



KSC Career News

February 2023

Welcome

We hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable break and it is lovely to welcome all students back for 1st term 2023.

We welcome Zaiga Bendrups to the Careers Team. Zaiga has come to the Careers Team from Senior School and will provide wonderful assistance to our team and to students with her very warm and friendly manner.



Year 12 News

Year 12s will commence one on one Career Interviews this term. Year 12 Careers Interviews will be scheduled on compass. Please keep at look out for these.

Please remember to look at Compass Newsfeed as we will continue to share information from the Universities and TAFEs about upcoming events or course information.

Year 11 News

Year 11 students can book a Careers Interview if they would like.

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Year 10 News

PATHWAYS

Pathways students will commence preparing for what they need to do to complete a Work Experience Placement. Work Experience will be run from Monday 19th June to Friday 23rd June, 2023.

Included in this newsletter:

Open Days & Info Sessions

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Open Days & Info Sessions

[AYAC | Youth Advisory Group Info Session](#)

January 30, 2023

We're inviting you to join an information session all about the newly announced Australian Government Youth Advisory Groups.

[Find out more](#)

[WEP | Student Exchange Info Session](#)

February 7, 2023

Imagine making friends from all over the world, learning about yourself and the world around you and seeing sights you could only dream of! Find out more about your student exchange opportunities at WEP's online info session.

[Find out more](#)

Work Experience

[3 Things to Think About When Looking for Work Experience](#)

If you've been looking for work experience, you might be having some trouble knowing whether or not a placement is right for you. We've got some tips that can help you narrow down your options and make the right choice.

Think outside the box





You might already know exactly where you want to do your work experience. But sometimes it's not always possible to get exactly what you want.

Say you'd like to work at a zoo one day, so you look for work experience at a zoo nearby, but their placements are all taken – or there are no zoos where you live. What next?

Well, you could always do a placement somewhere similar, where you'll be doing similar tasks and gaining valuable skills. Think about other places you might be able to work with animals – at a local shelter, at a vet's office, or even with animal management at the local council. Just because your dream option won't work doesn't mean there aren't tons of other valuable opportunities out there.

In-person vs virtual

One thing you should consider when looking for work experience is whether you want to do your placement in-person or virtually. Both sides have their pros and cons, so here are some things to think about when making this choice:

- What's available near me, and does this interest me?
- What do I want to get out of this work experience placement?
- Do I have a reliable way to get to and from an in-person placement?
- Do I have the appropriate hardware and software to do a virtual placement?

If you want to know more about virtual work experience, [check out this blog we wrote](#).

Do some research

Before you commit to a work experience placement, it's always good if you can have a chat with your potential employer to get a feel for the place and what to expect.

Make sure you know exactly what is expected of you, such as what time you need to show up and what you need to wear or bring with you.

If a placement runs over a set date, make sure you can fully commit to it.

As a work experience student, you should never be expected to do work that a paid employee would be doing. Most of your day will involve shadowing, asking questions, or working on mock projects or exercises. If you have concerns, speak with a senior employee or manager, or get in touch with your school, and if you need to you can also contact the [Fair Work Ombudsman](#).

Looking for work experience?


If you're looking for more work experience opportunities, take a look at [our database](#), packed with opportunities.

Scholarships

[How Much Difference Could a Scholarship Make?](#)

As much as we like to think it is, university isn't necessarily accessible for everyone. One of the common barriers stopping people from accessing higher education is the cost. But this is where scholarships come in.





The purpose of scholarships is to provide students with extra funding, helping them to access university when they might not have been able to before. But just how much difference could a scholarship make? Let's find out.

How much impact will a scholarship have?

The exact impact of a scholarship will depend on a few factors, including how much it's worth, and how much support you need.

Say you're looking to study, but can't afford the costs of textbooks and a laptop. In this case, a scholarship worth a few hundred or thousand dollars as a one-off payment would be ideal. If you can't afford accommodation and need to move away from home to study, you'll need a scholarship that either offers tailored support for accommodation, or one that's worth a bit more money.

The best thing is there are tons of scholarships out there that offer a variety of different kinds of support. And they're available for lots of different needs.

In a lot of cases, it can make the difference between attending university and not being able to go at all.

Scholarship success stories

But you don't just have to take our word for it. There are lots of stories about there from real students about how a scholarship helped them to achieve their study goals.

[Sara Salmeron](#) was a recipient of the Radford Foundation Second Chance Scholarship at La Trobe, and being awarded the scholarship helped her to "cut back on [her] work hours and dedicate more time to studying, completing assessment tasks and, most importantly, exam preparation".

Receiving a scholarship from the University of Melbourne helped student [Claudia Cox](#) move to Melbourne from a small community, taking financial pressure off her and her parents.

[Clinton Tran](#) was able to afford to continue his studies at Griffith after the COVID-19 pandemic meant he and his parents no longer had jobs.

And [Jacqueline Orme](#) was able to cut her transit to UNSW by 3 hours after receiving a scholarship that helped her to afford on campus accommodation.

Find out more

You can read more about scholarships and search our database [here](#).


Some scholarships you may be interested in:

[ANU Tuckwell Scholarship Program](#)

Open: March 1, 2023

Closes: April 3, 2023

Value: \$24,700 AUD per year





University of Melbourne Hansen Scholarship

Open: February 3, 2023

Closes: March 30, 2023

Value: Up to \$108,000 AUD

ACU Law – Equity Scholarship

Open: August 1, 2022

Closes: March 1, 2023

Value: \$5,000 AUD

Job Spotlight

Even though most of us hope we don't have to visit them very often, hospitals offer an essential service to the wider community. But have you ever wondered what it's like to work in a hospital?

In a hospital, teams of people work together to treat and care for patients. They provide a place for people to seek treatment, undergo surgery, and rest and recover until they are ready to return home. Unlike a doctor's office, most ailments people present to hospital with are generally severe or life-threatening. Hospitals are open 24/7, 365 days a year, as accidents and illnesses can occur at any time.

While every hospital is different, they tend to have a few things in common:

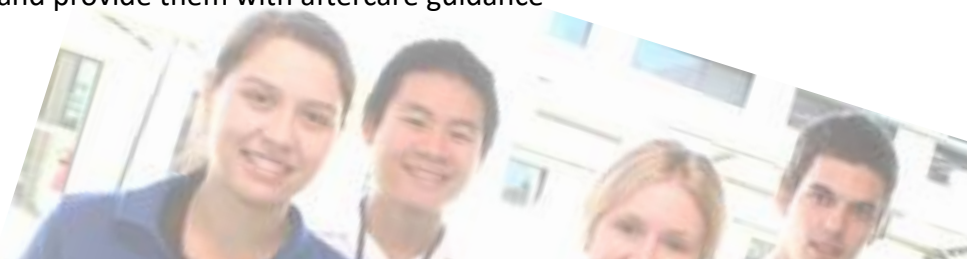
1. There's a sense of urgency – most cases need to be dealt with in a timely matter, as it can often be a case of life and death.
2. Safety is vital – from strict infection and disease controls to dealing with patients who can behave erratically, you'll be expected to keep a clean and safe work environment.
3. You'll be dealing with people from all walks of life – so you'll need good people skills and the ability to help people feel as safe and comfortable as possible while they visit.

Key Outcome – treating the sick and injured

Public hospitals don't operate to make a profit, and while some private hospitals may make money, the main focus is to provide care for people in need. Hospitals treat all kinds of illnesses and injuries, from complex cases requiring delicate surgery to setting broken bones.

Key Tasks –

- Attend to and provide care for patients
- Keep rooms and equipment clean and sanitary
- Communicate treatment options and procedures to patients
- Rehabilitate patients and provide them with aftercare guidance





Industry – you can find hospitals in the healthcare industry

The healthcare industry includes hospitals, aged care facilities, GP clinics, physiotherapy studios, pathology clinics, and more. This industry provides essential services, so the main focuses are being accessible to everybody and providing top-notch care.

Work Environment – you can expect shift and on-site work in a range of locations

Shift work | Work on-site | Jobs in all locations, including metro, regional, and rural | Very strong job growth

Because hospitals are operating 24/7, they always need staff on-hand to care for patients and in case of emergencies. This means there are lots of workers who need to be there outside of the regular 9 to 5, as well as on holidays.

Almost all the work in a hospital is done hands-on, so it might be difficult to find roles where you can work from home. However, some roles, like admin and IT, might be able to be done remotely.

Because hospitals offer a vital service, they're found in cities all around the country, even in regional and rural areas. This means there are a huge variety of places you can find work. Hospitals in regional and rural areas also often struggle to find enough staff, so there are always lots of opportunities for work.

The Career Clusters you'll find in a hospital

Hospitals might be mostly known for providing healthcare, but they are huge operations that require people from all Clusters to operate successfully. You'll find lots of Guardians, but there are roles from every Cluster to be found in a hospital.

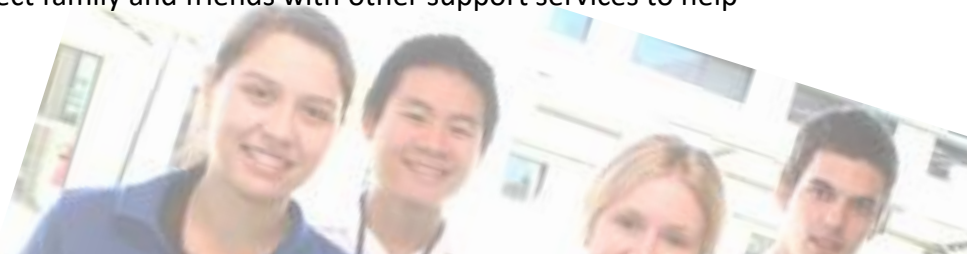
The role of a Maker in a hospital


The Makers in hospitals are the people who operate and maintain the equipment. This includes things like complex machines (x-rays, MRIs, CAT scanners, sonograms, etc.), and IT and database systems. Makers are also responsible for keeping the hospital clean and sanitary, and preparing food for patients.

- Medical Equipment Technicians
- IT/Systems Analysts
- Cleaners
- Hospital Caterers

Where do you find Linkers in a hospital?

The Linkers in hospitals are usually found at the front desk, answering phone calls, directing patients to services, and helping visitors find where they need to go. There are also PR and media departments that communicate what's happening at the hospital and their policies to the public. Social workers help connect family and friends with other support services to help them in tough times.



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- PR Officers
 - Media Departments
 - Social Workers
 - Medical Administration

The role of a Coordinator in a hospital

Coordinators in hospitals are the people responsible for managing teams, organising shifts and pay, and ordering supplies. Hospitals also need to keep thorough records of patients, processes, and day-to-day operations, which is usually the responsibility of a Coordinator.

- Ward Managers
- Heads of Departments
- Human Resources Officers
- Payroll Officers

How do Guardians work in a hospital?


Guardians are the people who care for and treat the patients who come into the hospital – think nurses and doctors. You'll be monitoring vital signs, administering treatments and medication, and attending to emergencies. There are the people who perform complex surgery, and those who help patients with rehabilitation so they can go home again.

Many hospitals also have strict safety and compliance standards, and usually employ safety officers to ensure everything is running up to standard.

- Nurses
- Doctors
- Surgeons
- Physical Therapists
- Dieticians

Where do you find Informers in a hospital?

You'll often find Informers working as educators in hospitals, training up new staff or educating interns and university students. Medical researchers work in hospitals studying diseases and finding new treatment methods and cures, and publishing their findings in scientific journals. Hospitals also often have large financial teams to ensure they are operating in a cost-effective manner and advise on insurance, and legal advisors to help with ethical issues and potential lawsuits.

- Medical Researchers
 - Ethics Advisors
 - Financial Specialists
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What types of Innovators work in a hospital?

Although they might not work in hospitals directly, there are lots of Innovators who are creating technologies and devices that are commonly used in hospitals. These include people who design prosthetics, implants, and mobility devices, develop software to help doctors diagnose illnesses and create care plans, engineer medical equipment to be faster and more accurate, and develop and test new pharmaceuticals.

- Medical Equipment Designers
- Biomedical Engineers
- Pharmaceutical Development

How do we expect working in a hospital to change in the future?

There are lots of advances happening in medical technology, with machines that can perform surgery, 3D printed prosthetics, gene-editing technologies, and AI that can detect abnormalities in scans more accurately than the human eye. Advances in healthcare mean people are getting sick less often, but also living longer, so there will be more focus in the future on caring for an aging population.

Despite this, healthcare is still such a human-centric industry. While some tasks will become automated, there will always be a demand for personal care. People will be needed to provide emotional support and advice during tough times, as well as to create and maintain equipment and technology.

