

Weekly Careers News for Victoria

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This Week's Events

2025 Career Practitioners' Seminar

Organisation: Deakin University

Location: Deakin Melbourne Burwood Campus

Date: February 17, 2025

Join us at Deakin's 2025 Career Practitioners' Seminar at our [Melbourne Burwood Campus](#) to discover how Deakin prepares students for the careers of tomorrow through progressive, real-world learning.

- Experience Deakin through interactive masterclasses and tours guided by academics, expert staff and students.
- Hear about the latest course updates and initiatives being introduced in 2025.
- Learn how our students develop the critical and practical skills employers are looking for.
- Tour our state-of-the-art facilities and vibrant social spaces that make us #1 in Victoria for student satisfaction.
- Our Future Students team will be on hand to answer all your questions

[Find out more and register](#)

Hospitality Information Session

Organisation: Melbourne Polytechnic

Location: Melbourne Polytechnic Preston Campus

Date: February 18, 2025

Choosing a brand-new career path, knowing where to upgrade your skills or how to start doesn't need to be a decision you make alone.

Hosted by teachers who can answer questions and offer advice on your chosen field, our information sessions help you make an informed decision around your study and career options.

Find out more about the following course(s):

- Certificate III in Commercial Cookery - Non-apprenticeship
- Certificate III in Patisserie
- Certificate IV in Kitchen Management
- Certificate III in Hospitality
- Certificate IV in Hospitality
- Diploma of Hospitality Management

[Find out more and register](#)

Drama and Theatre Arts Online Information Session

Organisation: Melbourne Polytechnic

Location: Online

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- Diploma of Live Production and Technical Services - Live Production
- Diploma of Screen and Media - Specialist Make-Up Services
- Diploma of Theatre Arts

[Find out more and register](#)

Visual Arts Online Information Session

Organisation: Melbourne Polytechnic

Location: Online

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Find out more about the following course(s):

- Certificate III in Visual Arts
- Certificate IV in Visual Arts
- Advanced Diploma of Creative Product Development
- Diploma of Visual Arts - Illustration

[Find out more and register](#)

Year 12 & Beyond – With ADHD

Organisation: Claire Pech Careers

Location: Online

Date: February 18, 2025

Hosted by Claire Pech, CICA-Accredited Careers Practitioner, and Amanda Krulis, endorsed Organisational Psychologist.

Targeted to parents of students with ADHD in Year 12, this webinar will share insights and practical solutions for managing this critical year and beyond and making meaningful career decisions.

Topics covered:

- Understanding the characteristics of ADHD, debunking unhelpful myths
- Exploring the similarities & differences between ADHD at School vs. Tertiary
- Considerations for choosing further studies after Year 12
- Evaluating potential action plans & pathway options
- Understanding what adjustments/supports are available after 12 Year
- Creating insight & self-awareness around current ADHD status
- Essentials of Executive Functions, impact & creating a tailored toolkit for success
- Identifying & harnessing ADHD strengths
- Managing technology with ADHD
- Career planning with ADHD
- Strategies for parents to support their kids
- Q&A

[Find out more and register](#)

Victoria Police: 'Over to you' – Recruitment Q&A

Organisation: Victoria Police

Location: Online

Date: February 18, 2025

Victoria Police is hosting an online Q&A session for members of the community who are interested in a career with Victoria Police and have questions they would like to ask our current members or recruitment staff relating to the recruitment process or life on the job.

[Find out more and register](#)

Pathways into Medicine and Dentistry Live Webinar

Organisation: National Institute of Education

Location: Online

Date: February 18, 2025

This forum is an excellent opportunity for teachers, students and their parents to find out about the UCAT, pathways into medicine, and have all questions answered by an expert teacher who has been working in the field since 1999.

The session is packed with invaluable information during which we will be covering the following topics, and more:

- What is UCAT? UCAT scores? UCAT Sub-tests?
- Year 10, 11 and 12 - things to consider now.
- The Undergraduate Selection Criteria
- Application process into universities for medicine and dentistry
- When and who can sit the UCAT
- GAMSAT
- Can you prepare for the UCAT?
- Undergraduate interview process
- What, how and why about Gap Year?
- Alternative degrees and career choices
- Work experience advice
- Q & A

[Find out more and register](#)

Melbourne Gap Year Information Session

Organisation: Australian Defence Force

Location: Jasper Hotel

Date: February 19, 2025

Experience a Gap Year like no other with the Australian Defence Force. You'll grow and develop in a dynamic, supportive and people focused environment.

Join us for an info session and speak with current serving personnel to learn about the challenges and rewards on offer.

[Find out more and register](#)

Chisholm Info Day – Dandenong

Organisation: Chisholm Institute

Location: Chisholm Dandenong Campus

Date: February 19, 2025

Come on campus to the Chisholm Info Day. See our facilities, talk to our teachers and trainers and register for study area specific information sessions. It's where our campuses are open for you to experience what it might be like to study at Chisholm.

[Find out more and register](#)

Victoria Police: LGBTIQ+ Careers Information Session

Organisation: Victoria Police

Location: Online

Date: February 19, 2025

This event is designed to empower individuals from all backgrounds and create a platform for meaningful conversations about representation, equity, and opportunity.

Whether you're thinking about a career with Victoria Police, currently in the recruitment process, or looking for ways to advance in an inclusive environment, this session is for you!

[Find out more and register](#)

Hansen Scholarship Program online information evening

Organisation: University of Melbourne

Location: Online

Date: February 19, 2025

Talented Year 12 students, parents, careers practitioners, and other support people are invited to join us for an online information session to learn more about the University's most generous undergraduate scholarship: the Hansen Scholarship.

As a Hansen Scholar, you'll join a program that nurtures potential and provides a place where your ambition can grow, offering you access to a high-quality university education that might otherwise feel out of reach. Valued at up to \$108,000, this scholarship offers a fully-funded place to call home at Little Hall for three years. Alongside the close-knit residential community, tailored mentoring, extracurricular activities and focused financial support will set you up for success.

In this one-hour session, we'll cover:

- Eligibility and selection criteria
- Timelines and the application process
- Tips and advice on submitting a competitive application
- Benefits of the program including the fully-funded offerings of Little Hall.

You'll hear from a current Hansen Scholar who will share their experiences about the program and be available to answer your questions. A recording of the session will be made available for registrants who can not tune in on the night.

[Find out more and register](#)

Ballarat Defence Careers Information Session

Organisation: Australian Defence Force

Location: Djila-tjarriu Community Hub

Date: February 19, 2025

Are you interested to learn about the wide range of roles available in the Navy, Army and Air Force?

Join us at an upcoming info session and speak with current serving members about their own experiences. You'll have the chance to ask any questions you have about Australian Defence Force careers and opportunities.

[Find out more and register](#)

Melbourne Gap Year Information Session

Organisation: Australian Defence Force

Location: Melbourne ADF Careers Centre

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Virtual Open Day

Organisation: Endeavour College of Natural Health

Location: Online

Date: February 20, 2025

Join Endeavour's Head of Admissions, Katrina Arch, on February 20th 2025, for a series of live webinars to get all of your study and enrolment questions answered!

Choose from a range of topics to learn more about such as:

- Studying Naturopathy
- Studying Clinical Nutrition
- Studying Chinese Medicine
- Enrolling at Endeavour
- Our Online Learning and Student Systems

[Find out more and register](#)

Screen and Media Online Information Session

Organisation: Melbourne Polytechnic

Location: Online

Date: February 20, 2025

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Find out more about the following course(s):

- Certificate IV in Screen and Media
- Advanced Diploma of Screen and Media

[Find out more and register](#)

Music and Sound Online Information Session

Organisation: Melbourne Polytechnic

Location: Online

Date: February 20, 2025

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- Advanced Diploma of Music - Performance
- Advanced Diploma of Music - Sound Production
- Certificate IV in Music - Sound Production
- Diploma of Music

[Find out more and register](#)

2025 Career Practitioners' Conference

Organisation: La Trobe University

Location: La Trobe Melbourne Bundoora Campus

Date: February 20, 2025

Join us for the Career Practitioners' Conference on Thursday 20 February 2025.

Network with other practitioners, hear from leading academics and receive valuable updates with this exclusive opportunity from La Trobe.

This day is designed around you and everything you need to know about La Trobe. You'll also have the chance to engage in activities that will help you better serve your students in preparing for university.

[Find out more and register](#)

eWC Open Day

Organisation: endota Wellness College

Location: endota Docklands Campus

Date: February 22, 2025

eWC invites you to our Open Day to learn how we get our students job-ready within Australia's largest spa network. Come along to discover our nationally recognised course in Beauty, learn about flexible blended study options that work around your lifestyle and how you could become a qualified professional within 12 months.

[Find out more and register](#)

Next Week's Events

Drama and Theatre Arts Online Information Session

Organisation: Melbourne Polytechnic

Location: Online

Date: February 25, 2025

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- Diploma of Screen and Media - Specialist Make-Up Services
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Melbourne Defence Careers Information Session

Organisation: Australian Defence Force

Location: Keilor East RSL

Date: February 25, 2025

Are you interested to learn about the wide range of roles available in the Navy, Army and Air Force?

Join us at an upcoming info session and speak with current serving members about their own experiences. You'll have the chance to ask any questions you have about Australian Defence Force careers and opportunities.

[Find out more and register](#)

SCCE Information Session Webinar

Organisation: Southern Cross Cultural Exchange

Location: Online

Date: February 25, 2025

Preparing for your exchange program is an important part of the process and is vital to continued program success. At these online meetings, an experienced member of our team will

share an overview of the high school exchange programs with Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

You'll learn more about living with a host family and how studying overseas can help you develop confidence and independence... and gain a lifetime of memories.

Explore your destinations, program options and ask questions about how you can immerse yourself into a new life, culture, family, and high school overseas.

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eWC Open Evening

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AI in Action – Transforming Your Career Development Practice

Organisation: Career Development Association Australia

Location: Online

Date: February 26, 2025

Generative artificial intelligence (GenAI) can enhance efficiency and support the various tasks carried out by career practitioners. The technology has considerable implications, risks, and opportunities.

Join us for this interactive webinar masterclass exploring CDAA's new Guidelines for the Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) for Career Practitioners. This webinar will be presented by Gillian Kelly and Leanne Watts, who were integral in developing the guidelines.

We are also excited to be joined by Marianne Wilson and Michael Larbalestier who developed the Career Development Institute's (UK) AI for Career Development Practitioners course.

CPD Points: 1.5 Hours

CPD Competency: Technology, Information and Resources

[Find out more and register](#)

Engaging civics and citizenship

Organisation: Parliament of Victoria

Location: Parliament House, Melbourne

Date: February 26, 2025

Teachers from across Victoria's education sector are invited to a special workshop focusing on engagement in the civics and citizenship classroom.

This workshop explores what it means to engage in civics and citizenship and what engaging civics and citizenship education looks like. Through using co-design strategies participants will explore concepts such as democracy, decision-making and representation. Additionally, participants will consider how these co-design strategies can be used in the classroom to enhance democratic decision-making, encourage active citizenship and elevate student voice. Led by staff from the Parliament of Victoria and facilitators from Swinburne Living Lab, the 'Engaging civics and citizenship' workshop is suitable for both primary and secondary teachers. Attendees will receive a professional development certificate as well as relevant classroom resources.

[Find out more and register](#)

STEM + X: Science

Organisation: Careers with STEM

Location: Online

Date: February 26, 2025

Join Careers with STEM for a free STEM + X career webinar, supported by QUT, to hear from STEM superstars who took a passion for science into their studies and are now saving the environment, advocating for women in STEM, investigating super massive black holes, and even presenting on TV.

[Find out more and register](#)

Year 12 & Beyond – With ADHD

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- Advanced Diploma of Music - Sound Production
- Certificate IV in Music - Sound Production
- Diploma of Music

[Find out more and register](#)

Melbourne Defence Health Careers Information Session

Organisation: Australian Defence Force

Location: Melbourne ADF Careers Centre & Online

Date: February 27, 2025

Look after the wellbeing of Australian Defence Force personnel as a Doctor, Nurse, Dentist, Psychologist, Scientist or Chaplain, in what could be the most rewarding job you'll ever undertake.

Join us for an info session to find out more about Health career options and how you can optimise your potential in the Navy, Army and Air Force.

[Find out more and register](#)

Warrnambool Army Reserve Information Session

Organisation: Australian Defence Force

Location: Warrnambool Depot

Date: March 3, 2025

Add an exciting and rewarding extra dimension to your life by joining the Army Reserve.

You'll be able to experience personal and professional growth in rewarding part-time roles that fit in with your current lifestyle and commitments.

To find out more about the roles on offer, join us for a local info session where you can speak with current serving members about their own experiences.

[Find out more and register](#)

Future Events

Monash Information Evening – Caulfield

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Monash Caulfield Campus

Date: March 4, 2025

We know that choosing a university is a big decision. Monash Information Evenings are the perfect opportunity to have your questions answered on everything you wanted to know about undergraduate study at Monash.

You'll hear about:

- our ten diverse study and discipline areas
- undergraduate course types, such as our comprehensive and specialist courses, double degrees and pathway programs
- international opportunities, including study abroad and overseas tours

- how to apply – everything you need to know about VTAC, key dates and deadlines
- scholarships and fees
- SEAS and the Monash Guarantee
- accommodation options, both on and off-campus.

[Find out more and register](#)

Victorian Careers & Employment Expo 2025

Organisation: Kym Jones Exhibitions

Location: Melbourne Showgrounds

Date: March 20 to March 22, 2025

Victorian Careers & Employment Expo is open from March 20 to 22, 2025 at the Melbourne Showgrounds. The Expo will showcase over 130 organisations and employers with career opportunities for all ages. Visitor entry is free.

The event is for school students, parents, teachers, graduates, job seekers, people looking for courses and workers seeking new training and career options.

[Find out more and register](#)

Open Day, March 2025

Organisation: Holmesglen Institute of TAFE

Location: Holmesglen Campuses

Date: March 20, 2025

Open Day is a great opportunity for you to meet with teachers, explore our campuses and study facilities, and get a feel for Holmesglen life. Our sessions include presentations, tours and Q&As – perfect for helping you map out your future study and career plans. Plus, our friendly team is also available to help you apply on the day.

[Find out more and register](#)

Monash Information Evening – Peninsula

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Monash Peninsula Campus

Date: March 25, 2025

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- SEAS and the Monash Guarantee
- accommodation options, both on and off-campus.

[Find out more and register](#)

Nursing Bootcamp 2025

Organisation: Box Hill Institute

Location: Box Hill Elgar, Lilydale Lakeside & City Campuses

Date: March 25 to March 28, 2025

Box Hill Institute is offering a 3-hour bootcamp for you to experience what being an enrolled nurse is like. If you're interested in studying the Diploma of Nursing (HLT54121), this is a great way to preview your future study and career.

What you can expect on the day:

- Learn nursing skills such as vital signs and CPR
- Experience simulated real-life nursing scenarios
- Understand the significance of hygiene and self-protection in the workplace
- Get a grasp on basic nursing terminology
- Explore potential career pathways for enrolled nurses

Elgar Campus: 25 March, 9.30AM to 12.30PM

Lilydale Lakeside Campus: 27 March, 9.30AM to 12.30PM

City Campus: 28 March, 9.30AM to 12.30PM

[Find out more and register](#)

Futures Day 2025

Organisation: La Trobe University

Location: La Trobe Mildura Campus

Date: March 29, 2025

Take the opportunity to explore study options at SuniTAFE or La Trobe University at Futures Day 2025. Hear from expert academics and teachers in a range of study areas including regional and metro university study options.

Tailor the day to your study interests and learn about study post school or what it might be like to return to study and retrain in a different area.

With free coffee to get you kick started, academics available from a broad range of areas and an industry expo to wander whilst enjoying some lunch, there is plenty on offer at Futures Day.

[Find out more and register](#)

Monash Information Evening – Warrnambool

Organisation: Monash University

Location: Lighthouse Theatre, Warrnambool

Date: April 2, 2025

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- scholarships and fees
- SEAS and the Monash Guarantee
- accommodation options, both on and off-campus.

[Find out more and register](#)

A day in the life of a medical student

Organisation: Deakin University

Location: Various

Date: April 7 to August 6, 2025

'A day in the life of a medical student' is an opportunity for Year 11 and Year 12 students who live in the South West and Grampians/Wimmera regions and have an interest in medicine to experience what it is like to study at Deakin.

The events take place at Deakin's Clinical Schools in Warrnambool and Ballarat and the Regional Clinical Schools in Colac, Horsham and Hamilton. Academics and current students will be available to answer all your questions.

Warrnambool

Year 11: 18 June and 25 June 2025

Year 12: 7 April 2025

Ballarat

Year 11: 6 August 2025

Year 12: 12 July 2025

Colac

Year 11 & 12: 10 April 2025

Horsham

Year 11 & 12: 1 May 2025

Hamilton

Year 11 & 12: 29 May 2025

[Find out more and register](#)

Discover ACU Ballarat: Arts and Humanities, Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy and Teaching

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: ACU Ballarat Campus

Date: April 10, 2025

Are you a current secondary student in year 10, 11 or 12?

Experience university life firsthand at the 2025 Discover ACU. This free event, tailored to your specific study interests, offers an in-depth look at what it is like to be a university student.

You'll have the choice of one of the following workshops:

- Arts and Humanities
- Occupational Therapy
- Physiotherapy
- Teaching

[Find out more and register](#)

Best Field Trip in the World 2025

Organisation: University of the Sunshine Coast

Location: Various

Date: April 10 to April 13, 2025

University of the Sunshine Coast's award-winning Best Field Trip competition is back!

This is your chance to win a four-day rollicking adventure for year 11 and 12 students, exploring world-heritage wonders and hanging out with UniSC staff and students as well as some of our sporting superstars. The prize includes:

- Return travel from your residing destination
- All transfers, accommodation and meals
- Tickets to an NRL game at Suncorp Stadium
- Kayaking tour and overnight at Noosa
- Sightseeing and overnight stay at K'gari

We know the best memory is a shared memory, so each winner will be able to bring along a friend!

Entrants to the competition must submit a 100-word entry which responds to the question:
What do you think life after high school will be like?

Entries close **Sunday 9 March 2025**.

[Find out more and register](#)

Discover ACU Ballarat: Nursing and Paramedicine

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: ACU Ballarat Campus

Date: April 11, 2025

Are you ready to explore a career that makes a real difference and saves lives? Discover what it's like to study nursing or paramedicine at ACU Ballarat.

At this event, you'll take part in hands-on workshops to experience the practical skills required in these fields and hear firsthand from current students about their life-changing experiences. Tour our campus and experience our state-of-the-art, fully functional simulation wards, where you'll get a behind-the-scenes look at the innovative training that makes ACU graduates highly sought after by employers.

[Find out more and register](#)

Holiday Workshop – Music Theatre, Melbourne

Organisation: Australian Institute of Music

Location: AIM Melbourne Campus

Date: April 14 to April 15, 2025

AIM's holiday workshop is designed for high school students interested in Music Theatre.

Created for students in Years 9-12, the two-day Music Theatre workshops provide incredible opportunities to experience performing and being mentored by AIM's own accomplished industry professionals.

[Find out more and register](#)

Holiday Workshop – Performance & Songwriting, Melbourne

Organisation: Australian Institute of Music

Location: AIM Melbourne Campus

Date: April 16 to April 17, 2025

AIM's school holiday workshop is designed for high school students interested in music performance and songwriting. Created for students in Years 9-12, the two-day music workshops provide opportunities to experience playing, writing, and performing music, mentored by AIM's own accomplished musicians and educators.

[Find out more and register](#)

Competitions

HMChO – Chemistry Olympiad for High Schoolers

Organisation: HMChO

Location: Any

Value: See details

Open Date: March 8, 2025

Close Date: March 8, 2025

[Find out more](#)

What Matters? Competition

Organisation: The Whitlam Institute

Location: Australia
Value: \$1,500 AUD
Open Date: February 11, 2025
Close Date: May 16, 2025
[Find out more](#)

Australian Computational and Linguistics Olympiad

Organisation: Australian Computational and Linguistics Olympiad
Location: Australia
Value: See details
Open Date: January 22, 2025
Close Date: February 28, 2025
[Find out more](#)

Weekly Posts

Money

[5 reasons to apply for scholarships](#)

If you're planning on tertiary education next year, we've put together 5 reasons why you should apply for scholarships - there are lots of benefits you could enjoy.

Ease the financial burden

Of course, the financial benefits of scholarships are one of the top reasons students apply. They're a great way to help you pay for your education and leave you with less debt once you graduate. Look at applying for scholarships as an investment in yourself and your future. Scholarships could cover the costs of one or many things, such as:

- Tuition fees
- Accommodation or other living expenses
- Books, technology, and other essential supplies
- Travel

Plus, you won't have to pay the money back (unlike other financial support options like student loans).

Remember to always check the terms and conditions before signing up. You may have to fulfil certain obligations, such as maintaining a certain grade point average (GPA), writing a letter of thanks, or participating in certain programs. But otherwise, the money you receive is all yours.

Boost your study experience

There are academic benefits associated with many of the scholarships you could earn, especially the really prestigious ones. These are open things like mentoring or access to educational programs, which could help you achieve and maintain a higher GPA.

Some scholarships also include access to internships or other work experience programs, or even the chance to travel and study overseas. Any opportunities to expand your knowledge and experience beyond the classroom could help you to get the most out of your university experience (and boost your resume too).

The financial benefits of receiving a scholarship may mean you wouldn't have to get a part time job to support you while you study, or that you'd need to work fewer hours. This means you can dedicate more time to studying, writing assignments, signing up for additional programs, or looking for extracurricular opportunities.

Get an edge in the job market

The fact that you've applied for scholarships could show that you're forward thinking and proactive - two skills that are highly sought after by employers. Listing that you were the beneficiary of a scholarship on your resume could help to make you a more appealing candidate for potential employers too.

Scholarships that provide you with specific skills through some form of work experience, such as an internship, could make you a particularly desirable employee. If you're lucky and put in 100% during your internship, you could even be rewarded with a job offer from the company. Scholarships can also be a really great way to meet professionals and network with people already working in the field you're interested in. Spending time with industry leaders could even lead to a job offer or other opportunities.

Learn to believe in yourself and your abilities

Completing scholarship applications is a great exercise in developing an appreciation of your strengths and qualities, as well as teaching you how to sell yourself. It's a good opportunity to look back on all the great things you've done and achieved over the years and remind yourself of your capabilities.

By the time you've completed and submitted a few scholarship applications, you'll probably know yourself a lot better, and hopefully value yourself a whole lot more too.

Not all scholarships are based academic merit

There are literally *thousands* of scholarships on offer. While some of them are offered to students with outstanding academic achievements, there are plenty of other scholarships for different criteria such as:

- Elite athletes or performers
- Community service
- Leadership potential
- Disability
- Family/domestic violence
- Financial disadvantage
- First nations students
- LGBTQIA+
- Refugees
- Rural students
- Women

Don't let the misconception that scholarships are only for the academically gifted put you off finding and applying for scholarships - there are opportunities out there for everyone.

You have nothing to lose

Yes, applying for scholarships requires some of your valuable time and a bit of effort. But the rewards could make it all worthwhile; and if you don't apply, you'll never know if you could have been successful.

Plus, remember all the benefits associated with just applying:

- Learn (and appreciate) more about yourself
- Improve your researching skills
- Hone the art of creating great applications
- Practise skills that will be useful when applying for jobs

When you look at it that way, surely it's worth spending some time looking into your options or putting together some applications, right?

Need some more help?

If you need even more reasons to apply for scholarships or just want some money and budgeting tips, [you can read more on our website here](#). Or you might like to [browse our scholarships database](#) to kick off your search.

Personal Skills

[How to include participation in a competition on your resume](#)

If you're still in school and haven't had a job before, it can be tricky to know what to put on your resume to look appealing to potential employers. But one thing you might have done is enter a competition. And while it might not seem like much, it can be very valuable to include participation in a competition on your resume. So let's go through why and how you should do it in this blog.

Why should you include competitions on your resume?

Taking part in competitions is a great way to build up your skills and experience. Even if you didn't win anything, it's still good to include participation in a competition on your resume to show what you learned, and how you honed your skills.

Employers don't just want to know about your work experience either - they want to get to know a bit about who you are and your interests to see if you'll be a good fit for their company.

Competitions are a great way to show this.

And if the competition topic happens to be related to the job field you want to work in, even better.

Including competitions on your resume

If you want to add that you participated in a competition to your resume, here's how we suggest you go about it:

- Add the details of the competition. What it was, when you entered, and if you placed or won anything.
- Optionally, write a brief summary of what the competition involved and what you learned from it.

Here are a couple of examples to help:

Example 1

The Best Young Photographer Competition - July 2024 - 3rd Place

I have always been passionate about photography and entered this competition to have a professional critique my work. I was able to improve my composition skills and learned more about the use of DSLR cameras. I placed third out of more than 5,000 entries from around the world.

Example 2

Google Code an App Contest - September 2024 - Participated

- Improved my coding skills
- Worked as part of a team
- Kept to strict deadlines

Including competitions on other applications

Competitions don't just come in handy for job applications - the skills and experience they give you are really valuable for other applications too. This includes applications for things like:

- Universities and courses

- Scholarships
- Leadership programs/positions
- Volunteer positions
- Gap year programs

In fact, if you ever need to demonstrate your commitment to a particular subject or topic, participation in a competition is a great way to show it.

Certain competitions can even include prizes and opportunities that can help you secure work or get into your dream course, like scholarships and networking opportunities.

Find out more

You can [find competitions to enter on our database here](#), or learn more about nailing your job applications by [browsing some more blogs and articles here](#).

University

[Experience university with Oxford Royale Summer School](#)

Oxford Royale is the most experienced and professional summer school in the UK and US, giving high school students from around the world to the chance to experience student life at some of the world's top universities, including Oxford, Cambridge, and Imperial London in the UK, and Yale and Berkeley in the US.

What are the benefits of Oxford Royale Summer School?

Their 2 week courses will allow you to:

- Get a taste of a of a career area
- Immerse yourself via debates, seminars, guest speakers, and site visits
- Learn about a top UK institution and get a taste of living on campus
- Have fun with students from all over the world – social activities are included
- Learn about how to craft an application to get into the best universities in the world
- Attend inspirational venues and exclusive events
- Network with students from all over the world

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VoHkBehCrV0>

What courses are on offer?

Oxford Royale offer a courses in a variety of different areas, catered for students 13-15 years old and 16-18 years old, which include:

- [Law and Politics](#)
- [Medicine](#)
- [Engineering and Technology](#)
- [Mathematics](#)
- And many more - [you can see their full list of courses here](#).

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7lMUOMWYAGM>

When do courses run?

Courses are typically run 2-3 times a year in July and August and are 2 weeks in length. This makes it possible for international students to travel and attend during the school holidays.

Where can I find out more?

[Learn more about the Oxford Royal Summer School and browse upcoming courses on their website here](#).

Teachers and school staff in Australia, NZ, and Asia can also contact Andrew Kozyra with any questions about the program at akozyra@oxford-royale.co.uk.

Jobs & Careers, University

Planning for a future in medicine

Some of the most popular and visible careers throughout our childhood tend to be in health related fields. We've all visited the doctor and dentist at some point - some of us may have even spent time in hospital, either as a patient or a visitor. And lots of people have relatives and friends who work as health professionals. So it's understandable why for many students, one of the most appealing and impactful fields to explore is medicine. The prospect of improving people's lives through healthcare is both inspiring and rewarding. However, the path to a career in medicine can be competitive and complex, requiring some careful planning and foresight.

Embracing the competitive nature of medicine

Universities and medical schools around the world have rigorous selection processes, with limited spots available each year. Admission requirements typically include excellent academic performance, especially in science subjects, a passion for helping others, and extracurricular activities that demonstrate your dedication, leadership, and ability to work in a team.

In many countries, such as the US, Canada, the UK, and Australia, prospective medical students are often required to take entrance exams like the [MCAT](#) (Medical College Admission Test) or [UCAT](#) (University Clinical Aptitude Test), in addition to maintaining a high GPA.

Furthermore, medical schools often look for students with clinical experience, volunteer work, or research projects that show your commitment to the field.

Sounds tough, right? And it can be. But with some hard work and commitment to your dream, it's definitely achievable.

How to start preparing in high school

University might still seem like it's ages away, but having a solid foundation of skills and experiences early can be incredibly helpful. Here are some things you can do right now to start planning for a future in medicine:

Focus on your grades

The foundation of your application will be your academic performance. High school subjects such as biology, chemistry, physics, and mathematics are crucial for pursuing a career in medicine. Aim to push yourself in these areas and seek extra help if you need it, as they will not only help you meet prerequisites, but also prepare you for the rigorous coursework in medical school.

Get involved in extracurricular activities

Medical schools look for well-rounded students, not just those with book smarts. So in addition to your academics, it's essential to get involved in extracurricular activities that can set you apart from other applicants. Consider volunteering at hospitals, clinics, or local health organisations. These experiences will give you valuable insight into the medical field and help you develop the communication and interpersonal skills that are vital for a career in medicine.

Prepare for the additional testing and interviews

Many universities require standardised entrance exams or testing for medical school applicants, so start familiarising yourself with these exams early. Take practice tests, review study materials, and consider enrolling in prep courses to help you build the skills necessary to succeed. You could also start practicing for the interviews that are often part of the application process. By planning ahead, you can reduce stress and give yourself ample time to improve in areas where you may be weaker.

Build strong relationships with mentors

Throughout your high school years, it's important to build relationships with your careers advisors, counsellors, teachers, and (if possible) professionals in the medical field who can guide you in your journey. Their advice and insight could be invaluable in helping you through the admissions process, and may also be useful when it comes time to request letters of recommendation.

Stay informed

The medical field is always evolving, so it's important to stay informed about new developments, breakthroughs, and trends. Read books, journals, and news articles related to medicine, and try to attend events like health fairs or medical conferences to deepen your knowledge and network with professionals.

Have a back-up plan

Because of the competitive nature of the field, there's always a possibility that you may not immediately gain acceptance into medical school. That's why it's important to have a back-up plan in place if you miss out on your first application, to ensure you stay motivated and have alternative pathways to a fulfilling career. Here are some options to consider:

Alternative entry routes to medicine

Some medical schools offer alternative entry programs for students who may not meet all of the standard requirements but show potential in other ways. These can include pathways like foundation years or preparatory courses. Research these options to see if they might give you a second chance to fulfil your dream of becoming a doctor or dentist.

Other careers in healthcare

Medicine isn't the only career in the healthcare field to consider. There are a multitude of other professions within the healthcare system that require similar skills and passion for helping others. Consider becoming a pharmacist, nurse, aged care worker, public health specialist, or medical researcher. All of these roles are crucial in healthcare, and some may even have different or more flexible entry routes. Then after a few years of experience, you could always apply for medicine with more experience and qualifications under your belt.

Graduate programs

If you don't gain admission into medical school right away, consider pursuing a related undergraduate degree (such as biomedical science or health science) and applying to medical school as a graduate. Many universities have graduate-entry programs that are only open to students who already have a bachelor's degree. The good news is there's no age limit on these degrees, so there's always going to be an opportunity if you change your mind later in life.

Explore other career paths

After careful consideration and research, you might realise that healthcare may not be the right fit for you, so it's a good idea to have a secondary career path in mind. You could explore areas like psychology, social work, sport and fitness, or medical technology. These careers also offer opportunities to contribute meaningfully to your community.

Balancing your ambition

Pursuing a career in medicine is a long, demanding journey that requires resilience, dedication, and a genuine passion for the field. While applications for medicine are competitive, it's also a field that rewards those who are willing to put in the planning and determination needed to

succeed. Yes, the hard work begins now, but remember not to let it consume you and [keep some balance in your life](#) to enjoy your other interests and hobbies, and nurture your relationships and mental health.

Good luck on your journey to becoming a healthcare professional, and keep an eye out for the updated Entry to Medicine Guide for 2025 with more information and details to help you prepare.

[You can also explore more about your future study and work options on our website here.](#)




Teachers

[RIVIT: Unlocking digital futures for Indigenous students](#)

RIVIT empowers Indigenous students to lead in the tech industry. Their programs introduce students to coding, digital skills, and career pathways, giving them the tools to succeed while preserving their cultural heritage.

Through workshops, mentorship, and connections with industry professionals, RIVIT helps students explore careers in technology.

As an educational partner, you will:

-  **Enhance learning** – Equip students with valuable digital skills
-  **Expand career paths** – Introduce students to opportunities in tech
-  **Support cultural integration** – Help students thrive in tech while staying connected to their heritage

Discover how your school can get involved at www.rivit.net.au, or contact admin@rivit.net.au.

Personal Skills

[Understanding rites of passage: A guide for students and parents](#)

Have you ever wondered why certain life experiences feel more significant than others?

Throughout history, societies have marked the transition from childhood to adulthood through meaningful ceremonies or experiences called 'rites of passage'. Today, while formal ceremonies might be less common, these transformative experiences remain valuable for young people navigating their journey into adulthood.

What makes a rite of passage?

A true rite of passage involves three distinct stages:

- First comes **separation**, where young people step away from their familiar environment. This could mean physically leaving home or symbolically marking a change, such as moving into their own space.
- Next is the **liminal** or '**threshold**' stage, where they face challenges and new experiences that push them beyond their comfort zone.
- Finally, there's **incorporation**, when they return to their community with new skills, confidence, and responsibilities.

Why they matter today

In our modern world, the transition to adulthood often feels unclear and undefined. A well-structured rite of passage can provide numerous benefits for young people. It creates a clear 'before and after' moment, helping them understand they've moved into a new phase of life with different expectations. These experiences also build essential life skills that aren't typically developed in traditional educational settings, such as independence, problem-solving, and self-reliance.

Most importantly, rites of passage boost self-efficacy – the belief in one's ability to handle challenges and achieve goals. When young people successfully navigate challenging experiences, they gain lasting confidence in their capabilities.

Creating your own rite of passage

While formal programmes do exist, many families choose to create their own meaningful transitions. The key is ensuring the experience includes genuine challenges and results in permanent positive changes. Here are some thoughtful ways to structure a meaningful rite of passage:

International solo travel

Planning and executing an overseas trip, managing budgets, navigating foreign transport systems, and communicating across language barriers provides numerous growth opportunities.

Major physical challenge

This includes things like training for and completing a significant physical feat, such as a marathon, long-distance cycle, or multi-day hike. The months of preparation combined with the final achievement can create a powerful transformative experience.

Community impact project

Looking for an option that lets you give something back? Designing and leading a substantial volunteer initiative requires planning, leadership, and sustained commitment over several months.

Creative or performance achievement

The more creatively-minded might try taking a major role in producing a theatre show, musical performance, or art exhibition, including both the preparation and public presentation.

Professional experience

Undertaking a structured internship or work experience programme that involves real responsibilities and meaningful contributions to an organisation is a great way to boost confidence and explore future options.

Formal program options

For those seeking more structured experiences, many established organisations offer excellent rite of passage programmes. There are options out there to suit all kinds of interests.

Adventure-based and personal development programs

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

A structured program that challenges young people through volunteering, skills development, physical activity, and adventurous journeys. Recognised internationally as a leadership and resilience-building program.

Where: Operates in over 130 countries, including the UK, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and the US.

Learn more: <https://www.dofe.org>

Outward Bound

An outdoor adventure program focused on leadership, resilience, and personal growth through wilderness expeditions, survival skills, and teamwork. Operates in multiple countries.

Where: Available in over 30 countries, including the UK, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and the US.

Learn more: <https://www.outwardbound.net>

National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS)

A premier wilderness education school offering immersive leadership and survival skills training through extended expeditions in remote environments.

Where: Primarily operates in the US, with courses also available in Canada, Mexico, Chile, and New Zealand.

Learn more: <https://www.nols.edu>

Young Endeavour Youth Scheme

A leadership development program aboard a tall ship where participants learn sailing, teamwork, and resilience while navigating the open ocean.

Where: Australia.

Learn more: <https://youngendeavour.gov.au>

Cultural and traditional rites of passage programs

Rites of Passage Institute

A structured program guiding young people through modern initiation ceremonies rooted in indigenous wisdom and contemporary psychology. Programs are designed to mark transitions into adulthood.

Where: Based in Australia, with programs and training offered internationally.

Learn more: <https://ritesofpassageinstitute.org>

School of Lost Borders

A transformative wilderness-based rite of passage program inspired by indigenous traditions, offering a structured journey of self-discovery, reflection, and personal growth.

Where: Based in the USA, with international participants.

Learn more: <https://schooloflostborders.org>

Service and leadership-based programs

National Citizen Service (NCS)

A UK-based personal and social development program combining adventure activities, teamwork, volunteering, and leadership training (ending soon, to be replaced by the National Youth Strategy).

Where: United Kingdom.

Learn more: <https://wearencs.com>

Habitat for Humanity Youth Programs

A global service-learning initiative where young people participate in home-building projects for families in need, gaining hands-on experience in teamwork and leadership.

Where: Operates in over 70 countries, including the UK, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and the US.

Learn more: <https://www.habitat.org/volunteer>

Outreach360

A volunteer-based program where youth engage in service-learning projects in Latin America, focused on education and community development.

Where: Primarily operates in the Dominican Republic and Nicaragua, with volunteers from countries including the US, Canada, and the UK.

Learn more: <https://www.outreach360.org/teaching-fellowship>

Making the experience meaningful

When planning a rite of passage experience, consider these essential factors:

- **Timing is crucial** – the young person should feel ready and willing to take this step. Forcing the experience too early or too late can diminish its impact.
- The challenge must be **authentic and meaningful to the individual**. What's challenging for one person might be comfortable for another, so consider personal comfort zones when planning.
- There should be **clear changes in rights and responsibilities afterwards**. This helps cement the transition and makes the experience more meaningful.
- The young person should have **agency in choosing and planning their experience**. This investment in the process makes it more meaningful and increases the likelihood of genuine personal growth.

Taking the next step

Whether you choose a formal programme or create your own experience, the key is ensuring it provides genuine challenges and opportunities for growth. Remember, the goal isn't just to complete a task but to facilitate a meaningful transition that builds confidence, independence, and life skills.

[You can find more resources on personal growth and exploration on our website here.](#)

Job Spotlights

Discover career pathways in Immigration

Immigration is about how people move between different countries to live, work, or study. It covers everything from helping people get visas and citizenship, to making sure countries have fair rules about who can enter and stay.

This pathway might be right for you if you're interested in understanding how immigration policies impact individuals and communities, or if you enjoy advocating for the rights and wellbeing of others.

What do careers in this pathway involve?

People in this field need to understand different countries' laws and requirements, while also considering how immigration affects communities, jobs, and culture. They might work for government departments, law firms, or organisations that support people settling into new countries.

With more people than ever moving around the world for opportunities, immigration professionals play an important role in helping make this process fair and organised.

What are some important human skills for this pathway?

- Social awareness
- Communication
- Decision-making
- Adaptability
- Collaboration

What are some of the tasks involved?

- Prepare and file documents

- Provide advice to clients
- Review and evaluate paperwork
- Conduct interviews
- Coordinate with service providers
- Advocate for clients
- Monitor compliance with regulations
- Research and analyse policy data
- Prepare policy proposals

What kind of work environment and conditions can I expect?

Many careers in this pathway involve working indoors, usually in an office environment. This means there is plenty of opportunity for flexible or working from home arrangements. There are a few roles that may involve some work out in the field for those who prefer to get hands-on. Most workers in this field work either full-time or part-time, with some casual roles available too. Self-employment is relatively uncommon outside of advisory roles.

The Clusters in immigration

Find out more about the kind of work people in each [Career Cluster](#) might do in this pathway.

Guardians

Guardians are vital in this pathway to ensure the ethical and legal processing of immigration applications.

Linkers

As a Linker in this pathway, you might be connecting immigrants with legal services, community resources, and support.

Coordinators

Coordinators are very common in this pathway, responsible for managing all kinds of immigration procedures, from application to settlement.

Informers

Another common Cluster, Informers in this pathway educate immigrants on legal requirements, cultural norms, and opportunities.

Makers

Makers in this pathway handle the administrative tasks that support immigration processes.

Innovators

Innovators are uncommon in this pathway, but can help to develop new immigration policies and support services for improved integration.

Where can an immigration pathway take me?

Interested in a career in immigration? There are many roles you might like to consider – here are just a few.

Entry level roles

These jobs can be started with little or no training or experience, and are great as a stepping stone towards more senior roles in the pathway.

Social Security Assessor

Evaluate applications for government benefits and support payments, determining eligibility by reviewing financial information, medical documentation, and personal circumstances.

Border Enforcement Officer

Monitor and control the movement of people and goods at international borders, airports and seaports to prevent illegal immigration, smuggling, and other border security threats.

Document Assessor

Examine and verify the authenticity of passports, visas, identity documents, and supporting paperwork submitted with immigration applications.

Mid-level roles

Once you have some further study or experience under your belt, you might like to consider moving into one of these roles.

Customs Broker

Help businesses navigate international trade by managing the paperwork, duties, and regulations involved in moving goods and employees across borders.

Visa and Citizenship Processing Officer

Review and assess applications for visas and citizenship, ensuring all documentation meets legal requirements and deciding on whether to grant or deny applications based on immigration laws and policies.

Migration Agent

Provide advice and assistance to people seeking to migrate or obtain visas, helping them understand their options, prepare applications, and navigate complex immigration laws and procedures.

Senior level roles

These jobs will require extensive further education or many years of experience, but are also highly rewarding.

Policy Analyst

Research, analyse, and develop government policies and programs by gathering data, consulting with stakeholders, evaluating outcomes, and making recommendations for improvements or new initiatives.

Regional Biosecurity Manager

Oversee biosecurity operations across a designated geographical area, managing teams of inspectors and officers and ensuring compliance with biosecurity regulations.

Chief Migration Officer

Lead strategic planning and policy development for government immigration departments or large organisations.

Similar pathways

If these careers aren't quite right for you, you might like to explore some other similar pathways instead.

Government

Manage policies, enforce regulations, provide public services, and promote citizen welfare.

Social Work

Support individuals and communities to improve their well-being and overcome challenges.

Tourism and Travel

Explore new destinations, plan itineraries, provide exceptional customer service, and promote cultural exchange.

How can I build experience in this pathway?

If you're still in high school and want to find out if a career in immigration is right for you, here are some activities you can do:

- Study immigration laws to understand visa processes
- Research case studies to understand immigration issues
- Take a virtual tour of an immigration office

We recommend studying these subjects in high school:

- English
- Legal Studies
- Geography
- Civics

Here are some suggestions of places you might like to try and find work experience:

- Non-profit organisations that provide legal aid to immigrants
- International human rights organisations
- Government agencies responsible for immigration and customs enforcement
- Language schools or community centres that offer classes for immigrants
- Research institutes or think tanks specialising in immigration policies and studies

Where can I find out more?

You can explore other career pathways and find in-depth information on specific jobs [on our website](#).

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