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

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.

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.

Career outlook

Career prospects are excellent. Graduates 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.

Professional recognition

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

International opportunities

The discipline of chiropractic maintains a strong commitment to providing options for overseas study. Opportunities to undertake fieldwork excursions as well as clinical placement exist in several offshore locations.
**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 overseas.

### Year 1
- **Chiropractic 1**
  - Biology of the Cell
- **Chiropractic 2**
  - Limb and Trunk Anatomy

### Year 2
- **Medical Examination 1**
  - Chiropractic 3
    - Head and Visceral Anatomy
- **Chiropractic 4 Theory**
  - Chiropractic 4 Practical
    - Neuroscience

### Year 3
- **Chiropractic 5 Theory**
  - Chiropractic 5 Practical
    - Pharmacology and Toxicology
- **Chiropractic 6 Theory**
  - Chiropractic 6 Practical
    - Advanced Pathology

### Year 4
- **Introduction to Diagnostic Imaging**
  - Chiropractic Clinical Practice 1
    - Differential Diagnosis in Western Medicine
  - Advanced Diagnostic Imaging
    - Chiropractic 7
      - Differential Diagnosis and Management for Chiropractors 2

### Year 5
- **Chiropractic Clinical Practice 3**
  - Chiropractic Clinical Practice 3
    - Clinical Presentations across the Lifespan
- **Chiropractic Clinical Practice 4**
  - Chiropractic Clinical Practice 4
    - Chiropractic 8
      - University elective

- COMPULSORY COURSES
- UNIVERSITY ELECTIVE

### Entrance requirements
Successful completion of an Australian Year 12 senior secondary certificate of education or equivalent.

### Prerequisites
Current Year 12 prerequisites units 3 and 4 – a study score of at least 25 in any English (except EAL) or at least 30 in English (EAL).

### 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 programs.

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