

Bachelor of Health Science/ Bachelor of Applied Science (Chiropractic)

2019

Undergraduate

Chiropractors are primary contact practitioners focusing on the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of mechanical disorders of the musculoskeletal system.

Chiropractic emphasises the relationship between the musculoskeletal system and general health. It promotes self-help measures and health promotion in the management of musculoskeletal disorders.

You will examine how such disorders affect biomechanics, the nervous system and health in general. The focus is on manual treatments such as spinal adjustments and other joint and soft-tissue manipulation.

Anatomy, physiology and pathology courses underpin the clinical science studies of physical examination, differential diagnosis for the chiropractor and clinical practicum.

You will begin work-integrated learning immediately, culminating in your fourth year when you will perform patient-care duties with supervision from a registered practitioner.

At the RMIT Health Sciences Clinic at University Hill, Bundoora, fourth and fifth year students, under the supervision of registered chiropractors, treat patients using a wide variety of management approaches.

Industry connections

The program offers extensive hands-on practice. You will be given opportunities to observe clinical practice on-campus and off-campus.

The RMIT Health Sciences Clinic at University Hill, Bundoora, provides treatment for muscle and joint problems, sport injuries and other general health concerns.

You will undertake and be assessed on structured activities that allow you to learn, apply and demonstrate your professional or vocational practice.

You will interact with industry and the community when undertaking these activities and complete them in real work situations. Feedback from these interactions and situations will assist your learning.

You'll also have the opportunity to provide chiropractic care to people who are socially or financially disadvantaged through RMIT's partnership with the Sacred Heart Mission, Hands on Health Australia and the Wellington Community Centre.

Career outlook

Chiropractors offer care for functional disorders of the body's mechanical systems, including joints, muscles and ligaments, by assessing the way these parts of the mechanical system align and work together.

They can provide treatment, advice and assistance for patients experiencing:

- neck and related headaches
- neck and back pain or stiffness
- limb problems associated with the shoulder, elbow, wrist and hand, hip, knee, ankle and foot

Chiropractors are usually employed in private practice as sole practitioners or in a group practice environment. Increasingly, chiropractors share offices with other healthcare practitioners in a multidisciplinary environment.

Employment opportunities are expected to grow strongly to 2020 (source: joboutlook.gov.au).

Professional recognition

This program is accredited by the Council on Chiropractic Education (Australasia) for the Chiropractic Board of Australia.

Program snapshot

Program code: BP280

Duration

Full-time: 5 years

Location

Bundoora campus

Selection mode

ATAR (2018: 63.30)

How to apply

Semester 1: VTAC
vtac.edu.au

Semester 2: Direct to RMIT
rmit.edu.au/programs/apply/direct

Fees

For local fee information:
rmit.edu.au/programs/fees

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Program structure

Year 1
Anatomy and physiology are emphasised and you will be introduced to chiropractic history and basic assessment.

Year 2
The focus is on advanced anatomy including neuroanatomy and chiropractic studies.

Year 3
You'll begin integrating your basic sciences knowledge with what you've learned in the ongoing chiropractic classes.

Year 4
You'll enter RMIT's teaching clinics and start treating patients, supervised by clinical teaching staff.

Year 5
You'll continue patient care and have the opportunity to do this in private clinics in Australia and community outreach settings.

Year 1	Chiropractic 1	Biology of the Cell	Introduction to Human Biosciences	Chemistry for Health Sciences
	Chiropractic 2	Limb and Trunk Anatomy	Professionalism and Evidence Based Health Care	Research in Health Science
Year 2	Biomechanics and Functional Anatomy	Chiropractic 3	Head and Visceral Anatomy	Human Physiology 1 - Body Systems
	Chiropractic 4 Theory	Chiropractic 4 Practical	Neuroscience	Human Physiology 2 - Body Systems
Year 3	Medical Examination 1	Chiropractic 5 Practical	Pharmacology and Toxicology	Introduction to Pathology
	Medical Examination 2	Chiropractic 6 Practical	Advanced Pathology	Clinical Microbiology, Immunology and Genetics
Year 4	Introduction to Diagnostic Imaging	Chiropractic Clinical Practice 1	Differential Diagnosis in Western Medicine	Differential Diagnosis and Management for Chiropractors 1
	Advanced Diagnostic Imaging	Chiropractic 7	Differential Diagnosis and Management for Chiropractors 2	Chiropractic Clinical Practice 2
Year 5	Chiropractic Clinical Practice 3		Clinical Presentations across the Lifespan	Law and Ethics and Private Practice Business Management
	Chiropractic Clinical Practice 4		Chiropractic 8	University elective

Compulsory courses
 University electives

Please note: This is an example of the program structure. Courses may change and may not be available each semester.

Additional information

Non-Year 12 applicants may submit additional information if they would like it to be considered. For semester 1 intake, this can be completed through the VTAC Personal Statement online. For semester 2 intake, this can be completed through the personal statement in the Apply Direct application.

Working With Children Check: Students must hold a valid Working With Children Check prior to undertaking the clinical components of this program.

Police Check: Students must present evidence of a successful National Police Records Check prior to undertaking the clinical components of this program.

First Aid Certificate: Students must have a current First Aid Certificate prior to undertaking the clinical components of this program.

Inherent requirements: This program has inherent requirements. These are non-academic abilities you'll need to complete this program that relate to your physical capacity and behavioural stability. Check the website for a full list of the Bachelor of Health Science/Bachelor of Applied Science (Chiropractic) inherent requirements.

This information is designed for Australian and New Zealand citizens and permanent residents of Australia.

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