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This edition of the Careers Newsletter contains lots of information for students to gain further insight into careers and pathways.

Don't forget to also check out our PVCC Careers website for important information for students and parents. You can find our site at: <https://careers.pvcc.vic.edu.au>

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Dates to Diarise in Term 4



Reminder: VTAC 2024 Upcoming Key Dates



VTAC Personal Statement	Friday 1 December 2023
ATARs Released	Monday 11 December 2023
Change of Preference (CoP) closes	Wednesday 13 December 2023
December Round Offers	Thursday 21 December 2023
January Round International Offers	Friday 5 January 2024
January Round Domestic Offers	Friday 12 January 2024
February Offer Rounds	Tuesday 6 February 2024 onwards

For a full list of cancelled, amended, and new courses, visit [VTAC Course Updates](#)

The VTAC website is www.vtac.edu.au

Remember...

Students who do best at university or TAFE are not necessarily those with the highest ATARs but those with **persistence, determination, organisational and self-management skills** that are also **assertive in asking for help**. Make sure you choose a course you will enjoy and are interested in; otherwise, you may experience problems with motivation. Form **friendship** groups with other students so you can be active in groups that discuss work and share ideas. Students that are engaged in **learning communities and networks** have a more positive university experience.



Satisfy Subject Pre-requisites

Besides completing prerequisite subjects through the VCE, students can also satisfy subject prerequisites by taking a couple of alternative studies or tests. Students might choose to study a single subject through Melbourne's [Community Access Program \(CAP\)](#), or study the [Diploma in General Studies](#). **Click here for more information - [Satisfy Subject Prerequisites](#).**

Tax File Number

Year 12 students are reminded yet again that they cannot enrol in a CSP (Commonwealth Supported Place) university course next year without a Tax File Number (TFN). Students who do not have one are reminded to apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office.

To apply and also to find out about participating Post Offices, visit [TFN Application](#).

Useful links to Victorian Universities Student Support Services

Australian Catholic University	Student services – ACU student life
Deakin University	Student life and services Deakin
Federation University	Student support - Federation University Australia
La Trobe University	Support to Help You Thrive La Trobe University
Monash University	Support - Monash University
RMIT University	Student support - RMIT University
Swinburne University	University Student Support Services Team Swinburne
University of Melbourne	Student services directory: University of Melbourne
Victoria University	Advice & support Victoria University



Scholarships to Study Abroad

*Looking to study abroad but worried about the costs? Good news! There are hundreds of **scholarships to study abroad**, including general scholarships and more specialized funding schemes. Some are offered by government agencies, some by individual universities, and others by external funding organizations and charitable enterprises.*

The **Top Universities website** is an excellent resource to learn more about what scholarships are on offer. Students can search for *region-specific scholarships* or *country-specific scholarships*. Students can even search for *subject-specific scholarships*.

Students are encouraged to browse [Scholarships to study abroad | Top Universities](#).



Study Abroad & Exchange Programs - Victorian Universities

Students who choose to take up an opportunity to do some of their university study overseas get the opportunity to immerse themselves in another culture, study at an overseas university, and really get to engage with students and lecturers at those institutions.

A bonus of many study-abroad programs is that students get to study for one or two semesters at these overseas partner institutions and earn credit towards their degrees.

Find out more about the Study Abroad programs offered, by browsing the following links:

Australian Catholic University	Study overseas with ACU
Deakin University	Study abroad Students Deakin
Federation University	Study abroad - Global Professional School - Federation University Australia
La Trobe University	Studying overseas, Careers and Opportunities, La Trobe University
Monash University	Monash Abroad - Study Abroad
RMIT University	Global experiences - RMIT University
Swinburne University	Study Abroad & Exchange Swinburne
University of Melbourne	Study overseas: Current Students: The University of Melbourne
Victoria University	Study overseas Victoria University



Paramedicine Degrees in Victoria in 2023

The Good Universities Guide states that *paramedics provide pre-hospital emergency care, treatment and specialised transport for patients* - [Good Universities Guide - Paramedic](#).

Working as an ambulance paramedic means that no two days are ever the same. What a paramedic does can be as varied as restarting a patient's heart down to helping solve social welfare issues.

Ambulance paramedics are called when people feel they have no other options and are suffering what feels like an emergency to them. An interesting fact to remember when applying to become a paramedic is that the majority of the workload is not lights and sirens driving to save a patient's life.

This job is more about helping people in their time of need as opposed to being a hero.

Visit [Ambulance Victoria - Types of Paramedics](#) to find out more.

Students should note that to work with Ambulance Victoria, they must be a citizen of Australia or New Zealand, or be an Australian Permanent Resident, and they must also hold a full driver's licence or have held a probationary licence as P2 for at least a year.

The following Victorian universities offer Paramedicine undergraduate degrees:

INSTITUTION	COURSE	VCE REQUIREMENTS	ATAR 2023
Australian Catholic University (M) – Melbourne (B) – Ballarat	Paramedicine	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	90.15 (M)
	Nursing/Paramedicine	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	87.10 (B)
La Trobe University (AW) – Albury Wodonga (Be) – Bendigo Students commencing their studies at the Albury-Wodonga campus are required to transfer to the Bendigo campus from second year to complete this course.	Paramedic Practice with Honours	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in two of Biology, Chemistry, Health And Human Development, any Mathematics, Physical Education, Physics or Psychology.	69.95 (Be) 79.10 (AW)
Monash University (P) – Peninsula	Paramedicine	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in Maths: Further Mathematics or at least 22 in one of Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics.	83.30 (P)
Victoria University	Paramedicine	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or at least 20 in English other than EAL.	80.05 (St. A)

(St. A) – St. Albans (Su) – Sunshine (W) - Werribbee	<u>Non-Emergency Patient Transport (Certificate)</u>	Year 12 pass	n/p
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Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Science Courses in Victoria in 2023

The Good Universities Guide states that a [Pharmacist](#) supplies, dispenses and manufactures medicines, whilst, according to the Explore Health Careers website, a [Pharmaceutical Scientist](#) spends more time in the laboratory studying and discovering medicines.

Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science undergraduate degrees for school leavers offered in Victoria include:

UNIVERSITY	COURSE	VCE PREREQUISITES	ATAR FOR 2023
La Trobe University B – Bendigo Campus	Pharmacy (Honours)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in Chemistry; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in any Mathematics.	82.65 (B)
	Pharmacy (Honours)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 27 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in Chemistry; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in one of Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics.	88.05 (P)
Monash University P – Parkville Campus C – Clayton Campus	Pharmacy (Hons) and Master of Pharmacy		88.10 (P)
	Pharmacy (Hons) Scholars program/Master of Pharmacy		98.00 (P)
	Pharmaceutical Science		83.20 (P)
	Pharmaceutical Science Advanced (Honours)		88.10 (P)
	Pharmaceutical Science Advanced (Honours) - Scholars Program		98.05 (P)
	Chemical Engineering/ Pharmaceutical Science		85.90 (C)

RMIT University B – Bundoora campus	Pharmacy (Honours)	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in any Mathematics; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in Chemistry.	75.40 (B)
	Pharmaceutical Sciences	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in one of any Mathematics or Physics; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in Chemistry.	70.60 (B)
	Chemical Engineering/ Pharmaceutical Science	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in one of Maths: Further Mathematics, Maths: Mathematical Methods or Maths: Specialist Mathematics; Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 20 in Chemistry.	83.25 (C/B)

Log onto [VTAC](#) to find out more about these and other similar courses.

Note: Monash University has been ranked FIRST in the world for Pharmacy and Pharmacology followed by Harvard University in the QS 2022 World University Rankings by Subject list - [QS World University Rankings for Pharmacy and Pharmacology 2022 | Top Universities](#).



Snapshot of Holmesglen Institute in 2023

- Holmesglen was formed in 1982 and has grown into a large TAFE provider.
- Holmesglen offers over 500 [courses](#) from seven [campuses](#) at six locations, including Chadstone, Moorabbin, Glen Waverley, and Eildon.
- Holmesglen has invested over \$25 million the last few years in building world-class facilities at the Moorabbin Campus. These include four large teaching wards, microbiology, and bioscience laboratories, two simulation suites, a community apartment, an allied health laboratory, lecture theatres, general teaching spaces, a co-operative learning centre, computer laboratories and teaching and administrative staff offices. The facilities have state-of-the-art equipment, reflective of industry standards.
- In 2017, Healthscope opened Australia's first TAFE-based hospital, the Holmesglen Private Hospital. The [Holmesglen Private Hospital](#) is located at the Holmesglen Institute's Moorabbin campus and provides clinical practice as well as teaching and research for nursing and allied health students.
- The [Learning Skills Centre](#) at Holmesglen is there to help students with their studies. This includes academic referencing, assignment support, note taking, presentation skills, report writing, research skills, study skills, summarising skills, time management.
- Many of the Allied Health programs offered by Holmesglen are taught at the [Moorabbin Campus](#). These include –
 - ✓ [Allied Health Courses](#)

- ✓ [Community Services Courses](#) (including Disability, Mental Health, and Youth Work)
- ✓ [Nursing Courses](#)
- ✓ [Pathology and Laboratory Testing Courses](#)
- Students interested in studying Aged Care or Individual Support, are encouraged to browse the following link - [Five tips to a Rewarding Career in Aged Care.](#)
- Holmesglen [partners](#) with industry, which is a hallmark of what Holmesglen offers, and covers all areas of its teaching and learning disciplines. We ensure this connection extends to our learners through partnerships and placements that enable students to experience contemporary work practices and work in relevant and stimulating environments.
- Holmesglen offers both [Free TAFE](#) courses.



Low Income Healthcare Card for Australian and PR Students

*Once you have finished school you are no longer a student and you may be eligible for a **Low Income Health Care Card.***

This card gives access to a range of [benefits](#), not only on some health care items but also on a range of other goods and services if you are on a low income.

In particular, some TAFE and other short courses may offer discounts for cardholders. You may also be eligible for public transport concessions (note that if you are studying interstate you are not eligible for public transport concessions in Victoria).

Eligibility for a Low Income Health Care Card is based on YOUR income over the previous 8 weeks before applying. As long as your income is less than \$5,616 over that period (or \$702 per week) you are eligible to apply. You will be eligible to keep the Low Income Health Care Card as long as your income does not exceed \$7,020 (or \$877 per week) in any 8 week period prior to renewing your card.

It is highly recommended that all eligible graduating Year 12 students consider applying for this card once the exams are over.

Visit [Low Income Health Care Card - Services Australia](#) and find out more about all the benefits, your eligibility, and how to apply.



Useful Websites/Links

Discover Your Career

a website launched by the National Careers Institute, and become more informed about career ideas, career industries, and how to become job ready.

[Explore Your Career | Your Career](#)

Myfuture

a career information & exploration service providing current career information, articles and links to many resources.

[myfuture - Australia's National Career Information Service | myfuture](#)

Careers Online

career research, resume help, job hunting tips, job links, etc.

[Welcome to Careers OnLine » Australia's Careers OnLine](#)

Workforce Australia

free online jobsite, searches can be made by region and state, occupational category, type of employment – casual, part-time, or full-time, and covers a range of occupations.

[Workforce Australia for individuals](#)

Victorian Government Vacancies

find out about government jobs and careers available at the Victorian Government of Australia.

[Careers in the Victorian government public sector](#)



An important tip for school leavers for getting a job is to create yourself a **LinkedIn** profile. LinkedIn is like a professional Facebook account where you can blog, comment on professional discussions, and build a professional portfolio that aligns with your resume. This needs to be developed over a period of years before graduating from university, so start soon, and continue to work on it during university.

www.linkedin.com

***Top Tips shared by the former Managing Director of LinkedIn,
Cliff Rosenberg***

PICK A PROFESSIONAL SHOT

Including a profile picture in your profile is a must. Putting a face to your name makes it 21 times more likely to be viewed, but first impressions last, so make sure your profile picture is professional.

INCLUDE A SUMMARY

Clearly outline your professional story; what your aspirations are and what qualifications you have to offer that others do not. This is your opportunity to demonstrate how your unique qualities make you perfect for your dream role. This is your elevator pitch.

BUZZWORDS ARE BUZZKILL

Are you motivated, creative, passionate? Great. So is everyone else on LinkedIn. Do yourself a favour — delete every single one of these buzzwords from your profile and replace them with keywords.

HIGHLIGHT YOUR EXPERIENCE

Illustrate your unique professional story and achievements by adding pictures, compelling videos and innovative presentations to your experience section. If you are just graduating, include your school history.

SHOWCASE YOUR SKILLS

Maintaining a relevant list of at least five skills on your profile will help others understand your strengths and match you with the right opportunities. Also add other certifications that highlight important skills.

STAY ACTIVE



Study and GAP Years in Canada

Canada's college and university degrees are recognized worldwide. Students will be able to enjoy our renowned quality of life, as well as diverse and inclusive environment. Those particularly interested in film/TV, gaming, AI, cleantech and tech industries will be able to benefit from our world-class training and job opportunities.

Find out more at www.educanada.ca.

Students keen on learning more about studying or working in Canada, are invited to register to participate in a webinar hosted by the Consulate General of Canada.

Date: Tuesday 14 November 2023

Time: 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Register at [Come to Canada](#).



Youth Work and/or Social Work Degrees in Victoria in 2023

According to the [Good Universities Guide - Youth Worker](#), **Youth workers** develop and facilitate programs to work with and support young people, either individually or in groups, in order to address social, behavioural, welfare, developmental and protection needs. They work closely with teachers, social and welfare workers, local authorities, health professionals, refuge workers, parents and, in some instances, the police

Social workers help people to deal with personal and social problems, either directly or by planning or carrying out programmes that benefit groups or communities. They are interested in challenging the structural barriers that contribute to inequality, discrimination, exploitation, and oppression within communities. Social workers can specialise in a range of different practice areas such as children and family, youth, violence, and sexual assault, medical and health, child protection, income support, disability, education, aged care, correctional services, family law, youth justice, community legal, psychiatric and general mental health, refugees and migrants, and Indigenous communities. - [Good Universities Guide - Social Worker](#).

For the most part, and English/EAL is the only VCE prerequisite for the following Youth Work or Social Work degrees at the following institutions in Victoria:

INSTITUTION	MAJOR STUDIES	ATAR 2023
Australian Catholic University Youth Work	Youth Work.	62.70 (M)
Deakin University Social Work	Behavioural science, Case management, Community development, Social work.	61.25 (GWF)
La Trobe University Social Work	Social work.	55.10 (M) n/p (AW) 61.00 (Be) 59.15 (Mi)
RMIT University Youth Work and Youth Studies Social Work Social Work/Psychology	Advocacy, Community work and development, Cross-cultural studies, Indigenous studies, Justice studies, Organisational studies, Policy studies, Politics, Research methods, Social theory, Sociology, Youth studies, Youth work practice.	61.00 (C)
	Community work, Cross-cultural studies, Human rights and advocacy, Indigenous studies, International studies, Organisational studies, Politics, Professional practice, Psychology, Research methods, Social policy, Social sciences, Social theory, Social work, Society.	68.45 (C)
	Community work, Cross-cultural studies, Human rights and advocacy, Indigenous studies, Organisational studies, Politics, Professional practice, Psychological testing and assessment, Psychology, Psychology (cognitive), Psychology (developmental), Psychology (personality), Psychology (social), Psychopathology, Social policy, Social theory, Social work, Society.	70.05 (C)
Victoria University Youth Work Youth Work and Criminal Justice Youth Work/Sport Management Social Work	Youth work.	n/p (F)
	Criminal justice, Youth work.	n/p (W)
	Youth work.	n/p (F)
	Social work.	n/p (FN)

Snapshot of Chisholm Institute in 2023

- Chisholm Institute is a government-owned TAFE with eight [locations](#) across Melbourne and the south-eastern suburbs, and each one has facilities dedicated to the particular learning area offered at that campus.
- Chisholm Institute offers over 250 certificate, diploma, advanced diploma, bachelor, and graduate certificate [courses](#).
- Chisholm boasts some excellent training [facilities](#) including –
 - ✓ [Trade Training Centres](#) which has general purpose classrooms as well as a multi-trade workshop equipped to deliver building and construction trades, including carpentry, bricklaying, plumbing, electro technology and engineering. There is also an engineering workshop which includes equipment such as 3d printers, laser cutters and CNC routers and milling machines.
 - ✓ [Building Trades Facilities](#) where bricklaying, building and carpentry, building design, cabinetry and furniture making, electrical and plumbing are taught.
 - ✓ [National Precision Growing Centre](#) is situated in Cranbourne and is the only facility of its kind in Australia. It is designed to deliver industry training in horticulture locally, nationally, and globally.
 - ✓ [Salon and Spas](#) – with a number of hair and beauty courses being delivered at Chisholm, treatments and services are performed in the salons and spas, with each student developing their treatment skills while being supervised by the salon staff and teacher.
- As with other leading tertiary institutions, Chisholm Institute also offers a range of [Student Support Services](#) which include a counselling service, library, career and employment service, as well as international student support.
- Chisholm Institute offers a suite of [Free TAFE](#) courses including areas such as *Accounting, Legal and Information Technology, Printing and Graphic Arts, Automotive, Building Trades and Construction, Community Services, Education, Engineering and Electronics, Hair and Beauty, Horticulture, and Hospitality and Tourism.*



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