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FACT SHEET

What are the prerequisites?

Bachelor of Nutrition Science (BNutSc) Bachelor of Nutrition Science (Scholars)

English	VCE units 3 and 4 – a study score of at least 27 in English (EAL) or 25 in any other English
Bonusing	A study score of 25 in Biology or Chemistry equals 2 aggregate points per study. A study score of 30 in Biology or Chemistry equals 4 aggregate points per study. A study score of 30 in one but no more than two of Food Studies, Health and Human Development or Physical Education equals 1 aggregate point per study. Overall maximum of 8 points.

How do I apply?

Applications are via the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) for both Year 12 and Non-Year 12 applicants. There are no additional forms to be completed or interviews to attend.

If you think you will meet the BNutSc Scholars prerequisite, we recommend you apply for the Bachelor of Nutrition Science Scholars as your first preference, then the Bachelor of Nutrition Science as your second preference.

What is the selection process?

Year 12: ATAR score / Selection Rank

BNutSc Scholars: 2025 ATAR 90.05

BNutSc: 2025 ATAR 71.45

Non-Year 12: Entire academic record (mid to high credit average in tertiary studies to be competitive). All previous tertiary education needs to be included in the VTAC application.

Where can I work on completion of this degree?

A degree in Nutrition Science equips students for possible employment in the food supply industry, health care industry, research, public health, education and sport and exercise.

What is the Bachelor of Nutrition Science Scholars program?

This is available for school leavers with an ATAR of at least 90. Successful applicants are guaranteed a place in the Master of Nutrition and Dietetics if they maintain a Credit average over the 3 year undergraduate program. There may also be additional opportunities that arise during the degree, eg leadership programs.

An ATAR of over 90 does not guarantee a scholars place as these are limited. However, you would most likely receive an offer for BNutSc with an ATAR score over 90.

Can I work overseas with this degree?

Yes. The Bachelor of Nutrition Science degree at Monash is the only program in Australia accredited with the UK Association for Nutrition (AfN). Graduates are eligible to register as Associate Nutritionist in the UK and recognised in the UK and Europe for employment.

The Bachelor of Nutrition Science program also enables you to apply for associate nutritionist status (ANutr) with Nutrition Society, Australia.

If my application was not successful, what are the alternative pathways to get into BNutSc?

You can apply to course transfer at the end of Year 1 to commence in Year 1 of the Bachelor of Nutrition Science. There are additional requirements to course transfer – minimum of credit average in at least 24 credit points of study (equivalent to 1 semester).

Are there electives in this degree?

There are up to two electives (non-nutrition) available in Year 3. The elective units will need to be at either Year 2 or 3 level. Although we recommend that you study a unit that will complement the BNutSc degree, you are welcome to study a unit in other fields.

If there is a timetable clash between the elective and our core units, your priority will need to be with our core units.



Can I receive credit for already completed units?

You can apply for credit for units studied in the last 10 years. Credit applications are processed after you have accepted a place into the BNutSci degree.

Is there work placements in this degree?

In Year 3, you have options to enrol into a work placement unit.

The work placement unit is held either in food industry or public health. At this stage, these are only available within Melbourne but this could expand in the future.

What other experiences can I complete at Monash?

You can participate in the Global Immersion Guarantee (GIG): a funded fieldwork unit that takes you to one of eight countries at the end of your first year, and contributes to your degree units. You'll gain a deeper understanding of the complexities and challenges involved in implementing sustainable and innovative solutions - skills that employers hold in high esteem.

There are also opportunities for students to study abroad for a semester as well as several leadership roles within the course where you can contribute to improving the student experience.

What further study is available after completion?

To become a qualified dietitian, you can apply for the accredited Master of Nutrition and Dietetics (MND). You will need at least a credit average to be eligible to apply.

The Bachelor of Nutrition Science degree will automatically meet the MND prerequisites enabling you to complete the MND program in 1.5 years if your application is successful. Completion of the BNutSc program does not guarantee you a place in the MND course. There will be approximately 50 places in the Master's program for Monash BNutSc students. There are a limited number of Commonwealth Support Places (CSP) for the MND yearly. These are allocated to both BNutSc and Scholar students based on their Weighted Average Mark in Year 3. There is no guarantee all Scholars will receive a CSP place.

You will also have the opportunity to apply for the Bachelor of Biomedical Science (Honours) Nutrition Discipline degree for an additional research year. You will need to have completed your degree at a distinction level.

Both the above degrees will enable you to apply for a PhD on completion.

Why should I go to Monash to study?

Monash is ranked in the top 1% of world universities – #29 in the world for Clinical and Health according to the Times Higher Education World University Ranking (2024). We've built our reputation on career-focused degrees, the highest academic standards and research that makes a difference. We are truly international with students from over 170 countries.

There is no better place to start your journey than here at Monash. With our Bachelor of Nutrition Science, you can enjoy an education that is internationally recognised, from leading educators in the field, equipping you with the necessary skills to excel in your dream career.

By the end of our degree, can expect to be provided with a comprehensive education that taps into the multifaceted discipline of human nutrition.

What support do you provide to International students?

Monash Nutrition is committed to support international students in settling into the Australian education system so their study experience can be maximised. A unique support group is in place for international / culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) students to ensure a smooth transition to Australian culture while making sense of what they learn to career options in Australia and back-home.

In addition to face-to-face support, the program provides an online community and resources covering areas such as strategies to improve English; getting to know a broad range of Australian foods; and career related information in Australia and abroad.

FURTHER INFORMATION

See the Department website for current fees, VCE subject bonus and course requirements and for responses to Frequently Asked Questions.

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