



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=fZoyckJwVg&feature=youtu.be>

University of Sydney | Webinars and Q&A Sessions

11 May 2020, 4:00 pm - 13 May 2020, 6:00 pm

Online

In light of COVID-19 developments, the University of Sydney are not holding any face-to-face events in the short term.

However, they are holding several online events where you can learn all about the ins and outs of life and study at the University of Sydney. The webinars will be held on the following topics:

- HSC study tips: Music
- All things Sydney
- Interstate students
- Accommodation
- Meet a Business Student: Live Q&A

Find out more: <https://www.sydney.edu.au/study/events-for-prospective-students/undergraduate.html>

UTS | Engineering – an Overview

11 May 2020, 4:00 pm

Online

Engineering is all around us. From the infrastructure of our cities to robotics, personal electronics, renewable energy, Opal Card system and medical devices.

Register for this webinar to learn about the various engineering courses offered at UTS, the subjects involved and engineering career opportunities after graduating.

Hear from key academics about what it's like to study engineering at UTS and how best to prepare.

Find out more: <https://www.uts.edu.au/about/faculty-engineering-and-information-technology/online-events/engineering-undergraduate-students/uts-engineering-overview>

UTS | Intro to Electronic and Electrical Engineering

12 May 2020, 4:00 pm

Online

Register for this webinar to learn how Electrical Engineers deal with the generation and application of electricity, including high voltage. Electronic Engineers work with components trying to make them smaller and more efficient. At UTS you can specialise in either, or combine them together! Join us to gain an insight into what electrical and electronic engineering is all about and find out if it's right for you.

Hear from key academics about what it's like to study electrical and electronic engineering at UTS and how best to prepare.

Find out more: <https://www.uts.edu.au/about/faculty-engineering-and-information-technology/online-events/engineering-undergraduate-students/intro-electronic-and-electrical-engineering-uts>

Endeavour College | Studying Nutritional and Dietetic Medicine

13 May 2020, 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Online

Thinking about studying a Bachelor of Health Science in Nutritional and Dietetic Medicine?

Join Endeavour College's Nutritional and Dietetic Medicine academics for an interactive webinar to get insight into studying a nutrition degree at Endeavour College of Natural Health.

Find out more: <https://www.endeavour.edu.au/events/studying-nutritional-and-dietetic-medicine-at-endeavour-college-of-natural-health/>

endota Wellness College | Beauty & Wellness Virtual Info Session

14 May 2020, 11:00 am - 11:45 am

Online

This 45-minute session allows you to chat with our team, have your online campus-life questions answered

and discover where the Beauty & Wellness industry can take you.

Find out more: <http://endotawellnesscollege.edu.au/virtual-info-sessions/>

UTS | Intro to Biomedical Engineering

14 May 2020, 4:00 pm

Online

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Register for this webinar and learn how biomedical engineering is driving revolutionary technological advances, transforming healthcare delivery and extending the quality and longevity of lives.

Join us to gain an insight into what Biomedical Engineering is all about and find out if it's right for you.

Hear from key academics about what it's like to study Biomedical Engineering at UTS and how best to prepare yourself.

Find out more: <https://www.uts.edu.au/about/faculty-engineering-and-information-technology/online-events/engineering-undergraduate-students/intro-biomedical-engineering-uts>

[UTS | Law Undergraduate Information Webinar](#)

14 May 2020, 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm

Online

Join this webinar to find out about:

- Applying to study at UTS
- Stand-alone Bachelor of Laws (LLB) and Combined Law Degrees
- Legal Futures and Technology Major – first major of its kind in Australia
- Experiential learning
- Entry pathways
- Law scholarships
- Student life from current Law students
- Opportunities beyond the classroom, including the Brennan Justice and Leadership Program
- Career opportunities
- UTS Central, the new home of the Faculty of Law
- International experiences

This webinar will be presented by Professor Lesley Hitchens, Dean, UTS Faculty of Law and will include a current student, alumni and academic Q&A.

Find out more: <https://www.uts.edu.au/about/faculty-law/events/law-undergraduate-information-webinar>

[Basair | Career Info Seminar Online](#)

14 May 2020, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Online

Due to Covid-19, the May seminar will be held via an interactive online webinar!

You will still be able to ask as many questions as you like. We look forward to answering them!

Basair students are still flying every day – rising above to achieve the dream. With new Covid-19 safety measures in place and new online theory courses on offer, there has never been a better time to #AimHigh at Basair Aviation College.

Find out more: <http://www.basair.com.au/Events/Register/140>

[Year13 Careers Expo](#)

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18 May 2020, 8:00 am - 22 May 2020, 8:00 pm

Online

The Year13 Expo lets you find a career you're genuinely passionate about without even having to get out of bed. Over the course of the week, you'll hear from experts, chat with influencers and explore all of your post-school options at our digital careers expo that you can access from anywhere you have internet.

From May 18-22, you'll be able to explore exhibits from a host of different universities, TAFEs, colleges, employers and gap year providers. But you'll also get the opportunity to hear from some amazing career folk who are nailing it in their industry. Through a series of live chats, webinars and online 'booths', the Year13 Expo will help you figure out what it is you're passionate about and what you need to do in order to get there.

Find out more: <https://year13.com.au/expo>

[Your Career in Space... Right Here, Right Now](#)

18 May 2020, 11:00 am

Online

In Australia, the space industry is starting to grow fast. The demand for people with STEAM skills, including researchers, engineers (aerospace, electronics, mechanical and computer), data analysts and astronomers, as well as communicators, project managers and even salespeople are – post COVID-19 – set to increase dramatically.

Please join Tim and Julia from the Space Industry Association of Australia as they share with you some of the emerging career opportunities, and the kind of skills, and areas of study to pursue, and even projects to join if you think this might be the career for you.

Find out more:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/3915876024233/WN_1sgx4p4GQVmu105MYT6Xrg

[UTS | Intro to Computing Science](#)

18 May 2020, 4:00 pm

Online

With an emphasis on next-generation technologies, computer scientists solve deep problems in computing. They theorise, design, develop and apply computing and software for advanced programs.

Register for this webinar to gain an insight into what computing science is all about and find out if it's right for you.

Hear from key academics about what it's like to study computing science at UTS and how best to prepare.

Find out more: <https://www.uts.edu.au/about/faculty-engineering-and-information-technology/online-events/it-undergraduate-students/intro-computing-science-uts>

[Make Your Move – International Freight, Transport & Logistics](#)

19 May 2020, 11:00 am

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Online

The International Freight, Transport and Logistics industry in Australia has recently been defined by the Federal Government during the COVID-19 crisis as an “Essential Service”.

Why is this industry so important and essential now to the Australian economic recovery and the health of residents or tourists and how does this impact and highlight career options and pathway opportunities for students?

This webinar aims to inform career advisers, students and parents about the size of the industry, the diversity of roles, the interconnectivity to the global economy and the variety of pathways into the industry.

Find out more:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/2015862436611/WN_yQwNHVH0TcywXCufdwthQ

[University of Sydney | Year 10 Information Webinar](#)

20 May 2020, 12:30 pm

Online

Join one of our informative and entertaining online sessions for Year 10 students. A range of staff and student speakers will answer these important questions:

- How does scaling work? What should you consider when selecting your subjects for Year 11 and 12?
- What are prerequisites and assumed knowledge?
- What is university really like?

Find out more: https://uni-sydney.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_HG5kTI4RSHOhQuISaejmNQ

[UTS | Intro to Games Development](#)

20 May 2020, 4:00 pm

Online

Evolving technology is changing the face of the interactive entertainment industry. Today's games are sophisticated computer programs that often connect thousands of players through virtual worlds and consist of detailed 3D graphics, realistic physics and complex artificial intelligence.

Register for this webinar to gain an insight into what games development is all about and find out if it's right for you.

Hear from key academics about what it's like to study games development at UTS and how best to prepare.

Find out more: <https://www.uts.edu.au/about/faculty-engineering-and-information-technology/online-events/it-undergraduate-students/intro-games-development-uts>

[Macquarie University | Year 12 Online Information Session](#)

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20 May 2020, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Online

Join us for our Year 12 Online Information Session on Wednesday 20 May 2020 at 6pm for a series of short talks from our staff and current students. Our Future Students team will also be on hand to answer all your questions.

We'll cover everything from our admissions process to how we prepare you for the workplace through initiatives such as our PACE (Professional and Community Engagement) program.

Don't miss this opportunity to find out more about our early entry programs, courses, scholarships and everything Macquarie.

Parents are welcome to register and join the online session.

Let us know if you have any questions.

You can chat to the Future Students team on (02) 9850 6767 (Monday – Friday, 8.30am – 5.30pm) or email futurestudents@mq.edu.au.

We look forward to you joining us online.

Find out more: <https://app.livestorm.co/macquarie/mqsc-year-12-online-information-session-webinar>

UTS | Intro to Software Engineering

21 May 2020, 4:00 pm

Online

Software engineering is the application of engineering principles to the design, development and maintenance of software. Software engineers develop systems that must work the first time and every time.

Register for this webinar to gain an insight into what software engineering is all about and find out if it's right for you.

Hear from key academics about what it's like to study software engineering at UTS and how best to prepare.

Find out more: <https://www.uts.edu.au/about/faculty-engineering-and-information-technology/online-events/engineering-undergraduate-students/intro-software-engineering-uts>

Early Childhood Teaching Careers with Future Tracks

22 May 2020, 11:00 am

Online

For students, there has never been a better time to pursue a degree in early childhood teaching. Not only is early childhood teaching a rewarding career where you can make an impact, it also opens up a range of opportunities in roles such as teaching, managing a small business, developing government policy and everything in between.

Join Future Tracks for a webinar on the Future of Early Childhood Education.

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The webinar will explore early childhood teaching as a career pathway, shedding light on the opportunities available to students while studying at university and beyond.

Find out more: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/3315857087673/WN_vES-OyW2QamsgZoJodM7Rw

AIE | Online Experience Day

23 May 2020, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Online

If you have ever wanted to study 3D animation, game design or VFX for film online with AIE then our Online Experience Day is an ideal opportunity to find out more!

Course overview sessions will be running on the range of online courses in 3D animation, game art, game programming and game design offered by AIE. You will get to participate in workshops, guest speaker talks and much more. Have a question? Don't worry, pop by and one of our friendly staff from AIE online will be more than happy to assist.

With classes starting all the time, starting your career as a game developer or 3D animator has never been easier. Register now for this free online event.

Find out more: https://aie.edu.au/aie_event/online-experience-day/

UTS | Intro to Civil and Environmental Engineering

25 May 2020, 4:00 pm

Online

Register for this webinar to learn how through civil engineering, you can specialise in a range of areas such as Construction, Structures or Environmental. Civil engineers are problem solvers. They determine solutions for infrastructure, big construction, structural design and growing environmental concerns impacting human activity.

Join us to gain an insight into what Civil and Environmental Engineering is all about and find out if it's right for you.

Hear from key academics about what it's like to study Civil Engineering at UTS and how best to prepare.

Find out more: <https://www.uts.edu.au/about/faculty-engineering-and-information-technology/online-events/engineering-undergraduate-students/intro-civil-and-environmental-engineering-uts>

UTS | Intro to Data Engineering

26 May 2020, 4:00 pm

Online

Register for this webinar to learn how Data Engineers create and manage secure cyber-physical systems and infrastructure to service the ever-growing demands of our computer-driven data-centric society.

Join us to gain an insight into what Data Engineering is all about and find out if it's right for you. Hear from key academics about what it's like to study Data Engineering at UTS and how best to prepare.

Find out more: <https://www.uts.edu.au/about/faculty-engineering-and-information-technology/online-events/engineering-undergraduate-students/intro-data-engineering-uts>

UTS | Intro to Mechanical and Mechatronic Engineering

27 May 2020, 4:00 pm

Online

Register for this webinar to learn about dynamics (the science of moving things) and learn to calculate and control the movement and interaction of solid objects, fluids, heat and electricity. Design, build and manage automated and autonomous mechanical systems, with an emphasis on robots, smart machines, intelligent control systems, and biomedical devices.

Join us to gain an insight into what Mechanical and Mechatronic Engineering is all about and find out if it's right for you.

Hear from key academics about what it's like to study Mechanical and Mechatronic Engineering at UTS and how best to prepare.

Find out more: <https://www.uts.edu.au/about/faculty-engineering-and-information-technology/online-events/engineering-undergraduate-students/intro-mechanical-and-mechatronic-engineering-uts>

UTS | Intro to Flexible Engineering

28 May 2020, 4:00 pm

Online

Not sure which engineering major to choose? The Flexible Engineering course is just that – flexible! Once you've completed core engineering subjects, choose a major or choose your own blend of compatible subjects.

Register for this webinar to gain an insight into what Flexible Engineering is all about and find out if it's right for you.

Hear from key academics about what it's like to study Flexible Engineering at UTS and how best to prepare.

Find out more: <https://www.uts.edu.au/about/faculty-engineering-and-information-technology/online-events/engineering-undergraduate-students/intro-flexible-engineering-uts>

UTS | Intro to Information Systems

2 June 2020, 4:00 pm

Online

Data is being produced globally in unprecedented volumes. Specialists who understand complex information systems in fields such as Systems Analytics, Service Innovation, Smart Infrastructure, and Sustainable Enterprises will be in greater demand.

Register for this webinar to gain an insight into what information systems is all about and find out if it's right for you.

Hear from key academics about what it's like to study information systems at UTS and how best to prepare.

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Find out more: <https://www.uts.edu.au/about/faculty-engineering-and-information-technology/online-events/it-undergraduate-students/intro-information-systems-uts>

ACU | Talk with Occupational Therapists and Speech Pathologists Online

17 June 2020, 5:00 pm - 5:45 pm

Online

Join us online to hear from ACU alumni about their experiences improving people's quality of life. Take part in a Q&A session with our graduates to learn about the rewarding and challenging careers of occupational therapists and speech pathologists.

Find out more: <https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2020/june/talk-with-occupational-therapists-and-speech-pathologists-online>

UTS | IT Scholarships

18 June 2020, 4:00 pm

Online

If you are highly motivated with a passion and interest to pursue a career in IT, then this is the place for you! This session will focus on the flagship Bachelor of Information Technology scholarship, however, it will touch on all of the IT scholarships that are available at UTS.

Register for this webinar to gain an insight into the course structure, the application process and how to prepare an amazing application.

Hear from key academics and scholars about available scholarships and what it's like to undertake a scholarship at UTS.

Find out more: <https://www.uts.edu.au/about/faculty-engineering-and-information-technology/online-events/it-undergraduate-students/it-scholarships-uts>

Whitehouse Institute of Design | Image Styling & Photography Workshop

13 July 2020, 10:00 am - 17 July 2020, 3:00 pm

Whitehouse Institute of Design

Immerse yourself in the creative experience of learning photography as Whitehouse introduces "Photography and Creative direction". You will learn fundamental aspects of a professional shoot and image styling through an intimate and hands-on approach. Initial concept development through to final shooting will all be covered.

Students will be engaged to conceive and showcase their creative potential within the contexts of fashion, food, and still life photography for the magazine and advertising industries.

Find out more: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/image-styling-photography-workshop-winter-workshop-5-days-20-hours-sydney-campus-tickets-92299055961>

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Fee-Free Short Courses at TAFE NSW

Looking to improve your employability, or a productive way to spend time at home? TAFE NSW is currently offering a suite of free-free online short courses.

There are courses in business, health, digital media, and more.

Find out more about the courses and how to enrol here: <https://www.tafensw.edu.au/fee-free-short-courses>

Take an Online Course with ed2go

Looking for a way to learn some new skills at home? You can take an online course with ed2go.

They have heaps of courses available in all kinds of subjects, including arts, business, health, IT and more.

Check out what's available on their website here: <https://www.ed2go.com/cengageau>

Learn Something New with Skillshare

Skillshare is an online learning platform filled with hundreds of classes for creatives.

You can learn drawing, video editing, photography, design and more.

If you're looking for something to do or need to boost your skills, this could be ideal for you.

Find out more here: <https://www.skillshare.com/>

Indigenous Youth Leadership Program Scholarship

Value: N/A

Open/Closing Dates: March 1, 2020 – May 29, 2020

The Indigenous Youth Leadership Program (IYLP) offers scholarships and leadership opportunities to young Indigenous Australians, with a focus on Indigenous youth from communities in very remote areas of the country or regional communities.

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To be eligible for an IYLP scholarship the applicant must be a young Indigenous Australian who has the motivation and high potential to complete Year 12, and be committed to succeeding.

Scholarships are being offered for up to one year and student progress will be reviewed periodically.

IYLP scholarship applicants must also be:

- willing to attend an approved IYLP Education Partner School/College
- eligible for Abstudy or be able to demonstrate educational disadvantage
- able to meet the requirements set out in the program guidelines in relation to receipt of other Commonwealth scholarships

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney Roy Frederick Turner AM Scholarship

Value: \$7,000

Open/Closing Dates: June 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020

This scholarship assists disadvantaged students to undertake a degree leading to eligibility to practice law.

You must:

- be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- be commencing an undergraduate combined law program
- demonstrate one or more of the following: financial hardship, medical hardship/disability and/or evidence of carer responsibilities.

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney Civil Engineering Undergraduate Equity Scholarship

Value: \$6,000

Open/Closing Dates: August 1, 2020 – October 31, 2020

This scholarship encourages disadvantaged students to undertake undergraduate study in civil engineering at the University of Sydney.

You must:

- be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- have recently completed high school
- qualify and enrol into a civil engineering undergraduate program in the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Sydney. Combined degrees are eligible.

- demonstrate financial hardship, disability, significant medical hardship, family hardship, carers responsibilities, or attendance at an EAS or equivalent listed school.

[Find out more](#)

[Australian Informatics Olympiad](#)

The Australian Informatics Olympiad (AIO) is an open national computer programming competition held annually.

Students write short computer programs to solve six problems that vary in difficulty. The competition does not test computer literacy or knowledge but is focused on problem solving through programming skills.

There are two papers – Intermediate for students up to year 10, and Senior for students up to year 12. Each paper consists of six problems, and students submit the source code for their solutions online during the three-hour contest.

Every participant will receive a certificate, and the top 25 students will be invited to a 10-day intensive training school in December where they will learn higher-level algorithms and data structures.

Registrations close on Thursday 20 August, and the competition is held on Thursday 27 August.

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.amt.edu.au/australian-informatics-olympiad>

[Australian Space Design Competition](#)

The Australian Space Design Competition (ASDC) is designed for secondary school students with a passion for space, or are considering a future in STEM fields.

Teams of up to 12 grade 8 – 12 students respond to an engineering Request For Tender (RFT) and design a futuristic space settlement, planning structural engineering, operations and infrastructure, personnel factors, automation, and business development.

Registrations for the competition are open until Friday 26 June.

Find out more and enter here: <https://ausspacedesign.org.au/asdc/>

[Phone It In Competition](#)

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If you are aged 15 to 18 years, you are invited to write, record and submit a micro-literature piece to the Phone It In competition.

Phone It In gives you the chance to write, record and submit a piece of microlit on the theme of “sound”. If we like your recording, you’ll go in the running to win a \$200 book voucher! Phone It In is free to enter.

Entries are open until Sunday 31 May.

Find out more and enter here: <https://shortaustralianstories.com.au/storybombing-x-litfest2444/>

2020 Travel Photographer of the Year Competition

The 2020 Travel Photographer of the Year awards (TPOTY) are now open.

At a time when travel is so restricted, we’re inviting amateur and professional photographers from all countries and of all ages to look through their archives of travel images to submit.

Entries are open until Monday 2 November.

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.tpoty.com/2020-competition/>

Thunderbolt Prize for Crime Writing 2020

Entries are now open for the 2020 New England Thunderbolt Prize for Crime Writing.

All genres of crime writing are eligible, from hard-boiled to comic, paranormal to rural, historical to contemporary, noir to cosy. Entries welcome from anywhere in Australia, from published or unpublished writers.

There is a youth category for writers under 18.

Entries are open until Friday 31 July.

Find out more and enter here: <http://www.newc.org.au/thunderbolt-prize-2020.html>

Macquarie University | Q&A Series

We’re bringing Macquarie University to you! Every Tuesday and Thursday starting Tuesday 12 May, 4pm-5pm

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This virtual Q&A series gives you the chance to ask our student ambassadors any question you like. With a different topic every session, select one or multiple dates to attend. Topics include early entry, adjustment factors, accommodation, uni life, scholarships and courses you can study.

Register now to secure your place.

Find out more: https://macquarie.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_c0HhpBlgTlmWEUoHYhz49g

Education at ACU in 2021

From 2021, ACU will be offering their new Bachelor of Education for you to study at any of their campuses.

You can choose from a variety of specialities, including primary, secondary or special education.

Find out more about the new course offerings here: <https://www.acu.edu.au/study-at-acu/find-a-course/new-courses>

Monash Hands on Health Virtual Work Experience

Are you ready to immerse yourself in the world of healthcare and gain the skills necessary to make a positive impact in the world? Here's how you can do it with Monash University's two-day virtual work experience program.

Using online collaborative tools, Monash's unique two-day program will increase access to work experience opportunities for students from across Australia. The program will employ small group teaching techniques and methods (6-8 students in each group) and give participants an opportunity to:

- learn about health careers and pathways to study them at Monash
- learn interpersonal skills that healthcare workers require
- gain knowledge that is helpful in solving healthcare problems
- interact with medicine, nursing and allied healthcare students
- practice healthcare skills and participate in hands-on workshops

There are several dates the program will run from May to September.

[Learn more](#)

Want to study Medicine at University?

Lots of people aspire to become Doctors, if you're one of them and you already know it's going to take many years of studying after high school to accomplish your dream, that's a good start.

But what else do you know about the pathway to becoming a Doctor?

Applying for Medicine is competitive, but not unachievable

You probably also know that following this dream is going to mean you'll be up against some stiff competition from students across Australia. Medicine degrees often have really high entry requirements, but don't let that put you off.

Yes, you should continue to study hard and keep striving for your best personal results. But if your predicted ATAR high isn't enough to apply for one of the more prestigious all-in-one programs, don't be disheartened.

You could:

- Get tutoring to help you boost your scores
- Investigate alternative options and graduate as a Doctor in around the same amount of time.

Are you eligible to apply?

Medicine courses often list prerequisites to ensure you'll have the required foundation knowledge to do well on your chosen course. You may have to have studied specific subjects at high school for your application to be accepted, they may include:

Maths (mid-level or higher)

Chemistry

Biology

Physics

If possible, start your research in Year 10. Find out if there's a specific course you'd be interested in applying for then tailor your subject selections to avoid disappointment later.

It's also important to choose a few subjects that you're passionate about other than the above.

These could be part of your Plan B or back up in case you have a change of heart about studying medicine.

Help your medicine application stand out

In such a competitive field, amazing high school results aren't the only thing you'll need to get your application across the line. You'll need to ensure that your extra-curricular activities reflect well on you too.

In particular medical schools are looking for:

- **Passion and dedication**

Excelling outside of the classroom could illustrate you've got what it takes to stay the distance on a long and challenging learning curve. So make sure that no matter what your focus is at school you give it your all, whether it's sports, drama, music, leadership, mentoring or even debating.

- **Commitment to learning and compassion**

As a Doctor you will never stop learning as new drugs, treatments and illnesses are discovered you'll have to be on top of it all. Plus, a great Doctor will need an excellent bedside manner and way with people.

How do you develop those skills before tertiary studies and how can you illustrate that you have them on your application?

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- Volunteering in any capacity shows willingness to learn and empathy for others
- Community work, getting involved in local projects, raising money on behalf of community groups and charities, being active within your community and trying to make a difference (even if it's just to one person), could really make a difference to your skills, outlook and of course your application.

- **Experience**

Any experience in the medical field before applying to study as a Doctor could really boost your application too. With the added benefits it could help you decide if it really is the right career for you, and give you some confidence going in to the field you'll be studying.

You could try one or more of these options:

- Get work experience in a GP's office, dentist, pathology lab, care home, a pharmacy, physio, or at your local hospital. You may not be allowed to do much, but shadowing will give you plenty of insight as to what a day in the life of health professional really looks like, and highlight some of the qualities you'll need to succeed
- Obtain a first aid certificate and work at events where you could put it to good use, or at least watch and assist while other experts do. Becoming a [St John's Ambulance Volunteer](#) could be an option, or find similar opportunities in your state or territory.
- Look at volunteer abroad opportunities, in some cases students aged 15-18 with an interest in medicine are able to get some basic field experience. [Projects Abroad](#) are one example of a company offering this kind of experience.

Note: Yes, this option could be challenging during the Corona Virus pandemic, but you could plan and fundraise for a future trip, maybe even reserve your spot. Alternatively you could find projects in your own state and communities.

- Attend any workshops and programs run by the universities' medical schools, or even take the initiative and contact them to see if there's any way you could get involved outside of term time.

Learn about the UCAT

To be eligible to apply for some courses you must have taken the [University Clinical Aptitude Test \(UCAT ANZ\)](#). It's been designed to help universities select candidates with the "appropriate abilities and professional behaviours" Doctors will need.

This test should be completed in Year 12 *before* you submit your university applications.

In 2020 the registrations to sit the UCAT close on **May 11**, you'll need to find out if you need to sit the test, register and pay (the fee is \$298) before the cut-off date. Testing will take place between 1 and 31 July, and you'll get your results in early September.

You'll be tested in 5 areas:

- Verbal Reasoning
- Decision Making
- Quantitative Reasoning
- Abstract Reasoning
- Situational Judgement

You can read more about the UCAT in their [official 2020 guide](#).

Let your personality shine

For the most part applications are quite dry, you're simply providing information about yourself and your education in a standardised and clinical format. The personal statement and supporting evidence sections are your chance to impress the panel with you, so do your best work.

Spend some time getting the wording right (pay attention to any word limits), keep editing it and get other people to read it to make sure you've nailed it. Explain why you'd love a career in medicine. Highlight your passions, skills and experience that could help you succeed in your future studies. Don't forget to proofread applications plenty of times, and don't rush, to get the very best results.

Be well prepared for interviews

If your application is spot on and you've met all the prerequisites, your last chance to really wow is at the interview.

Everyone gets nervous at interviews, being well prepared could help you feel more confident going in and help you to perform your best.

So how do you [prepare for interviews](#)?

- Get lots of practise ahead of time, ask parents or friends to help you out by asking you relevant questions
- Use [mock interview resources](#)
- Find previous example questions and rehearse your responses
- Familiarise yourself with the type of interview you'll be going into, they could be:
- **MMI (Multiple Mini Interview)** you'll have to go to different stations, read a prompt and then respond appropriately
- **Semi structured interviews** are a more traditional style of interview, where you'll be in a room with 2 or 3 interviewers who will ask you questions about you, your education, why you'd like to be a Doctor.
- **Unstructured interviews** are not very common, these are a more informal group style interview to gauge your personality and how you get on in a group setting.
- Think of a few of your own questions that you'd like to ask.

Get your finances in order

Unfortunately the rumours are right, studying medicine is going to get expensive. It might seem daunting at first, but there are plenty of options to help you make your goal a reality.

You could start preparing yourself by finding out:

- how much courses cost
- research Commonwealth supported and bonded places
- find scholarship you can apply for
- learn about FEE-HELP loans
- speak with Centrelink about other loans and entitlements you could be eligible for
- start saving towards your degree
- work on a budget that could help reduce your overall debts

Our blog "[University Finance Options Explained](#)" could be a useful place to start.

Work on a Plan B

While it's great to be confident when you're starting off your applications, imagine if you weren't offered a place at the only university you applied to. Or something unexpected happens in your final year of school that affects your results, or you simply change your mind.

What is your Plan B?

If you don't already have one, it's probably time to start planning. Look at applying to more than one university – yes that means extra work, but it could also save you stress later in the year.

Look at alternative pathways into medicine, e.g. applying for a related undergraduate course with lower entry requirements that could qualify you to apply for a post graduate medical degree.

Even consider a Plan C – if you don't end up studying medicine, what other careers would interest you? Maybe put in some applications for other courses too.

Follow your dreams

With hard work and some preparation, you could find yourself studying to be a Doctor before you know it.

If you'd like more help, we've updated our popular [Entry to Medicine 2021 Guide](#). Covering all aspects about applying, listing all the relevant courses, universities and options to consider, the Guide could help you navigate your pathway more easily.

Writing NSW

Writing NSW are an organisation making positive differences by bringing together aspirational, emerging, developing and established writers. They also provide support, writing programs and services.

They offer courses for a variety of genres and writing levels.

Special events are held throughout the year. You'll still find some online ones you can register for right now.

You could even have your writing professionally reviewed, or receive one-to-one mentorship from established writers and publishers.

You'll also find information about grants and prizes available, and a host of other resources for you to use including tips on writing, the latest news and podcasts.

If you're an aspiring writer in NSW, you can check out their website at <https://writingnsw.org.au/>.

Job Spotlight

How to become a Web Designer

What do Web Designers do?

Web Designers use a range of skills to build, redesign and maintain websites for their clients. Using both creative and technical skills they generate websites that are functional, meet the needs of different businesses and organisations, are aesthetically appealing and user friendly.

If you're creative with a flair for graphic design and the ability to see the bigger picture then this could be a great career for you to consider.

About you:

- Great technical skills including coding, graphic design, UX, design software and devices, strong maths skills could be beneficial too
- Impressive communication skills as you'll need to ascertain your client's requirements, and SEO, content writing and marketing are also important aspects of this job
- Organised, great at managing your time efficiently, and happy to constantly update your knowledge and skills

The job:

- Provide advice and ideas, then design concepts to meet customer's needs
- Do research and analysis of suitable technical requirements
- Detail and document plans and layouts for client approval
- Write and edit codes and content
- Design or supervise development of websites and problem solve issues that arise
- Maintain, update and back up regularly

Web Designers salary (average) \$69,000 per year

(Source: Joboutlook.gov.au)

Job growth in Web Design is strong (source: Joboutlook.gov.au)

To remain competitive in this industry it's important to keep up to date with new technology and software, learn new skills and approach each job with a fresh outlook. Always keep a portfolio of your latest work to provide to potential new clients.

How to become a Web Designer in Australia

Formal qualifications aren't essential to becoming a Web Designer in Australia, if you choose to pursue this career without qualifications you'll need to get extensive experience and amass a great portfolio of works. Qualifications could fast track your career.

Step 1 – Strong maths skills could make life easier in this job so make sure you study hard at school, and you don't have to focus entirely on tech or IT subjects.

Step 2 – Learn to code, if this isn't offered at your school you can learn online or attend extracurricular classes and workshops. Focus on HTML and CSS, but learning JavaScript, XML, PHP and other languages is also advantageous.

Step 3 – Get experience of all kinds. Find work experience placements, work on design projects at school, create your own website, volunteer to work on or design websites for other people and organisations.

Step 4 – Start building a portfolio of your work, build on it and keep it updated throughout your career.

Step 5 – Research tertiary courses that might interest you and could boost your entry level into the industry, e.g.

[Website Design – Level 1](#) at RMIT only 10 weeks

[Certificate IV in Programming](#) at TAFE or another RTO – 12 months

[Bachelor of Information Technology \(Web Design and Development\)](#) at the University of Wollongong

Step 6 – Build your online presence, network, keep up to date with new technology, software and design trends

Find out more here –

<https://www.design.org.au/>

<https://www.webindustry.org.au/>

Similar Careers to Web Designer

User Interface Designer

Digital Designer

Web Developer

Graphic Designer

App Developer

Games Developer

SEO Specialist

Multimedia Programmer

Web Content Manager

Find out more about [alternative careers](#).

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

- **How long does it take to become a Web Designer?**

With no formal qualifications, you could enter the world of web design while you're still at high school, you'll need great skills, an artistic mind, access to technology and a desire to succeed. If you would like to jump start your career starting at a higher level, completing a 3-year undergraduate degree could qualify you to apply for more senior roles on graduating.

- **What do Web Designers do?**

Web Designers are masters of many web design trades, they create or fix websites, make them look amazing, provide functionality and great content, keep clients and their end users happy.

- **Where do Web Designers work?**

Many Web Designers are freelance and are able to work remotely, from home or an office in a location of their choice, it could be anywhere in Australia or even in the world.

- **Do I need to go to university to become a Web Designer?**

Liberating Education

A degree isn't necessary for a career as a web designer, but it could be very advantageous and help you get further, faster.

- **Is Web Design a good career?**

It is a competitive career, but is currently a service in demand as more businesses turn to technological solutions, online marketing and sales etc. You might like to read [10 reasons why Web Design could be a good career choice.](#)

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