

CHART A COURSE

The missing link to mobility support

Course Master's of clinical prosthetics and orthotics.

Ever wondered how people learn to support those who have had an amputation or have artificial limbs? Chances are they work in prosthetics and orthotics.

"There is a demand for more highly qualified people, and a shortage of qualified professional people in this area within Australia and internationally," says Rowan English, the head of La Trobe University's National Centre of Prosthetics and Orthotics, which runs the graduate-entry program.

It involves a year at La Trobe's Bundoora campus, followed by a second year of clinical placements, blocks of class time and work in the clinical schools of teaching hospitals.

Nonetheless, with only five or 10 places a year, course entry is challenging. "It's the only course of its type in Australasia and the only course at this level in the southern hemisphere. Graduates from the program are sought after all over the world," English says.

Duration Two years full time.

Time About 40 hours a week (15 hours face-to-face, 25 hours study).

Where On campus, La Trobe University, Melbourne. Clinical placements in the second year.

When Semester one, 2013.

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