

Weekly Career News

Term 1

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APPLYING FOR MEDICINE OR DENTISTRY?

Applying for Medicine, Dentistry or Oral Health?

If you are in Year 12 and plan to apply for any of these health science courses to start in 2020, you may need to sit the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT).

The UCAT is a two-hour, computer-based test which assesses a range of mental abilities identified by universities as important to practicing in the fields of medicine and dentistry.

It consists of five separately timed subtests which each contain a number of questions in a multiple-choice format.

You will sit the test in July 2019 and selected universities use your UCAT results as part of the selection process, in conjunction with your ATAR and HSC/VCE results, and in some cases an interview.

You will only have one chance to sit the UCAT this year and you will need to register for a Pearsons VUE online account by the 16th of May and book the test by the 17th of May. Applications open on the 1st of May, 2019. It will cost you around \$298 to sit the test and you will be able to receive your results straight away.

You have the choice to start preparing for the test early. There are several private companies who offer commercial preparation programs – www.nie.edu.au/ and www.medentry.edu.au/ are examples.

It is important to note that the universities who use the UCAT **do not endorse any of these companies** and you can access free preparation materials from the UCAT site at <https://bit.ly/2tjlewA>

Please go to <https://www.ucat.edu.au/> for more information about the UCAT, to see if you have to sit the test, and to register for the test.

APPRENTICESHIPS, TRAINEESHIPS, TAFE

Careers in the automotive industry: Know you want to work in the auto industry, but not sure which occupation would suit you best? Kangan Institute has written a fantastic article showcasing 7 different occupations in the automotive industry. You can read the article here, <https://bit.ly/1LQINSS> and you can explore the courses they offer at their Automotive Centre of Excellence at this link - www.aceauto.com.au/

Short courses in arts/design at RMIT: RMIT offers short and single courses taught by experienced lecturers and established artists. Courses include photography, drawing, lithography, sculpture, jewellery, casting, and molding etc. RMIT also offer folio preparation courses. For more information, go to <http://bit.ly/2nTkDAJ>

MyGain YouTube Channel: check out this channel to watch videos about apprenticeships, traineeships and employers, <http://bit.ly/1NC2fUS>

AusAppPathways: this is an App you can download so you can research apprenticeships and traineeships on the go via your smart phone, www.ausapp.com.au/

Making the most of your time at school: If you have just started back at school and you aren't feeling motivated or engaged, the staff at Australian Apprenticeships Pathways have written an article with great advice about how you can become more connected with your learning and your career development. The article covers school subjects, VET subjects, school based apprenticeships, work experience and paid work. You can read the article here - <http://bit.ly/2FdEHFz>

They have also written an article just for parents and families called 'opening the door to new opportunities for your child'. You can access it at this link - <http://bit.ly/2BCiZeu>

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Are you passionate about sport and would love to work in the sports industry in the future? Not sure if you would like to go straight to university after school? Enjoy playing sport and hands-on learning? The following are two programs you may like to explore:

Richmond Institute of Sport Leadership: This is a partnership program between Richmond Football Club and Swinburne University. As part of the 12-month program, students will:

- Receive a Diploma in Sports Development and a Diploma in Leadership and Management from Swinburne University (only a Diploma in Sports Development at the Albury-Wodonga campus)
- Be taught by industry experts such as the CEO of the Richmond Football Club and the Head Coach of the Australian Diamonds (Netball)
- Complete strength training and sports skills development each week
- Have access to employment and industry placement opportunities
- Have guaranteed access into some Swinburne University courses with credit.

Information - <http://bit.ly/2vEPCGH>

Carlton College of Sport: This is a partnership program between Carlton Football Club and La Trobe University. As part of the 12-month program, students will:

- Complete a Diploma of Sports Coaching and Development at Ikon Park, Carlton Football Club grounds and La Trobe University, Bundoora.
- Be taught by Carlton Football Club team members such as Chris Judd (Sports Marketing & Media), Bri Davey (Athletic Performance) and Stephen Silvagni (Talent Identification) and also Paul Gastin - Head of Sport and Exercise Science at La Trobe University.
- Upon completion of the Diploma, students will be eligible for entry into the Bachelor of Sports Coaching and Development at La Trobe University, Bundoora with advanced standing (credit) for the first year of the course.
- The next Open Day for the program will be held on Saturday 17 November

Information - <https://bit.ly/2DiPmjo>

JOB SEEKING RESOURCES

Career portfolio for students: There are five sections to this portfolio to be used to gather evidence in building a career portfolio. This includes Evidence of Skills, Employment, Education, Teamwork & Leadership and Community Involvement. The portfolio costs \$15 and can be ordered at this link - <https://bit.ly/2yPW50P>

Writing resumes and cover letters: Youth Central has free resources designed to assist young people in developing resumes, cover letters and cold calling letters. Students can also get tips and information on where to find work, how to get a job, the job interview process, and starting and/or finishing a job, <https://bit.ly/2RGiViP>

Get a Tax File Number (TFN): you apply for a TFN through the Australian Tax Office. Follow the steps at this link - <https://bit.ly/1HCzGOv>

Your rights at work: find out about your rights and responsibilities as a young worker, rules about unpaid work, junior pay rates, hours of work, probation, the age you can start work, and how to resolve issues in the workplace at this link - <https://bit.ly/1Svl7DP>

WORK EXPERIENCE

Work Experience at the Australian Defence

Force: The Defence Force provides work experience opportunities across Australia. To search for upcoming work experience placements and to bookmark the page, go to <http://bit.ly/1MGymwI> You can learn about jobs in the Army, Navy and Air Force via the Defence Jobs YouTube Channel, <http://bit.ly/1QoBraH>

Work Experience Directory: This is a website that enables you to search for work experience opportunities in NSW and Victoria and is for secondary school students, <http://bit.ly/2BoMb8A>

Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE): you can apply for work experience at one of the following AIE campuses – Melbourne, Canberra, Adelaide or Sydney. You will be able to explore courses and careers in 3D animation, programming, interactive entertainment and digital industries. For information, go to <https://bit.ly/2SCcJfN>

What is studying science at Monash University like?

Monash has developed a series of videos to enable prospective students to hear from academics and learn about their stories and passions. To access the clips, go to <http://bit.ly/1QBMmdw>

Immerse yourself in medicine at Monash through virtual reality (VR):

Have you always wanted to visit the Monash campus, but haven't had a chance? Take the opportunity to learn more about Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences at Monash through 360° video. Look over students' shoulders as they work in the labs or attend a lecture. For more information, please visit <http://bit.ly/2IGl8ub>

Victoria Police Internship: Law students at Victoria University have access to a 10-week internship with the Legal Services Department and Prosecutions Division of Victoria Police. A small number of students will be selected each year to undertake placements in a variety of police specialist areas including:

- Melbourne Prosecutions Unit
- Research and Training Unit
- Civil Advocacy Unit
- Commissions and Inquiries Division, and
- Police Coronial Support Unit

High achieving Year 12 students who receive a place in a law course at the University may eligible for the Chancellor's Scholarship, which is valued at \$20 000 over four years. For more information on the Law program at VU, go to <http://bit.ly/1UC4dEL>

Interested in Engineering? Engineers Australia has a fantastic Facebook site that students can join. You will be able to keep up to date with developments in Australian and global engineering, conferences and information sessions, and gain ideas about different occupations in engineering, <http://on.fb.me/1ohteLC>

What type of engineering would you be suited to?

RMIT has developed a quiz to assist you to discover what type of engineering you would be suited to study (e.g., civil, mechanical, chemical). You can take the test here - <http://bit.ly/1PVPOU4>

Interested in studying Global Studies? What does a day in the life of a Global Studies student at Australian Catholic University (ACU) look like? ACU student Kristy Porter has written a fantastic article about her course, <https://bit.ly/2TJQWQq>

How to future proof your career: Journalist

Isabelle Lane has written an article about the top 10 growth jobs over the next five years. According to research by McCrindle, the top 10 occupations with the largest projected employment growth rates over the next 5 years are:

1. Carers and Aides (23.6 per cent)
2. Sports and Personal Service Workers (16.7 per cent)
3. Health Professionals (16.3 per cent)
4. ICT Professionals (16 per cent)
5. Food Trades Workers (14.2 per cent)
6. Hospitality Workers (13.8 per cent)
7. Legal, Social and Welfare Professionals (13 per cent)
8. Health and Welfare Support Workers (12.7 per cent)
9. Skilled Animal and Horticultural Workers (11.6 per cent)
10. Specialist Managers (10.6 per cent)

Ms Lane writes about these occupation areas and also industries that are on the decline. To read the article, go to <https://bit.ly/2Bh5S1a>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MARCH

- **8: Latitude Global Volunteering**, priority deadline applications due, <https://latitudeaustralia.org/>
- **27: Inside Monash Seminar**, Monash University, Clayton, Business, <http://bit.ly/2ki2NYw>

APRIL

- **3 - 30: Inside Monash Seminars**, Monash University, MD & Biomedical Science (3), Science (4), Criminology (30), Law (30), <http://bit.ly/2ki2NYw>
- **12: Experience Clever Day**, La Trobe University, Melbourne campus, <http://bit.ly/2p07y7b>
- **18: Simulated UCAT Day**, NIE, Adara Richmond, <https://bit.ly/2UY8SHx>