



THE UNIVERSITY OF
MELBOURNE

Studying Veterinary Science

Frequently Asked Questions

The Melbourne School of Veterinary Science is moving to a graduate model of veterinary education from 2011. We will continue to offer exceptional veterinary education through our newly-created professional entry graduate degree, the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

Students who wish to enter the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) program will first need to complete EITHER the 3 year Bachelor of Science degree at the University of Melbourne, OR another science degree.

What are the entry criteria for the Bachelor of Science?

A study score of at least 25 in VCE units 3 and 4 English (any), Mathematical Methods (either), and in one of Biology, Chemistry or Physics. The Clearly-In ENTER for Australian students in 2010 was 89.05.

Students considering progressing to the DVM are strongly advised to complete Year 12 Chemistry. This will allow entry to the first year Chemistry subjects that are prerequisites for enrolment in core second year subjects. Students who haven't completed Year 12 Physics will need to complete one unit in first year to gain entry to the DVM.

How will I gain entry into the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine?

VIA THE VETERINARY BIOSCIENCE SPECIALISATION AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

Students can complete a Bachelor of Science degree with an Animal Health and Disease major (Veterinary Bioscience specialisation). Selection into the Veterinary Bioscience specialisation will occur at the end of second year of the Bachelor of Science. Entry will be quota-limited and students will need to excel in their first and second year studies to be selected. Students who satisfactorily complete the Veterinary Bioscience specialisation will progress to the DVM with 100 points credit (1 year of study), leaving 3 years of study in the DVM.

For students planning to transfer to the Bachelor of Science from another science degree, it is important to note that it will not be possible to transfer directly into the third year Veterinary Bioscience specialisation. Students should aim to transfer prior to commencing second year, in order to undertake core second year animal health subjects.

VIA THE GUARANTEED ENTRY PATHWAY

High achieving year 12 students will be guaranteed entry to the DVM via the Veterinary Bioscience specialisation. Australian school leavers will need to achieve an ENTER (or equivalent) of 98.5 or above, and maintain a minimum average of H2 (70%) in first and second year Science subjects.

VIA A SCIENCE DEGREE FROM MELBOURNE OR ANOTHER INSTITUTION

Students can complete a science degree at the University of Melbourne or another institution before applying for entry to the DVM as a graduate. Selection will be based on results from the last two years of tertiary study, weighted 75:25 towards final year subjects. Graduates will enter the four year DVM program.



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What if I don't gain entry into the Veterinary Bioscience specialisation?

Students in the Bachelor of Science who are not selected into the Veterinary Bioscience specialisation can opt to complete the alternative specialisation of the Animal Health and Disease major – Animal Disease Biotechnology. Graduates will be equipped with skills suitable for careers in a wide range of industries and institutions including state departments of Primary Industry and Sustainability and Environment; the federal Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry and the Australian Quarantine Inspection Service; animal welfare organisations; zoos; production animal industries; the equine industry; and a wide range of scientific institutions.

Students who graduate from the Bachelor of Science with a major in Animal Health and Disease are also eligible to apply for entry as a graduate to the four-year Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program.

There will also be other majors open to students, depending on subject selection in first and second year.

How many Commonwealth supported places will be available in the DVM?

There will be at least 50 Commonwealth supported places, and 120 places in total, in each year of the DVM.

How long will it take to qualify as a veterinarian?

It will take a school leaver six years to qualify as a veterinarian via the University of Melbourne pathway (3 year Bachelor of Science with Veterinary Bioscience specialisation, followed by 3 year DVM). This is one year longer than the former

Bachelor of Veterinary Science degree. The additional year of study has a number of major benefits:

- ▶ Students will complete both an undergraduate degree (Bachelor of Science) and a graduate level qualification (DVM).
- ▶ Students will undertake a least one quarter of their undergraduate degree from outside their core program, providing a broad and well rounded education.
- ▶ The opportunity to experience a range of different disciplines via breadth and science elective subjects enables students to keep their career options open during their first years at University as they learn more about themselves and their choices for further study.
- ▶ The DVM program will provide enhanced opportunity for learning, with a full year of clinical training based at in the University of Melbourne Veterinary Hospital.
- ▶ The DVM aligns the Faculty of Veterinary Science with leading international educational models, providing graduates with an internationally recognised qualification.

Students who enter the DVM as graduates will take four years to complete the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, following the completion of their undergraduate degree.

Where will the new program be taught?

The Bachelor of Science will be taught mainly at the Parkville campus. The first and second year of the 4 year DVM will be taught at Veterinary Pre-Clinical Campus in Parkville, and the third and fourth years will be taught at the Werribee campus of the University of Melbourne and the University's Veterinary Hospital.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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