

COURSE DELIVERY PLAN 2026

Bachelor of Dermal Sciences

COURSE CODE: HBDS (Commencing 1B1 2026)

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
COURSE REQUIREMENTS	To attain the Bachelor of Dermal Sciences, students are required to complete <ul style="list-style-type: none">96 credit points of Core First Year College units288 credit points of Core Dermal Science units.
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
COURSE CHAIR	Samantha Reeve
COURSE ADVICE	AskCUA https://askvu.vu.edu.au/app/askcua

Note: 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.

Core/Elective Core (a unit that must be completed) & Elective (you have some choice in what you select).

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.

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.

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YEAR 1

UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE	UNIT TYPE	SEM	CREDIT POINTS	CAMPUS	PRE-REQUISITES
HBD1201	Introduction to Dermal Sciences	Core	SB1, 1B1	12	CC	
HPC1000	Introduction to Human Nutrition and Food	Core	1B2, 1B4, 2B1	12	CC	
AEK1203	Indigenous Health and Wellbeing	Core	1B2, 1B3, 1B4, 2B2, 2B4	12	CC	
HBM1001	Anatomy and Physiology 1	Core	1B1, 1B2, 1B3, 1B4, 2B3, WB1	12	SA	
HBD1202	Communication and Dermal Services	Core	2B1, 2B2	12	CC	
HRE1000	Evidence and Research	Core	1B1, 1B4, 2B1, 2B2, 2B3	12	CC	
HHB1104	Introduction to Public Health and Wellness	Core	1B1, 2B3, 2B4	12	CC	
HBM1202	Anatomy and Physiology 2	Core	1B3, 1B4, 2B1, 2B2, 2B3, 2B4, WB1	12	SA	HBM1001



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YEAR 2

UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE	UNIT TYPE	SEM	CREDIT POINTS	CAMPUS	PRE-REQUISITES
HBD2101	Dermal Studies and Philosophy	Core	1B1*, SB1	12	CC, ORT	HBD1201
HBD2102	Dermal Sciences 1	Core	1B1, 1B2*	12	CC, ORT	HBM1202
HBD2202	Dermal Sciences 2	Core	1B2, 1B3*, 1B4	12	CC, ORT	HBD2102
HBD2203	Laser Principles and Safety	Core	1B3, 1B4, 2B1*	12	CC, ORT	HBD2102
HBD2001	Foundations of Cosmetic Formulations	Core	1B4*, 2B1, 2B2	12	CC, ORT	HBD2102
HBD2103	Occupational Health and Safety in Dermal Practice	Core	2B2*, 2B3, WB1	12	CC	HBD1202
HBD2002	Dermal Clinical Skills 1	Core	2B2*, 2B3, 2B4	12	CC	HBD2202, HBD2203, and HBD2001
HBD2204	Legal and Ethical Dermal Practice	Core	1B3, 2B2, 2B3*, 2B4	12	CC, ORT	

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YEAR 3

UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE	UNIT TYPE	SEM	CREDIT POINTS	CAMPUS	PRE-REQUISITES
HBD3002	Dermal Clinic 1	Core	1B1, SB1, WB1*	12	CC	HBD2002, HBD2103, HBD2204
HBD3104	Dermal Sciences 3	Core	1B1*, 1B2	12	CC, ORT	HBD2103, and HBD2202
HBD3006	Evidence for Dermal Practice 1	Core	1B2, 1B3*, 1B4	12	CC, ORT	
HBD3009	Evidence for Dermal Practice 2	Core	1B2*, 1B3, 1B4	12	CC, ORT	HBD3104, and HBD3002
HBD3007	Dermal Clinical Skills 2	Core	2B1, 2B2, WB1*	12	CC	HBD3002, and HBD3009
HBD3008	Introduction to Research Design	Core	2B1, 2B2, 2B3, 2B4*	12	CC, ORT	HBD2101
HBD3005	Dermal Clinic 2	Core	2B1, 2B3*	12	CC	HBD3004 or HBD3007
HBD3204	Dermal Sciences 4	Core	2B2*, 2B4	12	CC, ORT	HBD3104

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YEAR 4

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HBD4104	Independent Project and Group Research 1	Core	1B1*, SB1	12	CC , ORT	HBD3008
HBD4007	Evidence for Dermal Practice 3	Core	1B1, 1B2*	12	CC, ORT	HBD3204, and HBD3007 or HBD4002
HBD4009	Evidence for Dermal Practice 4	Core	2B1*, 2B2	12	CC, ORT	HBD4007
HBD4003	Dermal Clinic 3	Core	2B1, 2B3*, WB1	12	CC	HBD4008
HBD4008	Dermal Clinical Skills 3	Core	1B2, 1B3, WB1*	12	CC	HBD3005, and HBD4007 or HBD3003
HBD4010	Dermal Clinical Skills 4	Core	1B3, 1B4, WB1*	12	CC	HBD4008
HBD4204	Independent Project and Group Research 2	Core	2B2, 2B3, 2B4*	12	CC, ORT	HBD4104
HBD4006	Dermal Clinic 4	Core	2B3*, 2B4	12	CC	HBD4005 or HBD4010

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