

# Bachelor of Dermal Sciences

Course code: HBDS (Commencing 2B1 2025)

## Course Requirements

To attain the Bachelor of Dermal Sciences, students will be required to complete:

- 96 credit points of Core First year College units
- 288 credit points of Core Dermal Science units.

Students are required to enrol in all units for semester 1 and 2, and are not permitted to enrol in more than 48 credit points per semester as a full-time load.

## Credit Points

A credit point is used to measure the study load for a unit. A standard unit consists of 12 credit points, with each completed unit's credit points adding up to meet your required total of credit points to complete your course.

## Placement

The Clinical Learning Office supports the collection and verification of Mandatory Documentation and Placement Allocation for this course via [VU WIL](#). Students requiring support with queries relating to this must contact the [Clinical Learning Office](#) for assistance.

## Further Information

Unit and course information is available from the University course search site at <http://vu.edu.au/course-search> or go to <https://askvu.vu.edu.au> or Phone VUHQ on 03 9919 6100

## Campus

City Campus (CC)

## College

College of Sport, Health and Engineering

## Study Mode

Full Time or Part Time

## Duration

4 years Full Time or Part Time equivalent

## Fee Type

For information on course fees, refer to <http://vu.edu.au/fees>

## Application Method

VTAC - <https://vtac.edu.au>  
Direct Application - <https://gotovu.custhelp.com/app/landing>

## Timetable

[vu.edu.au/timetables](http://vu.edu.au/timetables)

## Course Chair

Samantha Reeve

## Course Advice

AskCUA - <https://askvu.vu.edu.au/app/askcua>

## Year 1

| Unit Code | Unit Title                        | Unit Type | Sem | Credit Points | Campus | Pre-Requisites |
|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----|---------------|--------|----------------|
| HBD1201   | Introduction to Dermal Sciences   | Core      | 2B1 | 12            | CC     |                |
| HBD1202   | Communication and Dermal Services | Core      | 2B2 | 12            | CC     |                |
| HRE1000   | Evidence and Research             | Core      | 2B3 | 12            | CC     |                |
| AEK1203   | Indigenous Health and Wellbeing   | Core      | 2B4 | 12            | CC     |                |

**Please Note:** Units scheduled for Semester 1 2026 are still being finalised. Whilst we know that it is the below mentioned units that will be enrolled, the sequence may still subject to change.

## Year 2

| Unit Code | Unit Title                                 | Unit Type | Sem | Credit Points | Campus | Pre-Requisites |
|-----------|--------------------------------------------|-----------|-----|---------------|--------|----------------|
| HHB1104   | Introduction to Public Health and Wellness | Core      | 1B1 | 12            | CC     |                |
| HPC1000   | Introduction to Human Nutrition and Food   | Core      | 1B2 | 12            | CC     |                |
| HBM1001   | Anatomy and Physiology 1                   | Core      | 1B3 | 12            | SA     |                |
| HBM1202   | Anatomy and Physiology 2                   | Core      | 1B4 | 12            | SA     | HBM1001        |
| HBD2101   | Dermal Studies and Philosophy              | Core      | 2B1 | 12            | CC     |                |
| HBD2102   | Dermal Sciences 1                          | Core      | 2B2 | 12            | CC     | HBM1202        |
| HBD2203   | Laser Principles and Safety                | Core      | 2B3 | 12            | CC     | HBD2102        |
| HBD2202   | Dermal Sciences 2                          | Core      | 2B4 | 12            | CC     | HBD2102        |

## Prerequisites

A number of units within the degree have 'prerequisites'. These prerequisites must be met before enrolment in the unit is permitted. Generally these prerequisites require the successful completion of a unit or units taken at an earlier stage in the course. Students should pay particular attention to these prerequisite requirements as failure to meet these can seriously hinder progression through the course.

## Core

A unit that must be completed

## Year 3

| Unit Code | Unit Title                                        | Unit Type | Sem | Credit Points | Campus | Pre-Requisites               |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----|---------------|--------|------------------------------|
| HBD2103   | Occupational Health and Safety in Dermal Practice | Core      | SB  | 12            | CC     | HBD1202                      |
| HBD2001   | Foundations of Cosmetic Formulations              | Core      | 1B1 | 12            | CC     | HBD1202                      |
| HBD2002   | Dermal Clinical Skills 1                          | Core      | 1B2 | 12            | CC     | HBD2202, HBD2203 and HBD2001 |
| HBD2204   | Legal and Ethical Dermal Practice                 | Core      | 1B3 | 12            | CC     |                              |
| HBD3002   | Dermal Clinic 1                                   | Core      | 2B1 | 12            | CC     | HBD3001 or HBD2002           |
| HBD3104   | Dermal Sciences 3                                 | Core      | 2B2 | 12            | CC     | HBD2103 and HBD2202          |
| HBD3009   | Evidence for Dermal Practice 2                    | Core      | 2B3 | 12            | CC     | HBD3104 and HBD3002          |
| HBD3006   | Evidence for Dermal Practice 1                    | Core      | 2B4 | 12            | CC     |                              |

**Please Note:** Units scheduled for Semester 1 2028 **onwards** are still being finalised. Whilst we know that it is the below mentioned units that will be enrolled for each semester, the exact sequence within the semesters is still being finalised.

## Year 4

| Unit Code | Unit Title                               | Unit Type | Sem | Credit Points | Campus | Pre-Requisites                 |
|-----------|------------------------------------------|-----------|-----|---------------|--------|--------------------------------|
| HBD3008   | Introduction to Research Design          | Core      |     | 12            | CC     | HBD2101                        |
| HBD3005   | Dermal Clinic 2                          | Core      |     | 12            | CC     | HBD3004 or HBD3007             |
| HBD3007   | Dermal Clinical Skills 2                 | Core      |     | 12            | CC     | HBD3002 and HBD3009            |
| HBD3204   | Dermal Sciences 4                        | Core      |     | 12            | CC     | HBD3104                        |
| HBD4104   | Independent Project and Group Research 1 | Core      |     | 12            | CC     | HBD2201                        |
| HBD4007   | Evidence for Dermal Practice 3           | Core      |     | 12            | CC     | HBD3204 and HBD3007 or HBD4002 |
| HBD4003   | Dermal Clinic 3                          | Core      |     | 12            | CC     | HBD4002 or HBD3007             |
| HBD4008   | Dermal Clinical Skills 3                 | Core      |     | 12            | CC     | HBD3005 and HBD4007 or HBD3003 |

Year 5

| Unit Code | Unit Title                               | Unit Type | Sem | Credit Points | Campus  | Pre-Requisites                 |
|-----------|------------------------------------------|-----------|-----|---------------|---------|--------------------------------|
| HBD4009   | Evidence for Dermal Practice 4           | Core      |     | 12            | CC, ORT | HBD4007                        |
| HBD4010   | Dermal Clinical Skills 4                 | Core      |     | 12            | CC      | HBD4003 and HBD4009 or HBD4004 |
| HBD4006   | Dermal Clinic 4                          | Core      |     | 12            | CC      | HBD4005 or HBD4010             |
| HBD4204   | Independent Project and Group Research 2 | Core      |     | 12            | CC      | HBD4104                        |

Students should be enrolling in the above sequence patterns only. Unit offerings have been created by your discipline for your specific course. If the unit quota is full, please contact [AskCUA](#) for course advice

This sequence is for students who have completed the diploma of beauty therapy prior to joining the bachelor of dermal sciences

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| HBD2101   | Dermal Studies and Philosophy | Core      | 2B1 | 12            | CC     |                |
| HBD2102   | Dermal Sciences 1             | Core      | 2B2 | 12            | CC     | HBD1202        |
| HBD2203   | Laser Principles and Safety   | Core      | 2B3 | 12            | CC     | HBD2102        |
| HBD2202   | Dermal Sciences 2             | Core      | 2B4 | 12            | CC     | HBD2102        |

## Year 2

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| HBD2103   | Occupational Health and Safety in Dermal Practice | Core      | SB  | 12            | CC     | HBD1202                      |
| HBD2001   | Foundations of Cosmetic Formulations              | Core      | 1B1 | 12            | CC     | HBD2102                      |
| HBD2002   | Dermal Clinical Skills 1                          | Core      | 1B2 | 12            | CC     | HBD2202, HBD2203 and HBD2001 |
| HBD2204   | Legal and Ethical Dermal Practice                 | Core      | 1B3 | 12            | CC     |                              |
| HBD3002   | Dermal Clinic 1                                   | Core      | 2B1 | 12            | CC     | HBD3001 or HBD2002           |
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| HBD3009   | Evidence for Dermal Practice 2                    | Core      | 2B3 | 12            | CC     | HBD3104 and HBD3002          |
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## Year 3

| Unit Code | Unit Title                               | Unit Type | Sem | Credit Points | Campus | Pre-Requisites                 |
|-----------|------------------------------------------|-----------|-----|---------------|--------|--------------------------------|
| HBD3008   | Introduction to Research Design          | Core      |     | 12            | CC     | HBD2101                        |
| HBD3005   | Dermal Clinic 2                          | Core      |     | 12            | CC     | HBD3004 or HBD3007             |
| HBD3007   | Dermal Clinical Skills 2                 | Core      |     | 12            | CC     | HBD3002 and HBD3009            |
| HBD3204   | Dermal Sciences 4                        | Core      |     | 12            | CC     | HBD3104                        |
| HBD4104   | Independent Project and Group Research 1 | Core      |     | 12            | CC     | HBD2201                        |
| HBD4007   | Evidence for Dermal Practice 3           | Core      |     | 12            | CC     | HBD3204 and HBD3007 or HBD4002 |
| HBD4003   | Dermal Clinic 3                          | Core      |     | 12            | CC     | HBD4002 or HBD3007             |
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| HBD4009   | Evidence for Dermal Practice 4           | Core      |     | 12            | CC, ORT | HBD4007                        |
| HBD4010   | Dermal Clinical Skills 4                 | Core      |     | 12            | CC      | HBD4003 and HBD4009 or HBD4004 |
| HBD4006   | Dermal Clinic 4                          | Core      |     | 12            | CC      | HBD4005 or HBD4010             |
| HBD4204   | Independent Project and Group Research 2 | Core      |     | 12            | CC      | HBD4104                        |