



CAREERS NEWSLETTER

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HSC and Careers Expo 2025

Organisation: Resources for Courses

Location: Royal Randwick Racecourse

Date: May 29 to May 31, 2025

The HSC and Careers Expo 2025 will be held on Thursday 29 May, Friday 30 May and Saturday 31 May, 9am-3pm at the Royal Randwick Racecourse.

On Thursday and Friday, students can attend seminars on subjects including English and Maths plus presentations on subject selection for Year 10 students, information on applying through UAC and the ATAR. Seating at the seminars is on a first come, first served basis.

[Find out more and register](#)

Future Leaders Workshop – Coffs Harbour

Organisation: Southern Cross University

Location: SCU Coffs Harbour Campus

Date: May 29, 2025

Join us for Future Leaders, a free full-day workshop facilitated by world record-breaking pilot and leadership development speaker, Lachie Smart. With engaging content, practical activities, and a supportive environment, the event aims to inspire students to unlock their potential, lead with confidence, and make a positive impact in their schools and communities.

This event is for Year 11 and 12 students; specifically student representatives, aspiring school leaders and anyone wanting to enhance their confidence and resilience in leadership.

- Explore our campus and experience our state-of-the-art campus facilities.
- Through interactive activities, develop strategic plans and acquire essential leadership skills.
- Meet current Southern Cross University students and network with us throughout the day.
- Enjoy a catered morning tea and lunch on us.

[Find out more and register](#)



Open Day 2025

Organisation: Endeavour College of Natural Health

Location: Endeavour Adelaide, Brisbane, Gold Coast, Melbourne, Perth & Sydney Campuses

Date: May 31, 2025

Open Day is a unique opportunity to see your local campus first-hand and chat one-on-one with experts before you take the plunge and enrol.

Why not see what student life with Endeavour College looks like? Tour the facilities, learn about student life, and chat to our team of academics and admissions advisers on the day. Friends and family are welcome to accompany you.

[Find out more and register](#)

Simulated UCAT Day Workshop, Online

Organisation: National Institute of Education

Location: Online

Date: June 1, 2025

If you are in Years 10, 11, 12, or you may be older and considering sitting the UCAT in the future, then this program is for you. The Simulated UCAT Workshop program is ideal and often a necessary step towards effective and efficient preparation for the UCAT.

The workshop is primarily designed to cover fundamental techniques in navigating all five sections of the UCAT test and also for participants to gain a better understanding of their own level of preparedness for the test.

The program runs over one full day of UCAT training, and Part 2, which is a 3-hour session for students and parents.

[Find out more and register](#)

Future Leaders Workshop – Northern Rivers

Organisation: Southern Cross University

Location: SCU Northern Rivers Campus

Date: June 3, 2025

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Sydney College of the Arts Portfolio Evening

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Sydney Camperdown Campus

Date: June 3, 2025

Don't miss the opportunity to join us at the Sydney College of the Arts Portfolio Evening, in-person, for tailored feedback and valuable insights to elevate your portfolio to support your application.

Your portfolio is a key part of your application to study a Bachelor of Visual Arts or Bachelor of Visual Arts and Bachelor of Advanced Studies at the University of Sydney.

As part of the Portfolio Evening, you'll be able to speak with our experienced staff to:

- gain personalised, one-on-one feedback and advice on your current portfolio and how to enhance your submission from our academic staff
- receive information about our degrees, specialised facilities, and student opportunities inside and outside the classroom.



[Find out more and register](#)

Sydney College of the Arts Portfolio Evening Online

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: June 3, 2025

Don't miss the opportunity to join us at the Sydney College of the Arts Portfolio Evening online, for tailored feedback and valuable insights to elevate your portfolio to support your application.

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SCCE Information Session Webinar

Organisation: Southern Cross Cultural Exchange

Location: Online

Date: June 3, 2025

Preparing for your exchange program is an important part of the process and is vital to continued program success. At these online meetings, an experienced member of our team will share an overview of the high school exchange programs with Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

You'll learn more about living with a host family and how studying overseas can help you develop confidence and independence... and gain a lifetime of memories.

Explore your destinations, program options and ask questions about how you can immerse yourself into a new life, culture, family, and high school overseas.

[Find out more and register](#)

NSW Mining Orange Careers Dinner

Organisation: NSW Mining Careers

Location: Orange Ex-Services Club

Date: June 3, 2025

NSW mining offers rewarding careers for a whole range of people in high-skilled jobs in mining regions, rural locations and metropolitan areas.

That's because it takes a lot of people in a lot of different jobs to keep our NSW mines working.

Learn about the different types of career pathways you could follow that match your interests and skills.

As always, NSW Mining Careers Dinners are free events, including a meal, and an expansive industry showcase with displays and guest speakers from local mining employers, universities, and training providers.

[Find out more and register](#)

Calling All Budding Scientists!

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: June 4, 2025

Are you an aspiring scientist keen to change the world for the better?

From astrophysics to wildlife conservation and, medicinal chemistry to the history and philosophy of science, a degree in science could lead to a diverse and rewarding career anywhere and everywhere.

Join our academic expert to learn about studying science in the vibrant scientific community at the University of Sydney; the wide range of science major options, advanced study options, flexible and specialist degree pathways, research opportunities, industry engagement and exciting student life.

[Find out more and register](#)

Engineering Information Evening



Organisation: University of New South Wales

Location: Online

Date: June 4, 2025

The problems and ideas that will impact society over the next two decades rest on the shoulders of our future engineers. From transitioning to Net Zero Carbon Emissions through decarbonisation to tackling the next big Cyber Security threats, merging biology with technology, and creating the most sustainable infrastructure projects – all of this requires technical skills and expertise, along with creative problem solving.

Start your journey at UNSW Engineering - the #1 ranked Engineering Faculty in Australia, and 25th in the world. Join us online to hear from our expert panel of academic staff and advisers. You'll gain insights about our range of programs designed to equip you with the skills and knowledge needed to excel in the engineering landscape of today and tomorrow.

You will also hear from our current students and alumni about their student experiences and the opportunities available to you as an Engineering student at UNSW.

Additionally, find out detailed information on the application and admissions process for 2026 entry, including our Portfolio Entry Early Conditional Offer Scheme and adjustment factors.

[Find out more and register](#)

Music Portfolio Evening Online

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: June 4, 2025

Make your application stand out and join us at our Music Portfolio Evening on Wednesday, 4 June.

We encourage you to take this opportunity to receive tailored advice from our academic staff and gain valuable insights to elevate your portfolio, which is a crucial element to your application to study a Bachelor of Music (Composition), Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Advanced Studies (Composition), Bachelor of Music Composition for Creative Industries Program, and Bachelor of Music Contemporary Music Practice Program at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music.

At this online event, you'll receive personalised feedback on your music portfolio, speak directly with our staff, and learn about our courses and submission processes.

[Find out more and register](#)

Meet the University of Sydney – Wagga Wagga

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Mercure Wagga Wagga

Date: June 5, 2025

Join us for an information evening to find out about the University of Sydney!

Learn about our Regional and Remote Entry Scheme and MySydney Scheme.

The session will also cover information about courses, admission requirements, entry schemes/pathways, fees, scholarships and accommodation, as well as the type of support available on campus. Uni students and alumni from Regional NSW will share stories, tips on moving away from home and advice about their journey to university and beyond.

You'll also get the chance to speak with staff and students and have your questions answered.

[Find out more and register](#)

UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship Information Webinar

Organisation: University of Queensland

Location: Online

Date: June 6, 2025

The UQ Ramsay Undergraduate Scholarship is open to school leavers from across Australia interested in studying humanities in 2026, and provides up to 30 full-time enrolled students approximately \$20,000 per year for the first 3 years of the Western Civilisation program.

Join UQ for a webinar to:



- learn more about the scholarship requirements and application dates
- explore UQ's programs in Western Civilisation.

[Find out more and register](#)

Online Campus Day

Organisation: Academy of Interactive Entertainment

Location: Online

Date: June 7, 2025

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation, film and visual effects at the AIE Online Campus Day. AIE will be running this event for students interested in studying online. You will be able to meet our teachers, explore how classes will run, course options, career pathways and see our amazing student work.

We will be covering everything you need to know about the:

- careers in games and VFX that we train students for;
- studios and industries that we work with;
- courses we offer - from beginners to professional mastery, and;
- the software, skills and knowledge we teach.

[Find out more and register](#)

Year 12 Information Evening Online

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Online

Date: June 11, 2025

Join us online for an exclusive information evening for Year 12 students and their caregivers to answer all your questions about joining the vibrant Sydney University community next year.

Hear from our expert staff to learn about university entry, scholarships, study options, accommodation options, interstate-specific information and more.

Get expert advice on entry requirements and the application process from UAC and the Sydney Future Students team.

Discover the exciting journey that awaits you as a current student shares their own journey to university and their University of Sydney experience.

Have your questions answered during the live Q&A at the end of the session.

[Find out more and register](#)

Year 12 Gadigal Open Night

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Sydney Camperdown Campus

Date: June 12, 2025

Thinking about uni? Come along to our Gadigal Open Night!

We're inviting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Years 11 and 12 along to a special evening at the University of Sydney. Bring along your parents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and siblings for a yarn, a feed, and a warm welcome at the Gadigal Centre.

This is your chance to experience our vibrant community, explore your options, and get the info you need to take your next steps.

[Find out more and register](#)

EngFest 2025

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: CSU Bathurst Campus

Date: June 16, 2025

EngFest is Charles Sturt's annual celebration of civil engineering, with exhibitions and presentations of student works and research, school visits and information sessions, a careers expo, industry networking, professional development events and more.

It brings together students, cadet and professional civil engineers, researchers, representatives of Engineers Australia, interested members of the public and school students.



[Find out more and register](#)

Elevate Program: Applicant Information Session

Organisation: Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering

Location: Online

Date: June 16, 2025

Applications are open for the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences & Engineering's [Elevate: Boosting diversity in STEM program](#). The Elevate program aims to address gender inequities in STEM through fostering more industry-academia collaborations in applied research and business, growing professional skills of women and non-binary people in STEM and propelling women and non-binary people into leadership.

Anyone interested in learning more about the program and applying for the 2026 intake is invited to join ATSE for a public online information session.

The session will be accessible, with live captions, and an ASL interpreter. Event recordings will be made publicly available after the event on ATSE's YouTube channel.

[Find out more and register](#)

Year 12 Regional Gadigal Open Night

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: School of Rural Health, Dubbo

Date: June 19, 2025

Thinking about uni? Come along to our Regional Gadigal Open Night!

We're inviting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in Years 11 and 12 along to a special evening at USYD's School of Rural Health, Dubbo. Bring along your parents, aunts, uncles, cousins, and siblings for a yarn, a feed, and a warm welcome to the University of Sydney.

This is your chance to experience our vibrant community, explore your options, and get the info you need to take your next steps.

[Find out more and register](#)

Sydney Open Campus 2025

Organisation: The Hotel School

Location: The Hotel School Sydney Campus

Date: June 21, 2025

Join us for an inspiring day at The Hotel School Australia's Open Campus, where you'll experience student life first hand through an exclusive Masterclass, hear from a special industry guest speaker, meet our academic and support teams, explore course options, and discover career pathways with our Professional Learning team. You'll also have the chance to connect with current students and fellow attendees - all while enjoying light refreshments.

Whether you're a high school student, considering a transfer, or exploring new opportunities, this event is the perfect way to take the next step.

[Find out more and register](#)

Open Day 2025, Sydney

Organisation: Australian Institute of Music

Location: AIM Sydney Campus

Date: June 21, 2025

Join us for Open Day, and experience everything AIM has to offer. Register to save your spot today!

See our campus, get course advice, experience live performances, meet our academics and students, and get involved in activities that will give you a taste of student life here at AIM.

Whether you're ready to study now, or in five years, Open Day is open to all and a fantastic opportunity to discover how the Australian Institute of Music can help turn your passion for music into a career.

[Find out more and register](#)



UTS Tech Fest

Organisation: University of Technology Sydney

Location: UTS City Campus

Date: June 23 to July 4, 2025

Are you a high school student dreaming of a career in tech? Come and feed your curiosity at Tech Fest.

- Explore the study and career possibilities in Engineering and IT. Whether it's cybersecurity, civil engineering, robotics, or artificial intelligence, see the exciting opportunities in these areas and how you can be part of the next big thing!
- Hear from current students about their study journeys and career aspirations. Get an insight into the life of an engineering or IT student at UTS and discover the student societies you could join.
- We'll take you behind the scenes with exclusive lab tours. See how cutting-edge tech brings new ideas to life.

[Find out more and register](#)

Discover Nursing

Organisation: University of Technology Sydney

Location: UTS City Campus

Date: June 25, 2025

Are you planning to start your nursing studies in 2026?

Discover how you can become a Registered Nurse at Australia's #1 uni for academic reputation in nursing and midwifery.

Hear about diverse nursing careers from industry speakers, meet our academic teachers & ask current students about the UTS Bachelor of Nursing. Tour our world-class clinical facilities and explore your future campus!

[Find out more and register](#)

Western Sydney Careers Expo 2025

Organisation: Resources for Courses

Location: Sydney Olympic Park

Date: June 26 to June 28, 2025

The Western Sydney Careers Expo 2025 will be held on Thursday 26 June, Friday 27 June and Saturday 28 June, 9am-3pm at Sydney Olympic Park.

On Thursday and Friday, students can attend seminars on subjects including English and Maths plus presentations on subject selection for Year 10 students, information on applying through UAC and the ATAR. Seating at the seminars is on a first come, first served basis.

[Find out more and register](#)

Open Day 2025, Wollongong

Organisation: University of Wollongong

Location: UOW Wollongong Campus

Date: June 28, 2025

The University of Wollongong (UOW) Open Day is the perfect opportunity to visit our amazing Wollongong campus, speak with our staff and students, and see why UOW is ranked as one of the best universities for student experience.

Whether you are looking at your next steps after Year 12, or you finished school some time ago and are looking for a pathway into university, Open Day is for you.

[Find out more and register](#)

2025 STEM-Sell

Organisation: The Engineering Link Group

Location: WestConnex Motorway Control Centre

Date: July 1 to July 2, 2025

The Engineering Link Group's STEM-Sell program is designed for Year 8 and 9 students. This engaging, low-stakes competition allows teams of three students from each school to complete an engineering challenge. Hosted either at a venue nominated by the sponsor or at a local high school, the program provides a unique opportunity for students to explore the exciting world of engineering.



Due to the demand in 2024, we are offering two separate days. Schools are encouraged to register for one day only. The program on both days is the same.

Date: Tuesday 1st July **OR** Wednesday 2nd July 2025

Time: 9.15 am to 2.15 pm

[Find out more and register](#)

Open Day 2025

Organisation: Western Sydney University

Location: WSU Parramatta South Campus

Date: July 6, 2025

Open Day will be held Sunday, 6 July 2025 and is a great opportunity to discover all that Western has to offer. Explore course options, meet academics and find out about our pathway options.

[Find out more and register](#)

AMPA Dance Experience Day

Organisation: Academy of Music and Performing Arts

Location: AMPA Performing Arts Centre Alexandria

Date: July 7, 2025

Academy of Music and Performing Arts (AMPA) invites dancers to join us on campus for a day of dance. Register and bring your friends along and get ready to move!

Dancers will have a chance to participate in contemporary & improvisation classes facilitated by AMPA's inspiring faculty and experience what studying dance full-time is like at AMPA. A Q&A with the program's Head of Dance will allow aspiring dancers, choreographers, and dance teachers, to gain further insight into tertiary education and how it can benefit their future careers.

[Find out more and register](#)

NAS Winter School

Organisation: National Art School

Location: National Art School

Date: July 7 to July 11, 2025

NAS' short courses are for students of all levels of experience, from beginners to intermediate and advanced. Whether you're a complete beginner, reigniting former interests, or refining your practice, you'll enjoy this immersive week of artmaking at NAS.

[Find out more and register](#)

Holiday Workshop – The Art of Lyrics, Sydney

Organisation: Australian Institute of Music

Location: AIM Sydney Campus

Date: July 7 to July 8, 2025

Created for students in Years 9-12, AIM's new high school music workshops provide incredible opportunities to explore songwriting, mentored by AIM's own accomplished musicians and educators.

This songwriting workshop is essential for any high school students curious about writing songs and performing and is a golden opportunity to work with incredibly accomplished songwriters. Join us these school holidays and discover the songwriter and performer you were born to become.

[Find out more and register](#)

Holiday Workshop – Mastering Performance, Sydney

Organisation: Australian Institute of Music

Location: AIM Sydney Campus

Date: July 7 to July 8, 2025



AIM's new school holiday workshop is designed for high school students interested in music performance. Created for students in Years 9-12, the workshops provide incredible opportunities to experience playing and performing music, mentored by AIM's own accomplished musicians and educators. Learn, practice and perform contemporary and classic pop, rock and soul tunes, under the expertise of Australia's leading music mentors.

[Find out more and register](#)

Campion Winter Program

Organisation: Campion College

Location: Campion College Toongabbie

Date: July 8 to July 11, 2025

Join us for Winter Program, a unique opportunity designed for Year 11 and 12 students who are earnestly contemplating enrolment at Campion College in 2026 or 2027.

Our immersive four-day program provides the opportunity to reside on campus and interact with like-minded peers. We have a fun-filled schedule including a bonfire night, movies, trivia, dancing and sports, as well as sample lectures from our history, literature, philosophy, theology and classics professors.

Given the specialised nature of this program, we have limited spots available to ensure a focused and enriching experience. We encourage interested parties to take a moment to seriously consider if this program aligns with their aspirations before registering.

[Find out more and register](#)

Designer for a Day Workshop

Organisation: Sydney Design School

Location: Sydney Design School, North Sydney

Date: July 8, 2025

Curious about what it might be like to work as an Interior Designer? We have developed the perfect one day workshop for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 to find out more. You'll get hands on in our studios experimenting with colour and materials. Find out what it takes to become a professional Interior Designer and understand what an average day looks like on the job! We've included a 3D modelling activity to give you an opportunity to create an interior space.

[Find out more and register](#)

AMPA Music Theatre Experience Day

Organisation: Academy of Music and Performing Arts

Location: AMPA Surry Hills Campus

Date: July 9, 2025

Academy of Music and Performing Arts (AMPA) invites aspiring Music Theatre majors aged 16 and over to join us on campus for a day of music!

Attendees will have the chance to sit in on a performance class, participate in workshops/Q&As facilitated by AMPA's music faculty and experience what studying music is like at AMPA. Experience a day in the life of an AMPA music student to gain further insight into tertiary education and how it can benefit your future.

[Find out more and register](#)

Event Creation: The Ultimate High School Workshop

Organisation: International College of Management Sydney

Location: ICMS Sydney

Date: July 10, 2025

Join us for an exciting hands-on workshop where you'll dive into the world of event planning! Whether you dream of organising epic school formals, unforgettable parties, or community events, this workshop is your chance to learn the ins and outs of creating experiences that leave a lasting impression.

[Find out more and register](#)



NYSF STEM Hub, Sydney

Organisation: National Youth Science Forum

Location: Sydney

Date: July 14 to July 18, 2025

A STEM Hub is a non-residential STEM experience where you can connect with STEM pathways and careers around Australia. You'll join exclusive behind-the-scenes experiences typically inaccessible to the public and connect with STEM professionals—a crucial networking opportunity for your future.

Whether you're passionate about robotics, biomedicine, astronomy, biology, or anything in between, there's a STEM Hub waiting to show you what a STEM career is really like!

[Find out more and register](#)

AMPA Classical Performance & Composition Experience Day

Organisation: Academy of Music and Performing Arts

Location: AMPA Surry Hills Campus

Date: July 14, 2025

Academy of Music and Performing Arts (AMPA) invites aspiring Classical musicians and Composers aged 16 and over to join us on campus for a day of music!

Attendees will have the chance to sit in on a performance class, participate in workshops/Q&As facilitated by AMPA's music faculty and experience what studying music is like at AMPA. Experience a day in the life of an AMPA music student to gain further insight into tertiary education and how it can benefit your future.

[Find out more and register](#)

AMPA Contemporary Music Performance & Music Production Experience Day

Organisation: Academy of Music and Performing Arts

Location: AMPA Surry Hills Campus

Date: July 17, 2025

Academy of Music and Performing Arts (AMPA) invites aspiring contemporary musicians and music creators aged 16 and over to join us on campus for a day of music!

Attendees will have the chance to sit in on a performance class, participate in workshops/Q&As facilitated by AMPA's music faculty and experience what studying music is like at AMPA. Experience a day in the life of an AMPA music student to gain further insight into tertiary education and how it can benefit your future.

[Find out more and register](#)

Building Your Fashion Empire: From Vision to Vogue

Organisation: International College of Management Sydney

Location: ICMS Sydney

Date: July 17, 2025

Designed for high school students, this hands-on workshop is your chance to dive into the exciting world of fashion and global brand management. Through expert insights and practical exercises, you'll learn how to craft a unique brand identity, understand your target audience, and master key marketing strategies.

[Find out more and register](#)

This is MUSIC@WESTERN

Organisation: Western Sydney University

Location: WSU Kingswood Campus

Date: July 18, 2025

Interested in studying MUSIC@WESTERN? Whether you are a player, a maker, or just interested to see what we do? This is MUSIC@WESTERN day.

See our current students perform. Engage in performance, production and career workshops. Have lunch (on us) with staff and students, parents and teachers.

Everyone is welcome!

After lunch you are invited to interview for course entry. Interviews from 1pm. Get an early offer for 2026.



[Find out more and register](#)

Open Day 2025, Sydney

Organisation: Academy of Interactive Technology

Location: AIT Sydney Campus

Date: July 19, 2025

AIT's Open Day is perfect for those wanting to explore the endless opportunities available in the growing creative industries and to get your questions answered for the Feb 2026 intake.

On the day you'll enjoy:

- Exploring the Careers and Courses: Discover our degrees plus insights into careers and study paths.
- Our Hands-On Creative Workshops: Watch live demos led by our expert educators
- A Guided Campus Tour: Explore our campus and the state-of-the-art facilities
- Discovering Our Facilities: Experience our well equipped Post Production Studio and Green Screen Room
- Chatting with Our Experts: Engage with course advisors, educators and current students to have all your questions answered.

[Find out more and register](#)

Open Day 2025, Liverpool

Organisation: University of Wollongong

Location: UOW Liverpool Campus

Date: July 26, 2025

The University of Wollongong (UOW) Open Day is the perfect opportunity to visit our Liverpool campus, speak with our staff and students, and see why UOW is ranked as one of the best universities for student experience.

Whether you are looking at your next steps after Year 12, or you finished school some time ago and are looking for a pathway into university, Open Day is for you.

[Find out more and register](#)

Open Day 2025, Blacktown

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: ACU Blacktown Campus

Date: July 26, 2025

Open Day is your chance to find out everything you need to know about studying at ACU before you enrol. You'll be able to check out the campus, meet staff and students, discuss entry pathways, and talk to experts about your study options and career goals.

[Find out more and register](#)

Northern Rivers Careers Expo 2025

Organisation: Connect Northern Rivers

Location: Lismore Showgrounds

Date: July 29, 2025

Held annually in July, the Northern Rivers Careers Expo is the region's premier careers event. Showcasing career advice, further education, jobs and training, it is an opportunity for local school leavers, job seekers and workers to develop genuine long-term career prospects.

Exhibitors include apprenticeship organisations, career pathway advisers, employers, tertiary education, training providers, universities and volunteer organisations. A one-stop-shop for anyone wanting to begin or grow their career.

[Find out more and register](#)



2025 Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo – Central Coast

Organisation: Brett Carter Events

Location: Mingara Recreation Club

Date: July 29, 2025

Our Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expos are held annually and have grown to a status where they are widely accepted as the premier events of their kind in NSW. The timing of the expos is a hit with families as they allow parents to attend with their children and have those all-important career chats with industry experts. The Expos provide our career/job seekers, business and industry, education providers and employers with the opportunities to all come together under the one roof where exhibitors also get the chance to collect resumes and promote their organisation for upcoming recruitment drives.

[Find out more and register](#)

2025 Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo – Parramatta & Hills District

Organisation: Brett Carter Events

Location: Wenty Leagues

Date: August 5, 2025

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Open Day 2025, Wagga Wagga

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: CSU Wagga Wagga Campus

Date: August 10, 2025

Discover what uni life is like! Whether you're in high school, looking to upskill, want to change careers, or are a parent, teacher or carer – there's something for everyone.

- Jump on a campus tour – explore our facilities and accommodation.
- Get detailed info about courses.
- Chat to current students about Charles Sturt life.
- Be inspired by our expert teaching staff.
- Discover the social side of life at Charles Sturt.
- Enjoy live entertainment, giveaways, competitions and free food!

Plus, you can explore our expo, info, and career and skills hubs. Chat to our friendly teams about our support services, early offer programs and how to boost your hiring potential.

[Find out more and register](#)

Open Day 2025, Coffs Harbour

Organisation: Southern Cross University

Location: SCU Coffs Harbour Campus

Date: August 10, 2025

Open Day at Southern Cross University is a perfect opportunity to discover which courses spark your interest and the campus or study mode that works best for you.

Our friendly study specialists will be on hand to step you through the process of applying for your dream course and answer any questions you have about studying with us.

[Find out more and register](#)



Sydney Careers & Employment Expo 2025

Organisation: Kym Jones Exhibitions

Location: Hordern Pavilion, Moore Park

Date: August 15 to August 16, 2025

Sydney's Careers & Employment Event will open on August 15 & 16, 2025, at the Hordern Pavilion, Moore Park. The Expo will showcase over 120 organisations and employers with career opportunities for all ages. Entry is free.

The event is for school students, parents, teachers, graduates, job seekers, people looking for courses and workers seeking new opportunities.

[Find out more and register](#)

Open Day 2025

Organisation: Macquarie University

Location: Macquarie Wallumattagal Campus

Date: August 16, 2025

We can't wait to welcome you to our campus in 2025!

What you can do on Open Day:

- Attend an info session on some of our most popular degrees
- Speak with our academics about our degrees, majors and specialisations, and how they'll uniquely prepare you for your first career, or help you upskill or reskill if your career is already underway
- Learn about our scholarships, adjustment factors and pathways; and RPL (recognition of prior learning) if you've studied before
- Chat with current students about uni life
- Jump on a campus tour and check out our awesome facilities

Open Day is an experience made for (YOU)^{us}.

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Newcastle Open Day 2025

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: UON, Callaghan & City Campuses

Date: August 16, 2025

Open Day is packed with everything you need to know about going to the University of Newcastle. Participate in degree presentations, info sessions and tours of the campus.

Enjoy a hands-on experience with our program activations, and ask our student ambassadors questions about uni life.

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Open Day 2025

Organisation: International College of Management Sydney

Location: ICMS Manly Campus

Date: August 16, 2025

At the ICMS Open Day you will learn about all the degrees offered and discover why ICMS's personal mentoring approach could make all the difference to your future career success – and help you to make the most of your student years!

- Learn about Undergraduate and Postgraduate Degrees
- Attend Degree Course Briefings with Lecturers
- Get insights from Current Students
- Find out about Scholarships, Early Entry, the Leadership Entry Program and the Elite Athlete Program
- Learn about our Work Integrated Learning (Internship) Program
- Speak personally to Admissions

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Open Day 2025, Sydney

Organisation: ACAP University College

Location: ACAP Sydney Campus

Date: August 16, 2025

Open Day is your chance to experience the ACAP difference, and find your path in the applied professions. Whether you're interested in Counselling, Psychology, Social Work, Criminology, Law, or Business, ACAP is your pathway to making a difference.

Be part of a workshop, meet our industry-renowned facilitators, and hear all about life as an ACAP student. Join us for a day of exploration and inspiration!

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Open Day 2025, Byron Bay

Organisation: ACAP University College

Location: ACAP Byron Bay Campus

Date: August 16, 2025

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Open Day 2025, Byron Bay

Organisation: SAE University College

Location: SAE Byron Bay Campus

Date: August 16, 2025

We're opening the doors to the campus for our biggest event of the year – Open Day!

Come and tour our facilities, speak to faculty members, meet current students, and find out everything you need to know about studying at SAE.

If you're considering studying creative media, come along to SAE's Open Day to speak to our experienced team and learn how you can pursue your passion in this dynamic and expanding industry.

[Find out more and register](#)

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Open Day 2025, Sydney

Organisation: La Trobe University

Location: La Trobe Sydney Campus

Date: August 16, 2025

Why attend Open Day at La Trobe?

- Chat with current students, alumni and teachers to get first-hand advice about your dream course, or just about the best places to eat on campus.



- Explore the campus by yourself or join a guided tour. See our world-class health facilities, leading IT and science labs, business trading room, accommodation and much more.
- Discover your options for placements, internships and work-based learning, and get all your questions answered about your dream course.
- Get a taste of what it's really like to be at uni. Join events and activities or kick back and enjoy the campus – Open Day is the place to see it all.

[Find out more and register](#)

Open Day 2025, Northern Rivers

Organisation: Southern Cross University

Location: SCU Northern Rivers Campus

Date: August 17, 2025

Open Day at Southern Cross University is a perfect opportunity to discover which courses spark your interest and the campus or study mode that works best for you.

Our friendly study specialists will be on hand to step you through the process of applying for your dream course and answer any questions you have about studying with us.

[Find out more and register](#)

Open Day 2025, Albury-Wodonga

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: CSU Albury-Wodonga Campus

Date: August 17, 2025

Discover what uni life is like! Whether you're in high school, looking to upskill, want to change careers, or are a parent, teacher or carer – there's something for everyone.

- Jump on a campus tour – explore our facilities and accommodation.
- Get detailed info about courses.
- Chat to current students about Charles Sturt life.
- Be inspired by our expert teaching staff.
- Discover the social side of life at Charles Sturt.
- Enjoy live entertainment, giveaways, competitions and free food!

Plus, you can explore our expo, info, and career and skills hubs. Chat to our friendly teams about our support services, early offer programs and how to boost your hiring potential.

[Find out more and register](#)

Open Day 2025, Strathfield

Organisation: Australian Catholic University

Location: ACU Strathfield Campus

Date: August 17, 2025

Open Day is your chance to find out everything you need to know about studying at ACU before you enrol. You'll be able to check out the campus, meet staff and students, discuss entry pathways, and talk to experts about your study options and career goals.

[Find out more and register](#)

Open Day 2025, Albury-Wodonga

Organisation: La Trobe University

Location: La Trobe Albury-Wodonga Campus

Date: August 17, 2025

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2025 Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo – Newcastle & Hunter

Organisation: Brett Carter Events

Location: TBA Newcastle

Date: August 19, 2025

Our Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expos are held annually and have grown to a status where they are widely accepted as the premier events of their kind in NSW. The timing of the expos is a hit with families as they allow parents to attend with their children and have those all-important career chats with industry experts. The Expos provide our career/job seekers, business and industry, education providers and employers with the opportunities to all come together under the one roof where exhibitors also get the chance to collect resumes and promote their organisation for upcoming recruitment drives.

[Find out more and register](#)

Open Day 2025, Bathurst

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: CSU Bathurst Campus

Date: August 24, 2025

Discover what uni life is like! Whether you're in high school, looking to upskill, want to change careers, or are a parent, teacher or carer – there's something for everyone.

- Jump on a campus tour – explore our facilities and accommodation.
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2025 Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expo – South Western Sydney & Macarthur

Organisation: Brett Carter Events

Location: Liverpool Catholic Club

Date: August 26, 2025

Our Apprenticeship/Traineeship & Jobs Expos are held annually and have grown to a status where they are widely accepted as the premier events of their kind in NSW. The timing of the expos is a hit with families as they allow parents to attend with their children and have those all-important career chats with industry experts. The Expos provide our career/job seekers, business and industry, education providers and employers with the opportunities to all come together under the one roof where exhibitors also get the chance to collect resumes and promote their organisation for upcoming recruitment drives.

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Central Coast Open Day 2025

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: UON Ourimbah & Gosford Campuses

Date: August 30, 2025

Open Day is packed with everything you need to know about going to the University of Newcastle. Participate in degree presentations, info sessions and tours of the campus.

Enjoy a hands-on experience with our program activations, and ask our student ambassadors questions about uni life.



[Find out more and register](#)

Open Day 2025

Organisation: University of Sydney

Location: Sydney Camperdown Campus

Date: August 30, 2025

Join us at the University of Sydney Open Day on Saturday 30 August 2025. Experience our vibrant student life on campus, hear from academics and current students and discover what makes us different.

[Find out more and register](#)

Open Day 2025

Organisation: University of Technology Sydney

Location: UTS City Campus

Date: August 30, 2025

Info sessions, campus tours, workshops, dancing robots – UTS Open Day has it all. Get a taste of what students can expect at Australia's #1 young uni.

[Find out more and register](#)

Open Day 2025, Orange

Organisation: Charles Sturt University

Location: CSU Orange Campus

Date: August 31, 2025

Discover what uni life is like! Whether you're in high school, looking to upskill, want to change careers, or are a parent, teacher or carer – there's something for everyone.

- Jump on a campus tour – explore our facilities and accommodation.
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2026 National Youth Science Forum Year 12 Program

Organisation: National Youth Science Forum

Location: ANU Acton Campus & UQ St Lucia Campus

Date: January 6 to January 21, 2026

Are you in Year 11 in 2025? Apply now to join us in January!

The National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) Year 12 Program gives students that are about to start Year 12 a broader understanding of study and career options available in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Staying on campus at university colleges, students are immersed in science and technology. Participants:

- participate in tours of science and technology facilities,
- learn about cutting-edge research,
- engage with industry partners and research providers,
- learn about university, training and STEM career pathways,
- mix with like-minded students their age from all over Australia,
- participate in social and team building activities, and
- network with former NYSF participants.

In January 2026, the NYSF Year 12 Program will run two summer sessions at:

- The Australian National University, Canberra (6 –14 January 2026)
- The University of Queensland, Brisbane (13 – 21 January 2026)

As part of the application process, any students experiencing financial hardship or another disadvantage that negatively impacts their ability to attend the program may apply for an [NYSF Access and Equity Scholarship](#).



We also encourage students to seek financial support from NYSF's founding partner, Rotary. Many Rotary Clubs are familiar with the NYSF and able to offer some level of funding or assist students to fundraise to attend. You can use the [Rotary Club Finder](#) to search for your local Club.

Applications close 20 June 2025. You will be advised of the outcome of your application by mid-August.

[Find out more and register](#)

Scholarships

Ma & Morley Scholarship Program

Organisation: University of Newcastle

Location: Australia

Value: Up to \$75,000 AUD

Open Date: July 1, 2025

Close Date: September 14, 2025

[Find out more](#)

Global Footprints Scholarship

Organisation: Global Footprints

Location: Australia

Value: \$9,000 AUD

Open Date: May 1, 2025

Close Date: June 1, 2025

[Find out more](#)

Competitions

The ABC Heywire Competition 2025

Organisation: Australian Broadcasting Corporation

Location: Australia

Value: See details

Open Date: March 3, 2025

Close Date: September 1, 2025

[Find out more](#)

The 2026 Simpson Prize Competition

Organisation: The Simpson Prize

Location: Australia

Value: See details

Open Date: May 1, 2025

Close Date: November 5, 2025

[Find out more](#)



Work

8 jobs for people who love movies

Are you someone who loves watching movies, and might like to make that passion your career? There's a whole world of careers out there that could turn your love for film into a rewarding job. Here's a quick read of 8 exciting jobs for movie enthusiasts like you.

Movie critic

Do you love watching movies and sharing your thoughts about them? You're not just confined to posting your hot takes on [Letterboxd](#) - as a movie critic, you could get paid to review the latest releases. You'd watch films, analyse them, and write reviews that help others decide what to watch. Plus, you might even get invited to exclusive screenings and film festivals.

Makeup artist

If you're good at makeup and love movies, then the life of a movie [makeup artist](#) could be for you. In this role you could find yourself creating anything from zombies to Bridgerton royalty, and interacting with the biggest stars in the industry while you bring their characters to life.

Makeup artists work closely with directors, actors, and costume designers to create the perfect look for each character, whether it's a natural look, special effects makeup, or period-specific styles.

Screenwriter

Ever dreamed of writing your own movie? As a screenwriter, you could create the stories that captivate audiences around the world. Screenwriters write scripts for movies, TV shows, and even video games.

To become a successful screenwriter, you'll need strong writing skills, and if you're already a movie lover, we know you've got the vivid imagination that's key for a screenwriting role.

Sound designer

When you watch movies, do you ever find yourself focusing more on the way the music builds emotion, or zoning in on certain dialogue? If so, you're probably a sound designer in the making.

Sound designers create the audio landscape of a film, from dialogue and sound effects to music and ambient noise.

If you have a passion for sound and a technical mind, this could be the job for you. Sound designers work with directors and editors to ensure the audio enhances the overall viewing experience.

Studying audio production and gaining experience with sound editing software are great ways to start your career as a sound designer if you think you'd like to pursue this pathway into the movie industry.

Actor

We know this one might sound obvious, but if you're someone who loves watching movies, chances are you've already picked up on what makes a good actor. If you enjoy drama classes or simply want a chance to bring characters to life, then a career as an actor could be for you.

As an actor, you'll be the face of a film, embodying different roles and delivering performances that captivate audiences. Actors work closely with directors and other cast members to create believable and engaging characters.

Movie editor

More of a behind-the-scenes kind of person? Movie editors play a crucial role in the post-production process, by taking raw footage and piecing it together to create a cohesive and engaging story. The polished, finished product of your favourite movie is something you have the movie editor to thank for.

As a film editor, you'll work with directors and producers to ensure the final product matches their vision, and you'll be responsible for making sure the movie makes sense in all its parts.

Production designer

Do you find yourself drawn to the visual components of a movie? If you have a flair for design and a love for watching movies, becoming a production designer might be the perfect fit. Production designers are responsible for the overall look of a film, including sets, costumes, and props, and tend to work closely with directors and other department heads to create a particular visual style.



Camera operator

Without cameras, there would be no movie, so it goes without saying that the role of [camera operator](#) is one of the most important in the movie-making business. As a camera operator, you'll be responsible for operating the camera during film shoots to capture the action as envisioned by the director. If you're fascinated by the art of capturing dynamic visuals, a job as a camera operator for the movies could be the career of your dreams.

Want to keep reading?

Searching for career inspiration but want something a bit more broad? Don't worry – [there's lots more to explore on our website here](#).

Volunteering

[7 ways volunteering can benefit you](#)

Volunteering your precious free time to help worthy causes is a really noble undertaking. You won't earn big bucks, but there are plenty of other ways that becoming a volunteer could be of value. In celebration of [National Volunteer Week](#), we're going to take a look at some of the ways volunteering can benefit you.

Learn new skills

No matter where you decide to volunteer, there will always be an element of learning and training. While the skills may seem basic or trivial, they could be essential building blocks for future careers.

For example, if you're collecting, organising, and distributing donations from school fundraisers, you might be learning more than you think about finances, budgeting, and inventory. These skills are useful in almost all jobs - not to mention how they can help in your day-to-day life too.

Then there are the other skills that you might not even realise you're building, like communication, teamwork, independence, problem-solving, and customer service – the list goes on and on.

Give your resume a boost

Adding a few more lines to your resume can never hurt. Showing commitment to community efforts, or any kind of voluntary work, will speak volumes about your personality to potential employers. If you're happy to keep showing up without getting paid, this shows you're dedicated and motivated; qualities that any employer will look favourably on.

Help you stand out in admissions

When you're applying for further study, chances are you'll be up against a lot of other applicants. Some might have higher grades than you, and some may have relevant work experience.

So how will you stand out? What you choose to do outside of the classroom could make all the difference.

Volunteering is a great way to show you care about others, and that you can manage your time well enough to balance your volunteer work with your other commitments.

Form connections

Volunteering is a great way to meet people you wouldn't have encountered otherwise. Those people could become friends, mentors, or your inspiration. The more you get involved with projects outside your school, the wider you're casting your net. You'll end up with more contacts that could be helpful in providing you with paid work, work experience, or references.

If you already know what you want to study after school, try finding volunteer opportunities in those areas. For example, if you're interested in politics, see if you can volunteer with your local politician. There's every chance your volunteer experience could help you in your future endeavours.

Grow as a person

When you're at high school, chances are you're operating within a fairly limited social circle. You'll be engaging with your family, school friends, teachers, and possibly a few friends outside of school.



Volunteering can introduce you to new situations and ideas - potentially *really* different to what you've known up until now. This could:

- Increase your confidence
- Teach you to communicate more effectively with different people
- Help you become a better listener
- Encourage you to explore your personal strengths and weaknesses
- Make you more aware of and active about social justice issues

Improve your health

Studies have shown that volunteering could contribute to [improved mental and physical health](#). Increasing your physical activity, providing a sense of purpose, kicking goals, achieving good things, and helping others solve problems are all ways volunteering can improve your wellbeing. You could feel happier, have higher self-esteem, and get fitter as well.

Benefit your community

When you volunteer, you're not only benefiting yourself; you're having a positive impact on lots of other people around you too. You might be helping an individual or organisation, giving back to your community, and even contributing to the wealth and health of a nation.

When you realise the true benefits of your actions, you might feel humbled - and you should definitely feel proud of your contribution.

Find a volunteering position that works for you

While it has lots of upsides, volunteering is a big responsibility, so it's OK if you're not ready to commit yourself straight away.

Before you say yes to any opportunity, make sure you know how much time and effort you'll need to put in, then decide if it's something that you can fit around your other responsibilities (and that it's something you'd actually like to do).

Asking around at your school, local sports club, or other community organisations are all great places to start. Alternatively, you can even find opportunities to [volunteer online](#) if there's nothing suitable near you.

Pathways

Navigating your post-high school pathways

Figuring out what to do after high school can feel like standing at a crossroads with no map. Whether you're considering university, vocational education, or jumping straight into the workforce, making these decisions can feel overwhelming. But don't worry - with some structured thinking and the right resources, you can find a post-high school pathway that's perfect for you.

Reflect on where you are

Before you start researching specific courses or careers, take some time to reflect on yourself:

- What subjects do you genuinely enjoy at school?
- What activities do you enjoy the most?
- What skills come naturally to you?
- What values are important to you in a future career?

Write down your answers somewhere; this self-reflection will be valuable as you explore your options.

Explore your options

There's no single "right" path after high school. You and your goals are unique, so it's up to you where to go next. Here are some of the main routes you might consider:



University

Going on to university is probably the right option if you're interested in careers that require specific academic qualifications, and if you enjoy theoretical learning alongside practical application. Undergraduate degrees typically take 3-4 years full-time to complete and can lead to careers in practically any industry you're interested in. These institutions might also offer part-time or online learning, diplomas, and other qualifications that can be completed in a shorter amount of time (and may count as credits towards a degree in future if you decide to go there down the track).

Vocational education

Vocational education, which includes apprenticeships and traineeships, focuses on combining practical on-the-job training, with job-specific skills and can range from certificates to diplomas. This route could be right for you if you prefer more hands-on learning, want to earn while you learn, and are keen to enter the workforce sooner. Many trades, technical careers, and service industries prioritise vocational qualifications, but they're also available in emerging industries like IT and healthcare as well.

Work

Some industries and particular roles value experience and on-the-job training more than formal qualifications. Starting work immediately might be the right choice if you've found an opportunity in a field you're passionate about or if you're happy to enter the workforce in entry level positions and aim to work your way up.

Gap year

Undecided about your next steps? That's OK. Taking a year to work, volunteer, travel, or explore different interests could help you gain clarity about your future direction while still developing valuable life skills. You can take the [Gap Year Quiz](#) if you're unsure if this is the right option for you.

Practical steps to take now

Now that you know your options, how do you go about choosing which one is best for you? Following these steps might help:

Do your research

Start by diving deep into the options that interest you most. Attend career expos and institution open days, whether in-person or virtual, to get a feel for different institutions and their offerings. These events often provide opportunities to speak directly with current students and instructors who can give you honest insights about their programs.

Don't limit yourself to just formal events though. Reach out to people already working in fields that interest you and ask them for questions about their job and the pathway they took to get there. Firsthand accounts can be invaluable in understanding what a career path is really like day-to-day.

Make use of online career matching tools like the [Cadi Career Clusters](#) too - they might open your options to careers you hadn't considered before that align well with your interests and abilities.

Experience before you commit

Nothing beats firsthand experience to determine if a path is right for you. Try to arrange work experience or job shadowing in areas you're considering, even a day or two can give you valuable insights into what the work environment is like. Volunteering with relevant organisations is another excellent way to gain exposure while also building your resume and network.

If you're interested in a particular field but not ready to commit fully, look for short courses or workshops that will give you a taste of the subject matter without a major time or financial investment.

Consider the practicalities

As you narrow down your options, think carefully about the practical aspects of each pathway. Consider whether you're willing to relocate for study or work, or if you'd prefer to stay close to home or study online. Research the financial implications thoroughly. Not just tuition fees, but also living expenses, potential earnings after graduation, and opportunities for scholarships or financial aid.



Be realistic about the time commitment required for different pathways, and check the entry requirements carefully to ensure you're taking the right subjects or building the necessary skills to qualify for your chosen programs.

Create a Plan B (and C)

Even the most carefully laid plans sometimes need to change, so it pays to have a backup option in mind. Research alternative entry pathways to your preferred courses - lots of organisations offer options based on a variety of factors.

Consider starting with a related course where entry might be less competitive, with the possibility of transferring internally to your preferred course later. Look into bridging or foundation programs that can help you meet entry requirements if your current qualifications fall short.

And most importantly, remember that there are usually multiple routes to reach the same destination. Having a backup plan can reduce stress if your first choice doesn't work out.

Narrowing down your choices

If you're feeling overwhelmed by choices, try this approach:

1. Make a list of all the options you're considering
2. Create a pros and cons list for each
3. Eliminate options that don't align with your values or practical needs
4. Research the remaining options in more depth
5. Talk through your shortlist with trusted advisors (teachers, career counsellors, family members)

Not only will these steps help you to make a decision, they could help you to make the best decision.

Helpful resources

Need some places to start researching your future options? You might like to check these out:

For comprehensive course searching

- **Australia:** [CourseSeeker](#)
- **UK:** [UCAS](#)
- **US:** [College Scorecard](#)
- **New Zealand:** [StudySpy](#)
- **Canada:** [UniversityStudy.ca](#)

For career information:

- **Australia:** [Your Career](#)
- **US:** [My Next Move](#)
- **UK:** [Prospects](#)
- **New Zealand:** [careers.govt.nz](#)
- **Canada:** [Job Bank](#)

Your next steps start now

Your post-high school pathway doesn't have to be linear or perfect - in fact, many successful people change direction multiple times throughout their careers. The most important thing is to make informed decisions based on your own values and goals, not someone else's expectations or what your friends are doing.

If you're still unsure, don't be afraid to ask for help from your school's career advisor, teachers, or other trusted adults. They've helped many students navigate this transition and can offer valuable guidance as you plan your next steps.

Want to learn more about specific pathways? Check out our other resources on [open days](#), [future study](#), [work experience](#), and [much more](#).



Job Spotlights

How to become an Instructional Designer

Instructional designers are responsible for creating a variety of instructional and learning materials, including user manuals, tutorials, online courses, and training modules. They create content for all kinds of people and organisations, including product users, universities and other learning institutions, businesses, government, and more.

If you're an excellent communicator, are curious about how things work, and enjoy helping people solve problems, this could be a great career to consider.

What skills do I need as an instructional designer?

- Excellent communicator
- Inquisitive & creative
- Problem-solving expert
- Organised & efficient
- Great with technology
- Good teamwork skills
- Flexible & adaptable
- Great social awareness

What does the job involve?

- Consulting with clients to determine their needs
- Interviewing subject matter experts & conducting research
- Determining learning objectives & outcomes
- Creating written & graphical instructional content
- Picking an appropriate medium for delivery
- Developing eLearning platforms & systems
- Tailoring content to specific users' needs
- Analysing usage data & feedback to make necessary changes

What industries do instructional designers typically work in?

- Professional, Scientific & Technical Services
- Education & Training
- Information Media & Telecommunications

What Career Cluster do instructional designers belong to?

Instructional designers are typically strong [Innovators](#), using their skills and expertise to develop solutions to a variety of problems. They need to have a keen eye for design and be adept with technology.

They also have some overlap with the [Informer](#) Cluster, particularly when it comes to communicating and sharing knowledge.

What kind of lifestyle can I expect?

As an instructional designer, most of your work will likely be done during normal business hours (e.g. 9 to 5), with overtime being relatively uncommon. Part-time roles are rare, so you may have slightly less flexibility with your hours.

You will be doing most of your work indoors on computers - this means there is a high chance you could work remotely or from home. Some travel may be required to meet with clients in-person.

Most instructional designers can expect to earn an above average salary throughout their careers.

How to become an instructional designer

Although there are no formal qualifications necessary to work as an instructional designer, having one can greatly boost your skills and employability.



Instructional design courses can range from short online workshops to full Master's degrees. Many instructional designers begin their training with a certificate-level qualification, then may decide to pursue further study once they have some work experience under their belt.

- Finish high school with a focus on English and Maths.
- Consider completing courses or qualifications in instructional design to improve both your knowledge of theory and practical skills.
- Start building a portfolio of projects you can show to potential employers.
- Keep updating your skills and knowledge throughout your career.

What can I do right now to work towards this career?

If you're in high school and you'd like to find out if becoming an instructional designer is right for you, here are a few things you could do right now:

- Start building important skills by doing volunteer work or participating in extra-curricular activities.
- Learn to code and hone your writing and design skills in your spare time. You might also like to start researching instructional design theories and technologies.
- See if you can find work experience in an education or design-related setting. This will help you see if you might enjoy the work, and can help you start building important contacts for the future.
- Talk to an instructional designer to see what a day in their life is like. If you don't know anyone, see if you can watch videos or documentaries about a career in instructional design.

Where can I find more information?

- [Instructional Design Australia](#)
- [Instructional Design UK](#)
- [Instructional Design America](#)
- [Devlin Peck](#)
- [Digital Learning Institute](#)

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