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KHS Careers Google Classroom: i5ialrg

JobJump: <https://www.jobjump.com.au/> The password to register is: kh

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School Careers Website: <http://www.killarahighcareers.com/>

Careers Bullseyes: <https://myfuture.edu.au/footer/assist-others/career-bullseye-posters#/>

Articles of Interest:

<https://www.smh.com.au/national/nsw/exam-halls-cleaned-hand-sanitiser-at-the-ready-as-hsc-week-begins-20201015-p565ca.html>

<https://www.smh.com.au/politics/federal/university-fees-are-changing-how-will-it-affect-you-20201009-p563ib.html>

Year 10 Work Experience Update:

If you have not yet handed in your work experience forms, please do so as a priority. If you have not yet completed the compulsory Introduction to Workplace Learning, this must be done and the certificate uploaded to the Google Classroom prior to going on work experience. If you are still struggling to find a placement, please come and see us so that we can have a discussion about it.

Years 10-12 student information:

Killara High School Portal For Medicine/Dentistry Entry:

For students interested in studying medicine/dentistry you can login into Killara High School's Portal (student and parent access):

Link: <http://icanmed.com.au/killara>

Password: KILLARAMEDDENT

Year 12 student information:

Congratulations on completing Year 12 and we wish you all the best as you complete your final HSC exams. Please keep in mind that we, as a Careers team, are always here to help you so please pop your head in to ask any questions or just to say hi.

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Open Days & Info Sessions

ADF Trade Careers Virtual Information Session

22 October 2020, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Online

A trade role in the Australian Defence Force will see you working with some of the world's most advanced military technology and equipment.

Learn about trade careers in the ADF and the comprehensive training they provide at our virtual info session.

Find out more: <https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/events/events-detail/6mrdtfg>

Creative Careers

22 October 2020, 4:30 pm - 5:15 pm

Online

If you're a creative teen thinking about future study options or a career in the arts, or wondering if your creative talents are still relevant, this talk's for you. *Liminal* magazine founder and PhD student Leah Jing McIntosh and journalist and documentary filmmaker Santilla Chingaipe will survey the changing landscape of the arts in Australia, in conversation with Footscray High School student Felix Briggs.

Our panelists will discuss the value and flexibility of creative skills and critical thinking and they'll talk frankly about the risks and difficulties of careers in the arts, too.

What do creative careers look like today? How do artists and arts workers juggle their creative pursuits with their need to make a living? Is it possible the economic and social upheavals in the post-Covid world will change the way we think about the creative industries?

Join us for a practical talk about dreams, back-up plans and creative futures.

Find out more: <https://www.wheelercentre.com/events/creative-careers?promo=3767>

SCCE | Exchange Webinar

29 October 2020, 6:00 pm

Online

At SCCE, we understand that there is a lot to consider when going on exchange, which is why we are happy to offer these regular online information webinars to teach you all about your student exchange options.

Our online sessions will guide you through from everything you need to know about our programs. There is also time at the end of the presentation to ask questions, providing a wonderful opportunity to interact with both our staff and other future exchange students.

Find out more: <https://scce.clickmeeting.com/thurs-29-oct-info-session-1/register>

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Torrens University Australia Speaker Series

5 November 2020, 5:45 pm - 10 December 2020, 6:45 pm Online

Torrens University welcomes you to our exclusive annual Speaker Series. A great mix of industry experts and star guests will join us to cover topics as diverse as mental health awareness, the role of sport in communities, the rise of sustainable fashion and the path to recovery for our tourism industry.

- Industry experts – hear from our academic staff and acclaimed thought leaders
- Star guests – some of Australia’s best-known celebrities share their stories and pass on the benefits of their experiences
- Get involved – join in the live Q&A and be a part of the conversation

Various dates and sessions are happening between 5 November–10 December.

Find out more: <https://www.torrens.edu.au/speaker-series-2020>

UTS | Campus Tour

10 November 2020, 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm

26 November 2020, 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm

3 December 2020, 3:30 pm - 6:00 pm

University of Technology Sydney, Ultimo

UTS is located in the heart of Sydney’s creative and digital precinct and alongside Sydney’s central business district.

Check out our upcoming campus tours and book your spot.

Find out more:

<https://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/undergraduate/our-courses/find-right-course/events-and-info-sessions>

Bond University | Medical Program Information Session Webinar

23 November 2020, 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm Online

The Bond University Medical Program offers students opportunities to bring to life their ambitions to become outstanding practitioners, thinkers, and leaders, well equipped to deliver evidence-based, patient-centred health care that meets the needs of a diverse community.

We invite you to join the Dean of Medicine who will provide an overview of the Medical Program at Bond University via a webinar. Get the answers to all your questions during this live information session.

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Topics of discussion:

- Entry Requirements and Tuition Fees
- Program Structure and Subjects
- How to Apply and the Admissions Process
- Upcoming Key Dates
- Pathways into the Program
- Support Services Offered

Find out more:

<https://bond.edu.au/event/66380/medical-program-information-session-webinar>

Basair | Pilot Career Seminar

26 November 2020, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Bankstown Aerodrome

Basair Aviation College,

Learn about a career as a Commercial Pilot at one of our free information seminars.

Find out more: <http://www.basair.com.au/Events/Register/133>

Workshops & Courses

Virtual BiG Day In

21 October 2020, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Online

28 October 2020, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Online

The BiG Day In events are aimed at senior secondary school and university students interested in careers in ICT and technology. BiG Day In helps students obtain more information about ICT and technology careers, and hopefully helps them make a better-informed decision about their future.

Find out more: <https://www.thebigdayin.com.au/events>

BMIHMS | Career Focus Days

9 November 2020, 9:00 am - 11 November 2020, 5:00 pm

Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School, Leura & Sydney Campuses

BMIHMS' Career Focus Days provide potential students with the opportunity to experience life as a student and discover what a career in hospitality is like by attending classes and living amongst current students.

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CFD is a 3-day residential program for students considering a career in the hospitality industry, designed for those aged 16 and over. This program gives prospective students insight into what it's really like to study at BMIHMS and is held at both our Practical Learning Centre (Leura Campus) and Executive Business Centre (Sydney Campus).

Find out more: <https://www.bluemountains.edu.au/events/careerfocusdays/>

Scholarships

UOW Transforming Futures Scholarships

Value: \$5,000 - \$3,000 AUD per year

Open/Closing Dates: July 20, 2020 – December 11, 2020

These scholarships recognise the capacity in all students and seek to provide support to ensure students can participate in, and make the most of their higher education.

Application Criteria:

- Applicants must be
- commencing study in 2021 as a first year undergraduate student at UOW (no previous enrolment at UOW);
- Applicants must remain enrolled full-time at the University of Wollongong for the duration of the scholarship;
- Applicants must demonstrate needs such as financial and/or social disadvantage. Equity criteria include – but are not limited to – low income family background, living in a rural or isolated region, having a permanent disability, recently migrated from a non-English speaking country, Indigenous Australians, etc.;
- Applicants must submit an application via UOW Scholarship and UAC Equity to be considered for this scholarship;
- Applicants are required to demonstrate community involvement via submission of a written statement;
- Applicants must be an Australian Citizen or Australian Permanent Resident.

[Find out more](#)

University of Sydney J Alan Gibson Scholarship

Value: \$24,000 AUD per year

Open/Closing Dates: September 1, 2020 – November 23, 2020

This scholarship aims to support recent school leavers from rural and remote areas commencing study in engineering.

You must:

- be a recent school leaver
- qualify and enrol into any of the undergraduate programs offered by the Faculty of Engineering
- be from an outer regional, remote or very remote area as classified by the Australian Statistical Geography Standard
- demonstrate financial need.

Find out more

University of Sydney Alf Waugh Indigenous Scholarship

Value: \$6,500 AUD

Open/Closing Dates: October 15, 2020 – February 10, 2021

This scholarship provides support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students with leadership potential and community involvement.

You must:

- be an Australian citizen
- identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person as defined in the University of Sydney's Confirmation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Identity Policy 2015.
- be enrolled, or applying for admission into an undergraduate or postgraduate coursework program
- not previously have completed the requirements for the relevant degree level that you are currently or will enrol in
- show leadership potential and community involvement
- demonstrate financial need.

Note: Preference will be given to students

- enrolled within the Faculty of Engineering
- from the Northern Territory and/or rural and remote Australia (as defined by the Australian Government).

Find out more

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Bond University Indigenous Medical Scholarship

Value: 50% tuition remission

Open/Closing Dates: August 3, 2020 – January 28, 2021

Bond University is committed to fostering diversity and providing a culturally inclusive environment with equitable educational opportunities for Indigenous Australians. In 2021, Bond University will award one Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander student a 50% scholarship for the Bachelor of Medical Studies.

To be considered, applicants must:

- be Aboriginal and / or Torres Strait Islander
- meet the program prerequisites as per the Bond University Medical Program

[Find out more](#)

Competitions

2021 Australian Stockholm Junior Water Prize

The Stockholm Junior Water Prize is the world's most prestigious youth award given to a high school student for water research.

The competition challenges young people to think big and take a fresh look at local and global water problems. The project encourages students to delve into all areas of water including:

- Improving water quality
- Managing water resources
- Water protection
- Water sanitation
- Water and wastewater treatment

The winner of the Australian competition is invited to participate in the international competition held each year during World Water Week in Stockholm, Sweden, competing with over 30 countries in the international final.

Project outlines are due by Monday 30 November.

Find out more and enter here:

https://www.awa.asn.au/AWA_MBRR/Our_members/Awards/Australian_Stockholm_Junior_Water_Prize/AWA_MBRR/About_AWA/Awards/Australian_Stockholm_Junior_Water_Prize/ASJWP.aspx

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Somerset National Poetry Prize

As a part of the 2021 Somerset Storyfest, secondary school-aged students are invited to participate in the Somerset National Poetry Prize.

The purpose of the Somerset National Poetry Prize is to encourage a love of writing poetry amongst secondary school students, to affirm it as a worthwhile literary pursuit, and to stimulate excellence in writing. It also aims to inspire and enrich youth literature.

There are two categories to enter: a Junior Category for Years 7-9, and a Senior Category for Years 10-12.

Each category winner will be awarded:

- Cash prizes
- Flights and accommodation to the Gold Coast
- Tickets to attend Somerset Storyfest (17 to 19 March 2021)
- Exclusive access to meet with Australia's elite authors and publicists

Entries are open until Friday 4 December.

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.storyfest.com.au/poetry-prize>

Patrick White Indigenous Writers Award

The Patrick White Indigenous Writers Award has been designed to encourage Indigenous Australian students in Kindy to Year 12 studying in NSW to use their reading, writing, and creative skills.

Students are encouraged to write a short story, play or poem relating to one of the following themes:

- "Growing"
- "Looking Back"
- "It was so small..."

Prizes from \$50 up to \$500 and Encouragement Awards from \$20 up to \$250 will be awarded.

Entries are open until Saturday 31 October.

Find out more and enter here: <http://www.pwwc.org.au/enter/>

UC Design Competition

The UC Design Competition is back with a new name and an even better selection of prizes.

The Faculty of Arts and Design invites all ACT and NSW Year 11 and 12 students to enter our annual competition that gives creative students a chance to showcase their skills from creative writing, to design, digital, built environment videography and more.

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Submit your best creative work (this could be a school project or your own creative work), for your chance to win some exciting prizes that will kickstart a journey towards your dream career.

Entries close on Monday 19 October.

Find out more and enter here: <https://www.canberra.edu.au/uccreativecompetition>

Imagine Cup Junior 2021

Imagine Cup Junior 2021 provides students aged 13 to 18 the opportunity to learn about technology and how it can be used to positively change the world.

The global challenge is focused on Artificial Intelligence (AI), introducing students to AI and Microsoft's AI for Good initiatives so they can come up with ideas to solve social, cultural and environmental issues. It's also a great opportunity to encourage students to develop and practice 21st century skills like communication, collaboration, critical thinking and creativity.

Educators, Instructors and Parents/Guardians can submit applications for their students. Submissions must be an original solution that each team of one to six students have created.

Submissions are open now until Friday 21 May 2021.

Find out more and enter here: <https://imaginecup.microsoft.com/en-us/junior>

Carlingford Community Art Show

The Rotary Club of Carlingford are very pleased to present the inaugural Carlingford Community Art Show. Artists are invited to enter their works for this year's virtual art show.

There is a special category for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 to enter works in any medium. The student category features a \$500 prize for the winning artwork.

Entries are open until Friday 6 November.

Find out more and enter here: <https://carlingfordcommunityartshow.com.au/>

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Careers & Jobs

Careers for Creative People

Creativity

noun

“the use of imagination or original ideas to create something; inventiveness.”

Creativity, imagination, artistic ability, inventiveness, originality, expressiveness.

If any of these words describe skills that you're strongest or most passionate about, then a career in art and design could be worth exploring.

What are some careers for creative personalities?

There are lots of careers out there that require all the qualities listed above (as well as a combination of other skills and qualifications).

Here's a few to explore:

- UX Designer
- Costume Designer
- Graphic Designer
- Fashion Stylist
- Writer
- Web Designer
- Photographer
- Visual Merchandiser
- Tattooist
- Toy Designer
- Professional Dancer
- Game Designer
- DJ

You could also keep an eye on our [job spotlights](#) page for more ideas we add new ones every week. Or check out different careers [here](#).

If you can't find information about careers you're curious or passionate about, why not drop us a line at info@studyworkgrow.com.au and let us know what you'd like to see.

Become an Entry Level Recruit with the AFP

The AFP is interested in attracting individuals who are up for the challenge – both physically and mentally for our entry level recruit – Police Officer and Protective Service Officer roles. If you want to give back to the community, align with our core values of integrity, commitment, accountability, fairness, trust and respect then you are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications are now open for the Entry Level recruit process, and close on Friday 18 December.

Find out more and apply here:

<https://www.afp.gov.au/careers/entry-level-recruit-policing-and-protective-service-officer-recruitment>

Ask an Engineer

Power of Engineering is giving students in Years 7-12 the chance to ask engineers a question about their careers.

They have a network of amazing engineers in fields such as aerospace, mechanical, mechatronics and civil engineering who are ready to answer any questions you might have.

Diversity in the engineering profession? Skills required? The role that engineering fulfils in the community? If you've ever had questions about what a career as an engineer might look like, this is your chance to ask.

Power of Engineering will release a video of the engineers answering your questions.

Ask your questions here: <http://www.powerofengineering.org/ask-an-engineer>

In-demand roles for 19 October 2020

This week, there was strong growth in demand across the country for Customer Service Representatives. These roles can include things like call centre agents and working face-to-face with customers to handle sales, questions and complaints.

If you'd like to find out more about a job as a call centre agent, [you can check out our Job Spotlight](#).

Here are the roles with the strongest growth by location:

NSW – [Work Health and Safety Officer](#) (3,210 jobs)

VIC – [Farmhand](#) (135 jobs)

QLD – [Farmhand](#) (158 jobs)

ACT – [Work Health and Safety Officer](#) (334 jobs)

WA – [Customer Service Representative](#) (2,874 jobs)

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SA – Customer Service Representative (1,543 jobs)

TAS – Customer Service Representative (296 jobs)

NT – Customer Service Representative (255 jobs)

Source: Seek Australia

Further Learning

Bond University | 2021 Year 12 Entry

Year 12 students have shown incredible resilience in adapting to the challenges presented by the coronavirus pandemic. To ensure students are not disadvantaged by the hardship caused by COVID-19, Bond University will support students by assessing applications based on their first semester Year 12 results.

Find out more: <https://bit.ly/36K5eKi>

APS Indigenous Apprenticeships Program

The Indigenous Apprenticeships Program is a pathway for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to start their career in the Australian Public Service (APS).

The 12-month program offers:

- A permanent, full-time, entry-level job
- on-the-job training
- a competitive salary and great benefits
- a nationally recognised certificate or diploma qualification.

It also offers a range of roles across a number of departments and agencies. You could work in:

- administration
- policy and program development
- service delivery
- finance
- human resources
- information technology.

Applications are open now and close on Friday 20 November.

Find out more and apply here:

<https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/organisations/about-us/careers/employment-options/indigenous-apprenticeships-program>

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Kenvale College | Get Real Events Experience

If you have a real passion for a career in Event Management, then Kenvale College's Get Real Events Experience is for you. It's a joint program run by Kenvale College in partnership with a number of industry establishments in Sydney, designed to give 10 selected students a real head start in their career with:

- One week's workplace experience in a hospitality or events environment
- The chance to win a scholarship to study Hospitality and Event Management at Kenvale College.

Get Real Events Experience is a partial scholarship where two deserving winners will receive:

- Entry into the Kenvale Hospitality and Event Management program
- \$3,000 to go towards their college fees
- One week of work experience in New Zealand (at the end of their first year) including airfares, meals and accommodation.
- A professional development program prior to commencing college including exposure to industry professionals and involvement in college events

Entries close in December.

Find out more and apply here:

<https://kenvale.edu.au/study-with-us/domestic-students/scholarships/get-real-events-experience/>

Resources

Stay calm and succeed with these last-minute study tips

Even if you've been studying hard, it can be hard not to freak out as it gets closer to exam time. If you're feeling like you aren't prepared enough or haven't studied at all, *there's still time* to get some revision done.

Here are a few tips that could help so that you don't begin to feel overwhelmed or get too stressed out and can continue to be productive with your studies.

1. Stop procrastinating

Whether you've already started revising or not, got a study schedule or not, we are all guilty of putting things off.

Our advice is to change that today.

Set a timer and just do an hour's work if that's all you can manage. The point is the sooner you start preparing, the more ground you can cover and the less anxious you might feel as the exam approaches.

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Another good tip is to leave your devices somewhere they won't distract you. Or if you need them to access information, turn off any apps that you don't need.

2. Take it one topic at a time

There's a time and a place for multi-tasking, and this probably isn't it.

Choose a topic, give it all of your focus. Take it a step further, break your subject down into categories whether it's by chapters or themes, then you can read over the information, make your notes, answer a couple of practise questions or test your knowledge another way.

Then when you feel confident you've got it covered or your timer goes off for that session, move on to the next section or subject.

3. Breaks are important

Little breaks during your study time are important, so have a walk around, get a drink or snack, then go back to it. Ultimately it could help you to concentrate better over longer periods and retain more of the material you've covered.

You'll need big breaks too. Don't carry on studying until late at night, set yourself a knock-off time, allow yourself to relax and unwind a bit, plan for the next day...and get lots of sleep.

If you have any club, sports or hobby commitments, make sure you still go along to them. And on weekends, have a lie in, take some time out to have fun or chill out a bit.

Working too hard for too long can be counter-productive, so it's important you look after yourself or you'll burn out before the exams are over.

Just remember to limit your breaks in time or number so that you can get back on track and achieve your study goals.

4. Change your environment

You don't always have to study in the same place, if you're getting sick of your usual space find somewhere else that works for you.

If you're not able to get out much because of COVID, try sitting outside for a bit, or in a family room (if it's not too noisy and chaotic).

For anyone who's lucky not to be restricted, you could organise a study date with a friend, go to the library, or head down to the park. You could even ask at school if there's a space they'd be happy to let you use during free periods or after school hours.

5. Try new study strategies

You might find a change is as good as a break. If you always use the same study techniques but for some reason they're just not working for you right now, a few minutes researching could help you to find other methods that might just do the trick.

There are plenty of resources [here](#) to get you started.

You could also try:

- Organising a study group – it could be done online if you can't get meet up in person
 - Asking friends or family to test you
 - Completing previous exam papers (use time limits if you want to perfect your exam technique too)
6. Speak to your teachers

Your teachers not only know the subjects and curriculum inside and out, they've also helped loads of other students before you.

They could:

- Provide extra tuition if needed
- Help reassure you about the areas you know well
- Identify areas where your knowledge is lacking and needs some work
- Give you clear direction about exactly what you'll need to know for the exam as well as the types of questions you'll receive.

Take a deep breath and don't let 2020 beat you

Stay positive and [ask for help](#) if you need it.

Before you know it, exams will be over, and your life will move on to the next chapter. Just remember that no matter what happens there are always options, pathways, and people who can help you to reach your goals.

What is Uni Like Now? Deciding on Gap Year and Uni in a Pandemic

It is impossible to deny that the world has changed in the past few months. Constantly moving goal posts make it difficult to make the right gap year and uni decision for you.

Reinventing the Gap Year has produced a video to help you get your head around recent changes to uni life. From online learning, to socialising while isolated. In this episode we hear from real uni students about how they have dealt with drastic change.

Take a look at the video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sehi5bJPKro&feature=youtu.be>

Job Spotlight

How to become a Veterinary Nurse

What do Vet Nurses do?

Vet Nurses support Veterinarians by providing medical care to any animals that come into the clinic. The job involves undertaking a range of diagnostic tests, medical treatments and even some minor surgical procedures (under veterinary instruction), as well as educating and supporting owners on maintaining the health of their pets.

If you are caring and resilient, love animals but like people just as much, don't mind getting your hands dirty and are prepared to be flexible, becoming a Vet Nurse could be a rewarding career to consider.

About you:

- Passionate about caring for animals and their welfare but resilient enough to deal with the hard parts of the job
- A multi-tasking ninja who can work efficiently even under pressure
- A natural team player with great initiative
- Great communicator with excellent observational skills

The job:

- Administer medications, assist with surgery and emergency procedures
- Carry out diagnostic tests and minor procedures on animals with direction from a veterinarian
- Stock medical and other supplies, dispense treatments or medications to clients with instructions on how to use them
- Maintain and sterilise equipment, keep medical records up to date
- Provide information and support to pet owners and assist in consultations
- Carry out administrative and other functions such as cleaning that help to keep the clinic running efficiently

Lifestyle Impact: Medium

- Part time opportunities: Medium (51% of Vet Nurses work part time – Source: joboutlook.gov.au)
- Average hours for full-time workers (they average 40 per week)
- Vet Nurses salary (average) **\$57,000*** per year (Source: joboutlook.gov.au). You could earn more if you worked full time, depending on your location, experience, and qualifications.
- Future career growth: **Strong** (Source: joboutlook.gov.au)
- As a veterinary nurse you'll have to work outside of 9-5 hours, may have to work long shifts with weekend and late clinics and be flexible enough to attend to emergencies. It's a career that may also take an emotional toll as often as it is rewarding.

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Veterinary Nurses are most in demand in these locations:

Queensland (seek.com.au)

Vet Nurses are needed all over Australia, but it's a highly desirable role so competition is intense. There are opportunities to work in rural or remote settings to consider too.

How to become a Vet Nurse in Australia

A Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing is the basic qualification required for eligibility to work as a Vet Nurse, this usually takes 2 years to complete.

Step 1 – Study English, Mathematics and Biology at high school. Completing Year 12 in these subjects could help you to be more competitive when applying for jobs.

Step 2 – Complete relevant tertiary qualifications e.g.:

Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing

Diploma of Veterinary Nursing

An Apprenticeship or Traineeship would allow you to learn and gain work experience at the same time.

Note: In WA you'll need to register with the Western Australia Vet Surgeons Board to get approval as a trainee.

Step 3 – Once you have completed your studies it's compulsory in WA to register with the Western Australia Vet Surgeons Board and recommended in other states to register with AVNAT.

Step 4 – Consider specialising or upskilling with other tertiary qualifications and short courses to progress your career. You could go to uni and complete a Bachelor of Veterinary Science, qualify, register and work as a Veterinarian.

Find out more here –

<https://www.vnca.asn.au/>

<https://www.ava.com.au/>

Similar Careers to Vet Nurse

Veterinarian

Veterinary Practise Manager

Animal Attendant

Veterinary Assistant

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Pharmaceutical Representative

Animal Physiotherapist

Dog Groomer

Animal Trainer

Zookeeper

Find out more about alternative careers.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- **How long does it take to become a Vet Nurse?**

On average it takes 2 years to complete the Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing. It's recommended that you complete high school until Year 12 too; it's a competitive field so higher qualifications could make you more appealing to potential employers.

- **What do Vet Nurses do?**

Veterinary nurses have very diverse job roles. From cleaning and sterilising cages and equipment, to performing technical tasks like helping with administration of anaesthetics, surgical procedures, taking blood, urine and stool samples, and running diagnostic tests. They might also be carrying out dental procedures, preparing animals for surgery, as well as advising and educating owners.

- **Where do Vet Nurses work?**

Vet Nurses mostly work in veterinary clinics, but some jobs might require you to work out in the field or in laboratory settings.

- **Do I need to go to university to become a Vet Nurse?**

No, a university degree isn't a requirement to work as a Vet Nurse.

- **Veterinary Assistant, Veterinary Nurse, Veterinary Technician – so what's the difference?**

Vet Assistants require a Certificate II and work under the supervision of vet nurses and carry out basic duties. Vet Nurses carry out the job duties described in our job spotlight. Veterinary Technician's require a Bachelor's Degree of Veterinary Technology, and they generally work in emergency hospitals and specialist clinics.

- **What are 3 things I can do right now to help me become a Vet Nurse?**

If you're in Years 7-10 at high school and you'd like to find out if a career as a Vet Nurse is right for you and start learning skills and gaining experience, here's a few things you could try:

1. Contact vet clinics near you and volunteer, even if it's just cleaning out kennels or sweeping up around the place.
2. Walk dogs or volunteer with animal welfare and rescue organisations, build up experience dealing with different animals and their temperaments.
3. Complete a Certificate II in Animal Studies. Designed with students still at school in mind, you'll learn the basic skills and knowledge to care for a range of animals. It could even qualify you to work in a veterinary clinic as an assistant.