path change.

The area of dermal therapies provides training and knowledge in dermal care within a clinical context. Graduates will provide advanced treatments to their clients within a healthcare setting with an interdisciplinary focus. Treatments encompass complimentary techniques to enhance client well being and improve outcomes of surgical and non-surgical procedures. Graduates will also manage other disorders or conditions that affect the skin including wounds and scar tissue, dermatological disorders and chronic diseases that are prevalent in todays society such as photodamage and lymphotoedema.

Our subject information is constantly updated with the latest developments through interaction with the University, Industry and relevant professional bodies including The Australian Society of Dermal Clinicians.

### COURSE DESCRIPTION

Victoria University has been recognized over the past twelve years as the benchmark institution with regard to dermal therapy training and courses both in Australia and overseas. In this time Victoria University has remained the institution with the most highly accredited level of training.

The Graduate Certificate in Dermal Science was proposed and designed with consultation between industry and the university after further advancement of skills and knowledge in dermal therapies was identified due to the expansion and diversification of the industry. The course has been designed for dermal clinicians, health and allied health professionals with three elective specialty streams that will enable graduates to increase their scope of practice within dermal therapies. The course gives graduates advanced skills and knowledge in new and more clinically complex therapies beyond the level of undergraduate training.

### WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

You will develop skills and knowledge that will be highly regarded in a wide range of clinical settings. You will also be able to diversify and increase your scope of practice in your current clinical practice. Graduates will be able to do this after developing knowledge and skills in dermal science including craniofacial anatomy and physiology and skin biology, laser physics, safety and laser tissue interactions in preparation for using low and high powered lasers, diagnosing and managing patients with lymphatic and adipose disorders as well as techniques to provide a wide range of nonsurgical cosmetic treatments and complimentary therapies to optimize wound repair and manage scars. Graduates will develop high-level cognitive skills in assessing and managing risk, creation and implementation of plans of care and accountability in all aspects of client care of complex clinical problems and conditions.

### HOW DOES IT WORK?

The course is 12 months part time study.

### WHERE DO I STUDY?

The course is offered through a blended learning style of delivery. All theoretical content is delivered online utilising e-learning resources including online-live and recorded lectures, tutorials and discussions. Students can choose to attend workshops, clinical placements and practicum on a weekly basis or in a burst mode.

### COURSE STRUCTURE

#### CLINICAL PRACTICE STREAM

##### SEMESTER ONE

HHD5111	Advanced Dermal Science 1
HHD5112	Biology of Lymph and Adipose

##### SEMESTER TWO

HHD5211	Fundamentals in laser and light
HHD5212	Dermal Techniques

### CLINICAL TRAINING

At Victoria University learning in the workplace is an integral part of the dermal therapies undergraduate and post graduate programs. The university has teaching clinics that operate 50 weeks of the year to provide and maintain a public service and continuity of patient care. Students will be allocated to sessions through the MY Timetable system. Each practical unit will require clinical practice outside of class time and may require external placements.

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

In order to be awarded the Graduate Certificate of Dermal Science 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.