

Careers Corner Weekly

Events 27th November to 10th December



Tuesday 28 November 2023

Defence Careers Australia - Perth: Army Reserve Information Session

Experience flexible commitment in an Army Reserve role with new challenges, experiences and friendships - and tax-free pay!

Come to the upcoming information session to speak with current serving members about their own experiences and advice.

Time: 07:30 PM - 09:00 PM

Location: Irwin Barracks

[Click here for Details and Registration](#)

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Defence Careers Australia - Army Reserve Virtual Information Session

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

To find out more about the rewarding challenges and experiences on offer, join us for a virtual info session.

Time: 06:00 PM - 08:00 PM

Location: Online

[Click here for Details and Registration](#)



Wednesday 29 November 2023

The University of Western Australia - Bachelor of Education (Primary) (Honours) Information Session

Be the educator of tomorrow. Your journey starts here.

Take your teaching journey beyond the classroom. Join us on Wednesday 29 November for an online information session and discover how our new four-year Bachelor of Education (Primary) (Honours) degree can prepare you to become an inspiring primary school teacher. Experience an innovative curriculum where you are more than a student – you're a teacher-in-training.

Time: 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Location: ICMS Campus, 151 Darley Road, Manly, New South Wales 2095 Australia

[Click here for Details and Registration](#)



Tuesday 05 December 2023

Defence Careers Australia - Perth: Parents and Teachers Information Session

Wondering whether a job in the Australian Defence Force (ADF) is the right fit for you?

Come along to an upcoming info session where you'll have the opportunity to ask questions and learn everything you want to know regarding job roles in the Navy, Army and Air Force. Are you a teacher or parent looking to learn more about careers in the Australian Defence Force for school-leavers? We can help!

Time: 06:00 PM - 07:30 PM

Location: Perth ADF Careers Centre

[Click here for Details and Registration](#)



Thursday 07 December 2023

Defence Careers Australia - Women in Defence Information Session

The Australian Defence Force provides a supportive, inclusive and respectful workplace where you can grow both personally and professionally.

Tune in for a virtual info session to speak with current serving women in Defence to learn more.

Time: 06:00 PM - 07:30 PM

Location: Online

[Click here for Details and Registration](#)





Dog trainers teach dogs to obey verbal and non-verbal commands and help their owners address behavioural problems. They may also train dogs to perform in shows and competitions. In intensive programs, dogs may be kept in the full-time care of the trainer. Dog Trainers work at boarding kennels, dog training clubs and community parks and many are self-employed.

Specialisation - Detection/Defence Dog Trainer

A detection/defence dog trainer may work for the Australian Border Force, state and Federal Police, the Australian Defence Force, or a security company. They train dogs to perform tasks like attacking aggressors, tracking missing people, or finding drugs and food items that are illegal. The Australian Border Force, state and Federal Police and the Australian Defence Force select potential dog trainers from within their departments and conduct internal training courses.

Duties and Tasks

- Training dogs to obey commands such as sitting, lying, staying, and coming when called.
- Teaching dogs to wear a leash and collar.
- Discouraging bad habits like chasing cars, being aggressive with children, excessive barking, or digging holes.
- Conducting puppy school or training classes for owners and their dogs.
- Giving advice to owners about how to train, manage and take the best care of their dog, and how to solve problematic behaviour.

Qualities that could make you a great Dog Trainer

- Observant
- Perseverant
- Calm, confident, and patient with dogs
- Good interpersonal and communication skills

How do I become a Dog Trainer?

Dog training skills are often developed through practice and experience with dogs, which you may get through joining a local dog obedience club, working in kennels or as an assistant to a professional trainer. While you can work as a dog trainer without qualifications, having a certification will make you more credible to potential clients. Courses to consider include:

- A First Aid Certificate
- Certificate III or IV in Companion Animal Services
- Certificate IV in Animal Behaviour and Training





Dog Groomers

Dog Groomers may work in grooming salons, veterinary clinics, kennels and care facilities, or operate mobile grooming businesses. They may specialise in creative dye work and imaginative themes to enter competitions, or prepare purebred dogs and cats for shows.

Duties and Tasks

- Wash, dry, brush, cut, and style pets' coats.
- Clean and maintain dogs' nails, ears, eyes, and skin.

Qualities that could make you a great Dog Groomer

- Mature and responsible.
- Enjoy practical and manual activities.
- Confidence and patience handling dogs.

How do I become a Dog Groomer?

You can work as a dog groomer without qualifications, but having a certification will make you more credible to potential clients. Courses to consider include:

- [Certificate III in Pet Grooming](#)
- [Certificate III in Animal Care Services](#)



Guide Dog Instructors

Guide Dog Instructors train dogs to guide people who are vision-impaired. They also teach vision-impaired people how to use and care for their guide dog.

Duties and Tasks

- Working with specially chosen dogs who have done initial socialisation through the Guide Dogs Association of Australia's puppy-raising scheme.
- Putting the dogs through an intensive 4-6 month training and assessment program.
- Training the dogs to guide people through independent travel situations.
- Conducting interviews and assessments of applicants for guide dogs.
- Conducting matching meetings, whereby the dogs are matched to people on a waiting list.

Qualities that could make you a great Guide Dog Instructor

- A good level of physical fitness.
- Desire to help vision-impaired people.
- Flexible and adaptable.
- Love of, and ability to, work with dogs.

How do I become a Guide Dog Instructor?

1. complete a relevant degree (majoring in social sciences, disability studies, human services, psychology, nursing or education).
2. Complete a cadetship with the guide dogs association in your state. This involves completing a postgraduate qualification in orientation and mobility.





What do Vet Nurses do?

Veterinary nurses provide support to veterinarians in the management and care of animals receiving medical and surgical treatment. Most are employed by veterinarians in private practices, but some find work looking after animals in zoos, wildlife parks and animal welfare organisations. Vet nurses work as part of a team under strict clinical conditions and working hours may be irregular, including evening and weekend work.

Duties and Tasks

Veterinary Nurses:

- Provide animal care advice, and prepare, deliver animal care education programs.
- Assist vets to administer anaesthetics and oxygen during operations.
- Hold animals to allow examination and treatment by Vets.
- Perform receptionist duties.
- Giving medications to animals.
- Monitor animals recovering from surgeries.
- Clean and sterilise examination tables and equipment.

Qualities that could make you a great Vet Nurse

- Enjoy working with animals
- Handle animals with confidence and patience
- Make accurate observations
- Good communication skills
- Good organisational skills
- Able to work as part of a team
- Caring and understanding

How do I become a Vet Nurse?

There are 2 main ways to become a Vet Nurse:

1. Complete a Vocational Education and Training course.

For example:

- [Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing](#) is the entry-level qualification which is available as an Apprenticeship Australia-wide.
- [Diploma of Veterinary Nursing](#) which reflects the role of senior Vet Nurses.

2. Complete a higher education course.

For example:

- Federation University, [Bachelor of Veterinary and Wildlife Science](#)
- Melbourne Polytechnic, [Bachelor of Veterinary Nursing](#)
- The University of Adelaide, [Bachelor of Veterinary Technology](#).
- La Trobe University, [Bachelor of Veterinary Nursing](#)
- The University of Queensland, [Bachelor of Veterinary Technology](#).

Prerequisites

Entry requirements vary so check directly with each institution. However, English, Maths, Chemistry, and Biology may be required. You may also use your Certificate IV, Diploma, or relevant work history as an alternative entry pathway to a university degree.





What do Vets do?

Veterinarians diagnose, treat and help to prevent disease and injury in animals. They advise on ways to prevent the development or spread of diseases, to improve the health and productivity of animals, and they supervise safety standards of animal foods.

Duties and Tasks

Some duties and tasks vets perform on a daily basis include:

- Examining and testing sick and injured animals.
- Treating animals with drugs and surgery and providing them with care.
- Vaccinating animals.
- Giving advice about animal health and care.
- Assisting in public education programs and promoting the welfare of animals.

Qualities that could make you a great Vet

- Interested in the health and welfare of animals
- Observant
- Good analysing, problem-solving and decision-making skills
- Good communication skills
- Aptitude for science
- An inquiring mind
- Organisational and supervisory skills

Good to know

Veterinarians abide by a code of practice by the Australian Veterinary Association. They must register annually with the Veterinary Surgeons Board or Veterinary Practitioners Registration Board in their state.

How do I become a Vet?

There are 2 main ways to become a Vet.

1. Complete an accredited veterinary science degree at university.

For example:

- The University of Adelaide, [Bachelor of Science \(Veterinary Bioscience\)](#)
- Murdoch University, [Bachelor of Science / Doctor of Veterinary Medicine](#)
- James Cook University, [Bachelor of Veterinary Science \(Honours\)](#)
- University of Sydney, [Bachelor of Arts and Doctor of Medicine](#)
- The University of Queensland, [Bachelor of Veterinary Science \(Honours\)](#)

Prerequisites

These usually include English, maths, biology, chemistry, and physics but all institutions have different requirements so it's important to check these directly.

2. Complete a relevant undergraduate degree such as science, animal science or veterinary bioscience, followed by a postgraduate Veterinary degree.

For example:

- The University of Melbourne, [Doctor of Veterinary Medicine](#)
- The University of Adelaide, [Doctor of Veterinary Medicine](#)





GET INVOLVED

All competitions and challenges are free/have low entry fees and are open to students nationwide unless otherwise stated.

Competition	Open To	Closing Date
<p><u>Storyfest National Poetry Prize</u> Entries must be original, no more than 50 lines (excluding the title) and on any subject.</p>	Secondary students under 19	1 December 2023
<p><u>Storyfest National Novella Writing Competition</u> For serious student writers with fantastic prizes on offer!</p>	All high school students	1 December 2023
<p><u>Little Stories Big Ideas</u> In 100 words or less (not including title), write your story incorporating the theme 'Magic'!</p>	Year 7 - 12 students	22 December 2023
<p><u>The Best Australian Short Film Competition</u> Your short film could snag you a share in a prize pool worth over \$75,000!</p>	Everyone 12+	5-22 January 2024
<p><u>Junior Water Prize 2023</u> Create solutions for current and future water challenges.</p>	15 - 20 year olds	1 March 2024

