



## Careers Newsletter

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### ➤ **JOBJUMP - PARENTS AND STUDENTS PLEASE WATCH YOUTUBE VIDEO AND SIGN UP**

Sign up to JobJump for information about tertiary study options, ATAR's and apprenticeship and TAFE information. Create a resume, sign up for news alerts.

To register go to <https://www.jobjump.com.au/>

Search school – St Pius X Chatswood

Register with an email address (use a private address, not spx)

Password – pius (lower case)

**Parent information:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fZoyckJwvVg&feature=youtu.be>

### ➤ **UOW | CAMPUS TOUR, WOLLONGONG**

13 September 2019, 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

University of Wollongong

UOW campus tours allow you to see our facilities and meet people doing what they do best. It's your chance to check out UOW and ask as many questions as you like. You don't need to be a student at UOW to see firsthand why our campuses are special and why we all love it here. This free, hour-long tour of the Wollongong campus will be conducted by a current UOW student. If you would like to include a tour of our student accommodation, please allow a total of two hours for your tour.

Find out

more: <https://studentcrm.uow.edu.au/Ellucian.ERecruiting.Web.External/Pages/EventDetails.aspx?id=72822341-93c4-e911-8161-005056814cdc>

### ➤ **ATC | APPRENTICESHIP & TRAINEESHIP INFORMATION SESSION**

25 September 2019, 9:30 am

Australian Training Company, Homebush

Australian Training Company is offering school leavers an opportunity to explore their career options and find a pathway to a successful future.

Join us along with other interested young people, to learn and explore employment options that are available to you in the fields of Sport & Recreation, Business, Information Technology (IT), Fitness, Horticulture, Landscaping, Carpentry and various other trades.

Find out more: <http://www.austrg.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/2019-Recruitment-Day.pdf>

### ➤ **THE HOTEL SCHOOL | INFORMATION EVENING**

25 September 2019, 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

The Hotel School

If your interest is hospitality, tourism or business management and you want to explore a global career path then join us at our information session. The session is designed to provide you with information on the courses offered at The Hotel School, you can speak with the academic team and experience the campus. Come and discover how to make a start in the hospitality and tourism industry.

This is an opportunity for prospective students to:

- Know more about 'The Hotel School Advantage'
- Meet Our Academic staff
- Go on a campus tour
- Ask questions

Find out more: <https://hotelschool.scu.edu.au/events/sydney-information-evening/>

### ➤ **AIM | INFORMATION EVENING**

27 September 2019, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Australian Institute of Music, Surry Hills

The Australian Institute of Music invites you to an intimate evening information session where we'll take you on a personalised campus tour, hear what makes AIM special from our academics and students, plus have a chat to our friendly team members who will be able to answer any questions you may have ahead of our January 2020 intake.

Find out more: <https://www.aim.edu.au/events/aim-sydney-information-evening>

### ➤ **UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE | INTERSTATE STUDENT INFORMATION DAY**

4 October 2019, 8:30 am - 6:00 pm

University of Melbourne, Parkville VIC

The University of Melbourne would like to invite you to attend our Information Day for interstate students and their families at our Parkville Campus. This event is specifically designed to give you a better insight into the Melbourne experience for interstate students. The day will cover application processes, scholarships, student services, accommodation options and financial assistance. Participants will have an opportunity to ask current University of Melbourne students who have come from interstate about their experience and how they managed the transition. The program will also include lunch at a residential college, a campus tour and accommodation tours.

Find out more: <https://study.unimelb.edu.au/connect-with-us/events-for-future-students/all-events-listing/interstate-student-information-day-october>

## ➤ UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY | ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN AND PLANNING PORTFOLIO DAY

12 October 2019, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

The University of Sydney, Camperdown

The Sydney School of Architecture, Design and Planning will hold a Portfolio Day to assist you to prepare your portfolio in the following programs:

- Bachelor of Design in Architecture
- Bachelor of Design in Architecture (Honours)/ Master of Architecture
- Bachelor of Architecture and Environments
- Bachelor of Design Computing
- Bachelor of Design Computing/ Bachelor of Advanced Studies
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With a successful portfolio submission, you can receive up to 5 bonus ATAR points for 2020 entry into our bachelor's degrees. If you think you may achieve up to 5 points beneath the 2020 ATAR cut-off, we recommend you submit a portfolio. Join us on the day and our academic staff will review your portfolio and give you feedback on what it takes to create a successful submission.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/portfolio-day-2019-sydney-school-of-architecture-design-and-planning-tickets-69821884135>

## ➤ COLLEGE OF EVENT MANAGEMENT | ONLINE INFO SESSION

22 October 2019, 7:00 pm

Online

Come and see for yourself why a qualification from College of Event Management will equip you with the right knowledge, practical experience and industry connections to work in today's global event management industry.

Hear from the CoEM Team about our growing industry, our specialist event management courses and your career opportunities. Hear from past students about their experience during the course and after graduation. Stay around for some one-on-one time to have all your questions answered.

Topics Covered:

- The local and global event industry
- College of Event Management who/why
- Event course overviews
- How does the Industry Engagement Program work?
- Job readiness / Event Jobs Online
- Tuition fees and payment options
- CoEM graduates. Where are they now?

Find out more: <https://www.collegeofeventmanagement.com.au/info-session/>

## WORKSHOPS & COURSES

### ➤ THE BIG ANXIETY FESTIVAL

27 September 2019, 8:00 am - 9 November 2019, 5:00 pm

Sydney

The Big Anxiety brings together artists, scientists and communities to question and re-imagine the state of mental health in the 21st century.

A radically new kind of international arts festival, in which every project is an open conversation, designed to promote curiosity, awareness and action, The Big Anxiety presents events across Sydney, tackling the major anxieties of our times, as well as the stresses and strains of everyday life.

Whether through hi-tech interactive environments or one-on-one dialogues, our goal is to create the rich engagements we need for our collective mental health.

Find out more: <https://www.thebiganxiety.org>

### ➤ UON | MUSIC AND ROBOTICS: SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

10 October 2019, 9:00 am - 11 October 2019, 3:00 pm

University of Newcastle, Callaghan

If you're interested in coding or music and are in Year 5-9, this two day workshop is for you!

Coders: develop your skills through performance based musical robots. Musicians: learn new performance techniques with robotics.

Student activities include:

- Learning new coding techniques, using LEGO EV3 Mindstorm robots, to create new performance based concepts with acoustic musicians
- Teach robots to dance, play music and interact with real life instruments
- Create original music using University of Newcastle's world-class recording studios.
- Instrumentalists will develop new stage craft skills and combine their musical practices with performing robots.
- Students will work towards a showcase performance that will be held on Friday 11 October at 5:30pm. The showcase concert will be a perfect opportunity for parents to come and observe their child's work.

Skill requirements (not essential): either play an instrument or be interested in coding.

Find out more: <https://www.newcastle.edu.au/events/community-and-alumni/the-conservatorium/music-and-robotics-school-holiday-workshop>

### ➤ UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY | EXPERIENCE ECONOMICS AND BUSINESS

1 November 2019, 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

The University of Sydney, Camperdown

The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences and the University of Sydney Business School are coming together to host an event dedicated to the study of economics and business.

Experience the University of Sydney's world-class teaching, participate in interactive workshops, and hear from our esteemed alumni who have become leaders in their field. You will also hear from our current students about the opportunities and experiences they've had during their studies, including industry placements, exchange programs and study tours.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/experience-economics-and-business-at-sydney-tickets-64158645235>

### ➤ JMC ACADEMY SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOPS

JMC Academy are hosting another round of their popular workshops this upcoming school holidays.

The workshops are a great opportunity to check out the JMC Academy campus while getting a taste of what studying your passion with JMC is like.

There are several workshops to join, including:

- Character and Life Drawing Workshop
- Digital TV Studio Workshop
- Discover Visual Communication Workshop
- Digital Sculpture and Character Workshop
- Electronic Music Production Workshop
- Filmmaking Workshop
- Perform, Record and Create Music Workshop
- Recording a Band Workshop
- The Exciting World of Event Management
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The workshops are for students in years 9-12, and are running in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.

Find out more and register

here: <https://www.jmccademy.edu.au/events/upcomingworkshops>

### ➤ CURTIN UNIVERSITY | BUILD YOUR VERY FIRST IOS APP MOOC

Curtin University are currently offering a Massive Online Open Course (MOOC) about creating apps for iOS devices.

In this course you will learn the tools, techniques and concepts needed to build a basic iOS app, from scratch. You will be introduced to the Swift programming language and learn how to utilise the Apple developer tools to build an app.

What you'll learn:

After completing this course, you will be able to:

- Understand and use the Swift programming language;
- Use and explain the Apple developer tools: including Xcode, Interface Builder, Documentation Browser;
- Confidently converse with iOS developers, understanding the basics of coding and App development;
- Design, develop and build your own simple iOS Apps.
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This course is free and can be completed completely online, giving you the flexibility to study from wherever you are.

Find out more and enrol here: <https://www.edx.org/course/build-your-very-first-ios-app>

### ➤ QUT | KICKSTART YOUR CAREER: GETTING AHEAD AT UNIVERSITY MOOC

Thinking about the future as an undergraduate can be both exciting and terrifying – especially with regular news about changing job markets. How are you supposed to prepare for a future that's unknown? A university degree can be a great start if your time at university is put to good use. Use this course to find out how to get the most from your university experience and start working towards a successful and satisfying career now. What topics will you cover?

- Your vision of your future and what you want to build in your life
- Building your sense of who you are and how that affects your career choices
- Understanding the resources and skills you have now as well as those you may need in the future
- The kinds of job or business opportunities that might exist during and beyond university
- Exploring the world of work and the opportunities that exist in an industry or field
- Building your understanding of career pathways and outcomes
- How to choose a course of study
- How to get ahead and build a personal or professional point of difference
- How to approach university life and get the most from the experience
- Strategies for decision-making and planning

This course is available fully online for no cost. The next starting date is Monday 7 October.

Find out more and enrol here: <https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/kickstart-your-career>

#### **Listing Loop Scholarship Program**

Value: \$2,000

Open/Closing Dates: June 10, 2019 – December 31, 2019

The Listing Loop Scholarship, awarded for initiative and forward-thinking, helps budding business students afford the tools they need to get a step ahead.

To apply for the Listing Loop Scholarship Program, you need to be:

- 18 years or older
- An Australian citizen or permanent resident
- An undergraduate student in the field of Business or Commerce
- We appreciate a diverse range of voices and as such we encourage all eligible students to apply.

[Find out more](#)

### ➤ STEPHEN PARBERY SCHOLARSHIP

Value: \$5,000

Open/Closing Dates: August 22, 2019 – October 1, 2019

The Stephen Parbery Scholarship aims to encourage students from a rural background to undertake study in the Business School.

To be eligible for this scholarship, applicants must:

- Have completed the NSW HSC (or interstate equivalent) or IB, either:
  - in the year prior to commencing study at UNSW, or
  - in the previous two years prior to commencing at UNSW, provided no tertiary study was undertaken during this period; and
- Be from Rural NSW
- Be commencing full-time undergraduate study in any UNSW Business School program (single or dual – excluding Law)

[Find out more](#)

### ➤ UNSW ART & DESIGN UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP

Value: \$5,000

Open/Closing Dates: July 8, 2019 – October 1, 2019

The Art & Design Undergraduate Award was established to assist students to make the transition into their first year of University.

To be eligible for this scholarship, applicants must:

- Be commencing a full-time Undergraduate (single or dual) program at the Faculty of Art & Design.

[Find out more](#)

### ➤ 2020 SCIENCE AND INNOVATION AWARDS

Grant applications are now open for the 2020 Science and Innovation Awards for Young People in Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry. If you're 18-35 and want to make a difference in agriculture, this is your chance to apply for a grant of up to \$22,000 to fund your project that will benefit Australia's primary industries.

The Science Awards encourage young scientists, researchers, innovators and others active in the agriculture sector who have an original and innovative project that will contribute to the ongoing success and sustainability of Australia's agriculture, fisheries and forestry industries. The Science Awards have already helped 250 young Australians make their ideas a reality and showcase their talent to the world.

There are eleven industry Science Award categories open for applications: biosecurity and digital innovation; cotton; eggs and poultry (layers); fisheries and aquaculture; forest and wood products; grains; meat and livestock; pork; red meat processing; viticulture and oenology; and wool. Each category includes a \$22,000 grant, and is generously supported by the research and development corporations and industry organisations as our Science Award partners.

Winners of the industry category Science Awards are then invited to apply for the Minister for Agriculture's Award, which provides additional funding for an extended research project.

Applications are open until Friday 4 October.

Find out more here: <http://www.agriculture.gov.au/abares/conferences-events/scienceawards>

### ➤ MACQUARIE TO OFFER AUSTRALIA'S ONLY BACHELOR OF COGNITIVE AND BRAIN SCIENCES DEGREE

Macquarie's [Bachelor of Cognitive and Brain Sciences](#) is the only one of its kind in Australia.

Have you ever wondered how we control our bodies without having to think about it? Understanding how the mind and brain work is one of the greatest scientific challenges of our time. In the [Bachelor of Cognitive and Brain Sciences](#) students explore the workings of the brain and cognitive disorders like dyslexia and schizophrenia. This degree explores cognitive science, neuroscience and computation and builds students critical thinking and research skills in our human brain imaging and virtual reality labs.

You can also double the Bachelor of Cognitive and Brain Sciences with any other degree to build an exciting career in tech fields like AI, robotics and human computer interfaces or people-focused fields within the rapidly expanding health industry.

### ➤ BECOME AN APPRENTICE CHEF

Applications are now open for Apprentice Chef positions across New South Wales with HTN. As an apprentice chef, you will work alongside qualified chefs assisting in all aspects of food preparation and presentation. This position provides the opportunity to learn and build experience in a commercial kitchen environment. Working as an apprentice chef will give you the skills and knowledge to one day run your own kitchen.

Find out more and apply here: <http://htn.com.au/total-chef-professional/>

### ➤ JETSTAR CADET PILOT PROGRAM

Applications are now open for Jetstar's Cadet Pilot Program.

The Jetstar Cadet Pilot Program is an outstanding opportunity designed to equip successful graduates with the skills, qualifications and experience required for a future career as an airline pilot.

You will be provided with the best training, aircraft, and facilities available in Australia. Jetstar's approved Flight Training Organisations (FTO's) have been assessed to ensure that they meet specific training requirements and stringent safety standards. Supporting the training organisations is Swinburne University in Melbourne, offering a unique University experience.

Jetstar have introduced, in conjunction with their University partner, a number of measures including FEE-HELP, to ensure that the Jetstar Cadet Pilot Program is one of the most cost effective ways to complete your flight training.

If you have dreamed of becoming a pilot, this is the opportunity for you.

Applications are open until Monday 30 September.

Read more and apply here: <https://www.jetstar.com/au/en/careers/cadetship-program>

### ➤ TAC UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS FOR 2020

Already familiar with Tertiary Admissions Centres (TACs), what they do and how they work? Great.

For those of you not so sure, TACs are the organisations who process the thousands of applications to tertiary institutions each year.

So if you'd like to do further studies after high school, there's a high chance you'll be applying through a TAC (possibly more than one). Unless of course you're planning on applying directly to uni.

Each state or territory has its own TAC. For example, if you want to apply to one or more Universities located in Queensland, you'd apply through QTAC.

When you're ready to apply for University, it's best to familiarise yourself with how each TAC you're applying to works. Including finding out how to apply, the key dates and checking the fees you'll have to pay.

**Note:** there's an application fee associated with most TACs, and if you apply after the September deadlines, you might have to pay a much higher fee.

Each year the TACs produce their own **guides**, we've pulled them all together in the one spot, so you can read any or all that are relevant to you.

[Queensland – QTAC](#) (this link takes you to a page on QTAC's website, scroll down to the 2020 Guide where you can read it online, or you can download a copy).

[New South Wales and Australian Capital Territory – UAC](#)

[Victoria – VTAC](#)

[Tasmania – UTAS](#)

[South Australia and the Northern Territory – SATAC](#)

[Western Australia – TISC](#)

If you think there's just too much information for you to digest, keep your eye out for our Guide on Applying to University – coming soon. We've broken down all the information into a step-by-step guide, that's easy to follow.



### ➤ THE FACTS ABOUT BONUS SCHEMES AND WHY THEY WORK.

Some students who receive an ATAR below the advertised, minimum ATAR, for a course, may still be offered a place.

**How?** Other factors are taken into account and they are awarded 'bonus points' or adjustment factors which improve their selection ranking.

Selection Rank = Your ATAR + Bonus Points

Your ATAR remains the same even if you get bonus points, only your Selection Rank (SR) changes. If you're eligible, you will receive different points for different universities and courses.

[UAC](#) have a great explanation for how this system works:

For example, course A has six applicants and only three places available. The six applicants have the following selection ranks:

1. 99 (ATAR of 99)
2. 98 (ATAR of 97 plus 1 bonus point)
3. 97 (ATAR of 95 plus 2 bonus points)
4. 96 (ATAR of 96)
5. 95 (ATAR of 93 plus 2 bonus points)
6. 94 (ATAR of 94)

Offers will be made to applicants 1, 2 and 3. Applicant 4 will not receive an offer even though that applicant has an ATAR higher than applicant 3. The cut-off for course A will be 97.

- Between 1 and 5 is the average number of bonus points awarded
- Applying for additional bonus schemes e.g. Elite Athletes and Performers, could increase that number to 10 or more
- Not all courses will award adjustment factors – highly competitive ones such as Medicine and Law are unlikely apply bonus points to applications.

### Why do they give them out?

In acknowledgement that some people may have faced obstacles which prevented them from doing as well as they would have without them.

For example, if your mother passed away while you were in Year 11 it would have undoubtedly affected your performance. As these circumstances are outside your control it would be unfair to penalise you, and universities acknowledge that.

Bonus points don't give a free ride, or lower the bar, they simply acknowledge that not all of us get the same opportunities throughout life.

Students who come from rural areas face barriers in attending events, workshops, experience days, gifted and talented programs, medical specialists and more. They will miss out on opportunities that students in metropolitan areas can access easily, which could have an impact on their ATAR.

A good example is English – if you are studying a play and live in a city, there's a good chance you'll be able to find a theatre where that play is showing, and be able to see it in person. If you live in a rural area you might only be able to watch the play on a screen.

Sometimes, bonus point schemes recognise that one group of people has been underrepresented in a particular field, and aim to increase the diversity of applicants.

In this case, universities are aware that some groups may face additional barriers, such as unconscious bias, which have affected their ATAR. They may have been encouraged to take easier subjects, and may have fewer role models in their preferred fields.

The truth is that once you're at university your ATAR becomes largely irrelevant. Once you have graduated, no employer will ask for your ATAR – if they want to see marks they will ask for your university transcripts.

Bonus point schemes simply level the playing field.

### ➤ TIPS FOR BLITZING THE HSC

End of year exams are nearly here, and that means one other thing; so are results! If you're stressed and worried about your ATAR, there are students who've got your back. 2018 high school graduate Adam Ma received an ATAR of 98.4 thanks to some great tips he received from his friends. And now he's gathered some of the country's top students to share their experience and wisdom.

Some of the advice is pretty standard; have a study plan, stay on top of your time management, be organised. But there were a couple of other interesting tips as well, including:

- Delete apps and other distractions off your phone
- Practice writing neatly
- Look after your mental and physical health

Read the full article for more tips and tricks

here: <https://www.smh.com.au/education/delete-your-apps-how-to-blitz-the-hsc-by-those-who-did-20190829-p52m0t.html>

### ➤ ON CAMPUS VS ONLINE

It's coming up to university application time, and you probably already have a lot of questions on your mind. What university do I want to go to? What do I want to study? But here's one you might not have considered yet: should I study on campus or online? There are advantages and disadvantages to both, and at the end of the day the decision comes down to what will best suit you. Let's take a look at some of the pros and cons to help you make up your mind.

#### **On Campus – Benefits**

1. It's easy to meet new friends

Studying on campus means you will have to meet a whole bunch of new people – whether you want to or not. But this is a great opportunity to make new friends, and even start a study group. It's always nice to have people to talk to and study with to make life that little bit easier.

2. Easy access to resources

Being on campus gives you access to all of the resources the university has to offer: the library, student support, computer labs, study spaces, and most universities even have things like cafes and gym facilities. Everything you could possibly need is right there at your fingertips.

3. The schedule is done for you

It doesn't matter if you don't have the best time management skills, because your class times are all set for you. All you have to do is show up!

#### **On Campus – Downsides**

1. The cost

Depending on how far away you live from your nearest campus, you might find yourself spending a lot of time (and money) commuting back and forth from campus. Some universities have on-campus accommodation, but this can also be costly. And if there is no university near you, you'll have to spend a lot of money moving away from home.

2. The time commitment

Studying full-time on campus means that you will be spending most of your time at university. This doesn't leave much time for other things like work. If you need to rely on your income, this might not be the best option.

### 3. The rigidity

Having your schedule set for you can be good, but you might find that certain classes can conflict with other activities you have planned, such as sports and social time. And in most circumstances, going to class will be the option that wins. Sometimes you might even have two classes that clash, meaning you will need to choose between one or the other.

### **Online – Benefits**

#### 1. The flexibility

When you study online, you can generally set your own pace. You can take as long – or as little – as you need on a certain topic. You can also choose when to study. If you're an early riser, you can study in the morning, and if you're more of a night owl, then you can study at night instead. It also gives you the flexibility to fit your study around other commitments, such as work.

#### 2. Minimal disruption

Even if there is no university campus nearby, studying online means you don't have to move away to access top-notch education. This could save you heaps of money in travel expenses and accommodation. And you don't have to shift your whole life half way across the country.

#### 3. Meet people from all over

Studying online isn't necessarily lonely – you will often be able to chat to your other classmates and lecturers virtually, either by video or text. You can meet people from all over Australia, and even overseas, giving you a broader perspective during your studies.

### **Online – Downsides**

#### 1. Requires serious time management skills and discipline

Studying at your own pace can be a blessing – or it can be a curse. If you're the kind of person who's more likely to stay in bed and get distracted scrolling through Facebook or Instagram, online study might not be the best option.

#### 2. Less access to resources

Depending on where you live, you might not have a great library in town. Or perhaps you still live at home with younger siblings and your house is often crowded and noisy, making it difficult to study. At times like these it's nice to have certain facilities on hand at campus.

#### 3. No face-to-face contact

Even though you will still chat regularly with your lecturers and other students, it can still be lonely for some people without proper face-to-face time with friends. Be careful not to get sucked into the trap of never leaving your house either! Having support and connections through other means (family, other friends, etc) is still important.

### **The Decision**

At the end of the day, which study option is best for you is a very personal decision. There are a lot of things you need to take into consideration, and what's right for one person might not be right for you.

But here's something else to consider: a lot of universities now offer flexible or blended study modes. This means you can combine both on campus and online study to suit your needs. And there's nothing from stopping you trying one out – you can do your first semester online, and if you find it isn't quite working for you then you can swap to on campus for the second, or vice versa.

Whatever path you choose, have fun with your studies and remember that you always have options.

## JOB SPOTLIGHT

### ➤ SPORT AND FITNESS

Love exercise and want to have an impact on the health of the nation? A career within the sports or fitness industry offers plenty of variety and opportunities not to take life sitting down.

#### What type of person would this job suit?

- You need to be **passionate** about sport and/or exercise
- Be a great **leader** and **communicator**, who **motivates, inspires** and **mentors**
- Recognises diversity and practises inclusion, to work with people of all ages and abilities
- Have good **organisational** and **time management** skills in order to be effective in limited time slots
- Able to work on your own and as part of a team
- Excellent **customer service** and **social** skills to build positive relationships and team mentality

#### Industries where you could find sports and fitness workers:

- Sport (professional and other)
- Aquatic and Community Recreation
- Outdoor Recreation
- Fitness and Training
- Health

#### Pathways

Whether you're devoted to one sport, or you just envision a career being active, the sports and fitness industry is worth considering. There's a huge number of career options, career pathways, and opportunities for change and progression to explore.

Getting a degree from uni could set you up with professional careers such as sports physio, PE teacher, or slipping into a marketing or management position.

However, starting with a VET qualification is also an option, that could qualify you for entry to careers such as a fitness instructor or swimming coach. You can start earning and gaining work experience, before deciding if you'd like to pursue other qualifications.

Study a [Bachelor of Fitness at VU](#) and personalise it by incorporating modules from personal training and group fitness, to management and marketing.

Or go after a more specific degree like a [Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science at UniSA](#) that could qualify you to apply for careers like exercise scientist, physical training specialist, or strength conditioning coach.

The [Cert III in Fitness from TAFE Queensland](#) is a good example of an introductory course that could get you started. You can even study some of the courses online.

#### Levels

##### Fitness Instructor

Certificate III or IV

Fitness instructors are primarily employed as gym or group instructors in a fitness or leisure facility.

You might be designing fitness programs, leading classes, or individually training clients.

You could expect to earn \$44,000 per year at this level.

Jobs:

[Health Club Instructor and Personal Trainer – Boroondara, VIC](#)  
[Group Fitness Instructor – Shepparton](#)

### **Fitness Centre / Gym Manager**

Diploma in Fitness

You could find yourself working at health authorities, private fitness clubs, hotel and leisure groups, educational institutions and corporate fitness centres.

You might be in charge of recruiting, training and supervising staff. Dealing with rosters, customer complaints and enquiries. Doing administrative duties, promoting and marketing the business. Maintaining equipment and keeping records, as well as creating reports and ensuring compliance in all areas.

The average salary scale for this job ranges from \$40,000 – \$65,000 per year, but it could be more depending on your location, experience, and the size of the business.

Jobs:

[Club Manager – Langwarrin, VIC](#)  
[Senior Gym Manager – Redcliffe, WA](#)

### **Sports Coach**

Diploma

Formal qualifications are not essential, but are often desirable, so a diploma or degree could be a great way to advance your career.

Sports Coaches or Instructors will coach, analyse performance, identify sport strengths and problem areas, train, and instruct competitors, or teams, and develop their abilities.

Coaches may choose to specialise in one sport, such as basketball coach, cricket coach, football coach, swimming coach, sports trainer, windsurfing instructor and more.

The average salary for a coach could be between \$50,000 – \$77,000, but is really varied – depending on the sport, club, and level of profession.

Jobs:

[Strength & Conditioning Coach – Sydney, NSW](#)  
[Senior & Junior Sports Coaches – Yandina, QLD](#)

### **Sports Physiotherapist**

Degree in Physiotherapy

Help people to recover from injuries, or conditions like chronic pain, using physical activity.

Sports physiotherapists could work in a variety of settings, including clinics, sports organisations, and private practices.

You could expect to an average salary of \$75,000 at this level.

Jobs:

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Growth in this booming industry is **very strong** and expected to remain so.

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