



Dates to Diarise in Term 4

- Year 12 VTAC late applications – 28 September to 3 November
- VTAC SEAS and Scholarship applications – due 6 October



Reminder: VTAC 2024 Upcoming Key Dates



SEAS Applications	Friday 6 October 2023
VTAC Scholarships	Friday 6 October 2023
VTAC Personal Statement	Friday 1 December 2023
ATARs Released	Monday 11 December 2023
Change of Preference (CoP) closes	Wednesday 13 December 2023
December Round Offers	Thursday 21 December 2023
January Round International Offers	Friday 5 January 2024
January Round Domestic Offers	Friday 12 January 2024
February Offer Rounds	Tuesday 6 February 2024 onwards

For a full list of cancelled, amended, and new courses, visit [VTAC Course Updates](#)

The VTAC website is www.vtac.edu.au



Useful Tips for a University Degree Wannabe (UDW)

UDW: definition - a person who is convinced they want to go to University but are not sure where or exactly what they want to study! Also suffers from ATAR anxiety.

- Choose a degree that allows some flexibility in selecting a sequence of units that is right for you
- Make sure the program offers opportunities for practical work experience (sometimes called Industry Based Learning)
- Do not base your decision solely on what your friends are doing
- LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION!!! Make sure travel time from your residence to the campus is within what you are willing and able to do on a day to- day basis
- Do not just pick courses based on ATAR alone

News from Monash University

➤ Monash Teaching Suitability Test (MTeST)

Late last term, Monash University launched a *new non-academic test* designed to assess teacher suitability. The Monash Teaching Suitability Test (MTeST) is designed for entry into Monash Initial Teacher Education courses only and cannot be used to apply for other institutions. Importantly, this is a *free* alternative to Casper.

Students do not need to book in for the test. It will be held every Tuesday from 10.00am – 10.00pm online and only takes 15 minutes.

VTAC applicants are advised to complete either the MTeST or Casper by the following dates:

- **November 12, 2023** – December 2023 Round 1 (only current Year 12 domestic and current Year 12 International students)
- **December 5, 2023** – January 2024 Rounds 1, 2 domestic students and January Rounds 1,2,3,4 International students
- **January 10, 2024** – February 2024 Round 1 domestic students, January Round 5 International students
- **January 21, 2024** – February 2024 Rounds 2,3 Domestic students

For applicants who sat both tests, Monash will use the better result of the two.

Students are encouraged to browse the following link which provides more information - [Monash Teaching Suitability Test \(MTeST\)](#).

➤ New Engineering Specialisation

From Semester 1 in 2024, Robotics and Mechatronics (the AI and Automation streams) will be offered as a *new* Engineering specialisation in the Bachelor of Engineering (VTAC code: 2800328091) and also in both of the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) and Bachelor of Computer Science (VTAC code: 2800311391) AND the Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) and Bachelor of Information Technology (VTAC code: 2800311401) double degrees.

Find out more at [Robotics and Mechatronics engineering](#).



News from Deakin University

➤ Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics

From Semester 1 2024, Deakin University will be offering the *new* double degree - [Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics](#). Students can choose to complement their law degree with an in depth understanding of how power, incentives and ethics influence real-world decisions by studying Deakin's Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics. Students will acquire knowledge of political systems, economic ways of

thinking and ethical and moral principles alongside a solid foundation of legal skills from Deakin Law School to open up a range of unique career opportunities. This double degree will see students develop specialised knowledge of how law, business, government and consumers shape society and graduate with a unique, practical skill set to enact change.

➤ **All new Bachelor of Criminology/Bachelor of Business double degree**

Students wanting to understand the legal and ethical implications of business practices will be able to analyse and address real-world problems where criminology and business intersect by studying the *new* [Bachelor of Criminology/Bachelor of Business](#).

Knowledge of the fundamentals of business, the Australian criminal justice system, as well as a deep understanding of the causes and impacts of crime will mean graduates will have access to a range of unique career opportunities.



Diploma of Teacher Education Preparation

*The **Diploma of Teacher Education Preparation** may be the right study choice for students with the motivation, capability, and personal attributes to be a great teacher.*

The **Diploma of Teacher Education Preparation (Dip TEP)** is an accredited AQF5 level qualification aimed at students who do not initially meet the minimum ATAR for teaching. The course was developed as part of the [Victorian Government's Excellence in Teacher Education Reforms](#) to ensure that disadvantage and diverse educational experiences are not a barrier to capable and committed people who want to pursue a career in teaching.

Successful completion of the Dip TEP will ensure that students graduate with the prerequisite knowledge and skills to undertake an undergraduate teacher education course. The Dip TEP supports students to meet the literacy and numeracy standards they will need in order to graduate with a teaching qualification and supports them to meet the demands of study at a higher education level. The course introduces them to contemporary issues in education and to teaching as a profession, including practical school-based placement.

The course is offered by various institutions including [ACU](#), [RMIT](#), [Swinburne](#), and [VU Polytechnic](#).



Psychiatrists and Psychologists: What's the Difference?

According to the *Your Health in Mind* website, there are three main differences between psychiatrists and psychologists:

1. *Psychiatrists are medical doctors, psychologists are not.*
2. *Psychiatrists prescribe medication, psychologists can't.*
3. *Psychiatrists diagnose illness, manage treatment and provide a range of therapies for complex and serious mental illness. Psychologists focus on providing psychotherapy (talk therapy) to help patients.*

It would seem many people get psychiatrists and psychologists confused with each other. Both psychiatrists and psychologists understand how the brain works, our emotions, feelings and thoughts. Both can treat mental illness with psychological treatments (talking therapies).

However, psychiatrists attend medical school and become medical doctors before doing specialist training in mental health – with up to 11 years of training. Because they are doctors, psychiatrists understand the links between mental and physical problems. They can also prescribe medications.

Further information can be found at [Your Health in Mind](#).



Working in the ***real estate profession*** offers students the opportunity to achieve high levels of personal satisfaction and career success. In general terms, estate agents *lease, manage, appraise, buy and sell residential, rural, commercial and industrial property or business* on behalf of clients.

The first step in establishing a real estate career is to become an **agent's representative**. Agent's representatives perform a variety of real estate roles under the supervision of a licensed estate agent.

Students who are interested in completing a course to become a real estate agent, might like to browse the following link that provides more information - [Student Information](#).



Chiropractic, Osteopathy & Remedial Massage Degrees in 2023

According to the **Good Universities Guide** –

Chiropractors diagnose and treat health problems related to the nervous, muscular and skeletal systems, particularly the spine, without the use of drugs or surgery. They adjust patients' spine or other joints to correct joint dysfunctions interfering with proper nervous system control and integration of body function.

Osteopaths diagnose, treat and provide preventative advice about disorders that affect the body's musculoskeletal system, using manual techniques to alleviate stresses and dysfunction to improve the body's function. They treat patients using a variety of manual techniques, such as soft tissue stretching, muscle relaxation, gentle mobilisation or manipulation

Massage Therapists assess and treat the soft tissue of the body for therapeutic purposes. They administer treatments to promote relaxation, improve blood circulation and relieve muscle tension.

There are courses in Victoria that prepare students for careers in these three disciplines, and some of these are listed below. For a comprehensive list of these offered by all institutions, as well as similar courses, browse [VTAC](#).

INSTITUTION	COURSE	VCE REQUIREMENTS	ATAR 2023
Chisholm TAFE	Remedial Massage	Satisfactory completion of a Year 12, and 18 years old on commencement of the course.	n/p
Endeavour College of Natural Health	Remedial Massage	Satisfactory completion of a Year 12.	n/p
TAFE Gippsland	Remedial Massage	Satisfactory completion of a Year 12, and 18 years old on commencement of the course.	n/p
RMIT	Chiropractic	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	60.70
	Osteopathy	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	62.05
	Remedial Massage	Satisfactory completion of a Year 12, and 17 years old on commencement of the course.	n/p
Victoria University **Not Foundation Mathematics	Osteopathy	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in one of Biology, Chemistry, any Mathematics** or Physics.	62.30
	Remedial Massage	Satisfactory completion of a Year 12.	n/p



Universities in Western Australia

There are *five* universities in Western Australia, one of which – the University of Western Australia – is a member of the Group of Eight universities.

1. Curtin University

Curtin University is a large multi-cultural university. It has a strong commitment to international engagement with Australia's third largest international student population. It maintains campuses in Malaysia and Singapore while also conducting face-to-face teaching in a number of countries. This cultural diversity adds a rich and valuable dimension to its campus atmosphere and also prepares the graduates to live and work in an increasingly global environment.

Curtin is also fundamentally committed to providing regional education within Western Australia through a number of campuses and education centres spread across the state, but also has a campus in Sydney where it offers a range of business courses. Curtin University recently introduced undergraduate medicine.

Visit [Curtin University](#) to find out more.

2. Edith Cowan University (ECU)

Established in 1991, **Edith Cowan University (ECU)** is a large multi-campus institution serving communities in Western Australia and a significant cohort of international students. ECU is considered a pioneer in the development of alternative entry pathways to higher education, helping Western Australians reach their potential.

Visit [Edith Cowan University \(ECU\)](#) to find out more.

3. Murdoch University

Murdoch University has more than 18,000 students and 1,400 staff with a desire to discover, use their imaginations and ultimately make a difference. There are over 200 undergraduate degrees and postgraduate courses offered across a range of disciplines, including *Veterinary Science, Law, Education, Psychology, Business, Security Terrorism and Counterterrorism* and *Nursing*. The university is recognised for excellent teaching, ground-breaking research and high student satisfaction rating.

Find out more at [Murdoch University](#).

4. University of Western Australia (UWA)

The **University of Western Australia (UWA)** has very high-quality undergraduates and this is underpinned by the fact that the proportion of UWA graduates accepted into full-time employment within five months of completing their course is the highest of all Western Australian universities and among the highest in Australia. UWA offers graduate Medicine.

Visit [University of Western Australia \(UWA\)](#) to find out more.

5. University of Notre Dame Australia (UNDA)

The **University of Notre Dame Australia (UNDA)** was founded through an Act of the Parliament of Western Australia in December 1989, and now has over 7000 students enrolled on its three campuses in Fremantle, Sydney, and Broome. UNDA offers graduate medicine, and it is offered at both the Fremantle and Sydney campuses.

Visit [University of Notre Dame Australia \(UNDA\)](#) to find out more.