

Careers Corner Weekly

Events 8th May to 21st May



Monday 08 & 15 May 2023

ACU - Uni Step Up Applications Open

Uni Step-Up Online offers students from regional, rural and remote locations the chance to get a head start on university by studying two first year units while still in senior secondary school.

Uni Step-Up Online is a 2 unit program that is delivered fully online, one night per week during term times.

Time: See link below

Location: See link below

Details and Registration:

[https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2023/january/uni-step-up-applications-are-now-open?](https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2023/january/uni-step-up-applications-are-now-open?redirect=%26FilterBy%3dUpcoming%26Year%3d2023%26PageNumber%3d1)

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Defence Careers Australia - A Virtual Night in the Army Reserve

Consider serving locally in the army Reserve. You will be part of something exciting, challenging and rewarding all while learning new skills and giving back to the community—and tax-free pay!

To find out more about the rewarding challenges and experiences on offer, join us for a virtual info session. Speak with current serving members about their own experiences and advice, and learn about the wide range of part-time jobs available.

Time: 06:00 PM - 07:00 PM

Location: Online

Details and Registration:

<https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/events/events-detail/6wsn7kf>



Defence Careers Australia - Perth: Defence Careers Information Session

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

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

Time: 06:00 PM - 07:30 PM

Location: Defence Force Recruiting Perth

Details and Registration:

<https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/events/events-detail/rfmpypq>

Wednesday 10 May 2023

The University of Western Australia - 2024 Health and Medicine courses

Are you a current Year 11 or Year 12 planning to apply for one of UWA's Health and Medicine courses? Join us at our upcoming information session on Wednesday 10 May to find out everything you need to know about UWA's Health and Medicine courses, entry requirements, how to apply and career opportunities.

This event will be live-streamed for those unable to join us on campus.

Time: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: Octagon Theatre, UWA Perth Campus and Online

Details and Registration:

<https://www.uwa.edu.au/study/Events/2024-Health-and-Medicine-Courses>

Curtin University - Pathway Support Day

Thinking about applying to uni but have a few questions about the various pathways on offer?

Come down to Curtin Connect to chat with one of our Future Student Advisors about your pathway options, including ATAR entry, Portfolio entry, enabling pathways, and more!

Time: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Location: Curtin Perth

Details and Registration:

<https://www.curtin.edu.au/events/pathway-support-may/>



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Wednesday 10 May 2023

UWA - 2024 Early Offers and Entry Pathways

Are you a current Year 12 looking to kick-start your career journey at UWA? Join us at our upcoming information session on Wednesday 10 May to find out everything you need to know about UWA's entry pathways for 2024 including, Early Offers, Experience-based entry and the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT).

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Time: 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Location: Octagon Theatre, UWA Perth Campus and Online

Details and Registration:

<https://www.uwa.edu.au/study/Events/2024-Early-Offers-and-Entry-Pathways>



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Thursday 11 May 2023

CDU Live - Careers of the Future

Wondering what to study and what the future might hold?

Find out what careers and sectors are likely to grow and what transferable skills will help you in your prospective careers.

What you'll get out of this webinar:

discover the emerging jobs of the future
gain a perspective of job trends in the next five years

Time:

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM WA

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM QLD, NSW, ACT, TAS

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM NT, SA

Location: Online

Details and Registration:

<https://www.cdu.edu.au/events/cdu-live-careers-future>

Thursday 11 May 2023

SAE - Perth Info Night

Info Night is your one stop event to experience SAE as a student.

Whether you want to view student work, specific facilities or chat with our experienced faculty or advisors, this night is your chance to meet your people, and experience for yourself, SAE.

Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Location: 116-120 Roe Street, Northbridge, WA, 6003

Details and Registration:

<https://sae.edu.au/event/sae-perth-info-night/>



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Time: 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

Location: Curtin Perth

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Tuesday 16 May 2023

ACU - Returning to study as a non-school leaver: entry, pathways and RPL webinar

Unsure what to expect when you return to study? In this webinar, our Future Students team will take you through the application process, entry requirements and ACU's recognition of prior learning (RPL) process.

You'll hear from a current student who will share their experience of returning to study from a non-Year 12 background. And you will have the opportunity to ask the presenters questions - so you can put your mind at ease.

Time: 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Location: Online

Details and Registration:

<https://www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events/2023/may/returning-to-study-as-a-non-school-leaver-entry-pathways-and-rpl-webinar?redirect=%26FilterBy%3dUpcoming%26Year%3d2023%26PageNumber%3d1>

Defence Careers Australia - Trade Careers Information Session

Apply your existing trade skills or receive world-class training in order to work with formidable military assets and enjoy the many benefits of a career in the Australian Defence Force.

To find out more about available trade roles, come along to an info session and speak with current serving personnel.

Time: 06:00 PM - 07:30 PM

Location: Online and Defence Force Recruiting Perth

Details and Registration:

<https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/events/events-detail/vymbhpk>

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Curtin University

How to Prepare for Interviews

Congratulations! You've landed an interview. But how can you prepare yourself to make the best impression? Here are some tips to help you get ready:

Research the business

Before the interview, take the time to research the company and the role you've applied for. Check out their website, social media, and any recent news articles about them. Understanding the company's values and mission will help you align your answers to the job requirements by using similar language.

Practice your responses

Prepare responses to commonly asked interview questions. Rehearsing your answers ahead of time will help you feel more confident and articulate during the interview. You can rehearse in front of a mirror, record yourself, or practice face to face with a friend or family member.

Plan your appearance

Your appearance plays a big role in making a first impression, so it's important to put time and effort into looking the part. Choose an appropriate outfit and make sure it's clean and ironed. Even if the company is quite casual, it's best to err on the side of dressing more formally for an interview. Details like your hair, makeup, nails, and other accessories all add up to a big picture, so make sure to consider these too.

Be on time

Arriving early is crucial. Plan your route, consider traffic and public transport timetables, and arrive at least 10 minutes before your interview time. This will give you time to compose yourself and collect your thoughts beforehand.



Take a portfolio

Even if you have already submitted your resume and references, taking them with you will make you look prepared and professional. They might come in handy if the employer asks for them, or you might like to refer to awards, certificates, or work samples to support your interview answers. You can even take a sheet of notes to jog your memory on how to answer certain questions.

Follow up

After the interview, be sure to send a thank-you email or note to the interviewer. This is a great opportunity to reiterate your interest in the position and thank them for their time.

How to Stand Out in Group Interviews



Group interviews involve a variety of activities to assess your personality and enterprise skills. While the idea may seem intimidating, they can actually be pretty fun. Following are examples of group interview activities and strategies you can use to stand out:

Icebreakers

You might be asked to introduce yourself or play an interactive game to help the group feel more comfortable working together.

Role-play

The group may be asked to agree upon and act out a solution to a customer complaint, or another common scenario. Role-play is a great opportunity to demonstrate that you are a confident, clear communicator who can think on their feet and solve problems.

Group discussions and presentations

Your group may need to discuss a given topic and then present your conclusion. These activities are used to assess your communication, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills.

Understand group dynamics

Be friendly and engage with the other applicants. Show respect and listen to what others are saying. This will demonstrate your interpersonal skills and your ability to work in a team.

Practice your elevator pitch

Prepare a concise, impactful elevator pitch that highlights your skills, experience, and why you're the best person for the job. This will demonstrate self-confidence and good preparation when you introduce yourself.

Take initiative

It's easy to blend in and let others take the lead, however, taking initiative and leading activities or discussions helps you stand out by demonstrating leadership and collaboration.

Ask questions

Asking questions shows your interest and demonstrates critical thinking. It's also a great way to learn more about the company and the job requirements.

There's nothing more stressful than being put on the spot by a question you don't know how to answer! A bit of preparation can go a long way to helping you feel at ease, so here are some tough interview questions and tips to answer them:

"Tell me about yourself."

This is often the first question in an interview, and it can feel awkward if you haven't thought of an answer. Keep your response positive, concise, and relevant. For example:

- *I'm a student at North Heights High, and my favourite subject is P.E. I play mixed netball and referee at my little sister's football games. I also volunteer in my school canteen, so I already have some customer service skills. I'm really into sport and like interacting with people which is why I'm interested in working at The Best Sports Store.*

"What are your weaknesses?"

This question is tricky, as you're trying to make a good impression - not highlight your weaknesses! Be honest however, but choose something you're working to improve. For example:

- *We only take cash at the canteen, so I've never used an Eftpos machine or PoS system. These are things I'd need training in, but I'm willing to learn and will ask for help until I feel confident.*

"Why should we hire you?"

This question lets you showcase your strengths and fit for the role. Focus on your skills and experience. For example:



- *I love sports and people which is evident through my involvement in netball, refereeing, and volunteering. I know quite a bit about all kinds of sports, so I can help a variety of customers with their needs. I've already got basic customer service skills and I'm keen to learn more. I work really well in a team, so I'd be a great fit for this company and job.*

"Tell me about a time you faced a challenging situation."

This question tests your problem-solving skills. Use the STAR (Situation, Task, Action, Result) method and provide a specific example. For example:

- *During a netball game our team was significantly behind. I felt really discouraged but tried to remain positive and inspire my teammates to keep trying their best. Even though we didn't win, staying in good spirits helped us score more goals and we still felt proud of our effort. This taught me the value of persisting and being a supportive teammate.*



Virtual interviews are increasingly popular as a convenient way to interview. While they allow you to interview from home, they come with a different set of challenges from face to face interviews.

Here are some tips to help you ace them:

Get your set up right

Set yourself up somewhere you won't be disturbed by people, pets, or noise. This will help you focus and make a good impression.

Notice what the interviewer will see in the background - a nice painting or pot plant is fine, but if it's your messy bedroom floor select a plain, professional background. Any other background could send the wrong message or distract the interviewer.

Set your camera to a flattering angle which is usually at eye height or slightly above, and try to locate the light source in front of you.

Test your technology

Check the correspondence from the employer so you know which online platform they will use. Pre-download and test it, check your internet connection, your camera and microphone.

Dress professionally

Just because you're at home, it doesn't mean you should dress casually. Dress and groom yourself exactly as you would for a face to face interview, (at least from your head to your waist), to show that you're taking the interview and job opportunity seriously.

Make eye contact

While it's natural to look at the interviewer's face on your screen, it might not look like you're making eye contact. You need to look directly at your camera to appear confident and engaged, even if you can't see the interviewer.

Check your non-verbal cues

Non-verbal communication is more difficult to convey in online interviews, as the interviewer can't read your body language as easily.

In addition to your grooming and eye contact, pay attention to your tone of voice and facial expressions.

Record a practise run through with a friend or family member and watch it back to see how you come across. based on what you see and hear, make adjustments to your appearance, voice, and body language for the real interview.

All competitions and challenges below are **FREE** to enter and open to students nationwide.



Competition	Open To	Closing Date
<p><u>What Matters? Writing Competition</u> Respond to the question 'what matters?' in up to 600 words.</p>	Grade 5 - Year 12	5 May 2023
<p><u>Microsoft Imagine Cup</u> An introduction to (AI), machine learning, and cybersecurity. Suitable for all levels, especially beginners.</p>	Ages 13 - 18	10 May 2023
<p><u>Canvas Art Award</u> Creatively interpret the brief into an illustration.</p>	Years 7 - 12	14 May 2023
<p><u>Enterprising Girls Challenge</u> Learn the innovation, design thinking, and tech skills to think like a Girl Boss and start your own business.</p>	Girls aged 10 - 18	N/A