

Weekly Career News

Term 2

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VOCATIONAL & HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

Early Achievers Program at Australian Catholic University (ACU): This is an early entry program that takes into account factors other than just your ATAR for admission into courses. Factors include evidence of community service, leadership, and school participation etc. If you are accepted into the program, you will be guaranteed entry into the degree of your choice with a minimum ATAR, providing you meet prerequisites. The following are the minimum ATARs for the 2018 intake

- 70: Law and all dual Law degrees
- 70: Physiotherapy (subject to change)
- 65: Occupational Therapy, Speech Pathology, and Paramedicine.
- 58.5: all other degrees.

Applications are now open and close Monday 17 July, <http://bit.ly/2kPLY2t>

Direct Early Entry program at University of New England: Applications are now open for this early entry program. Selection is based on the recommendation from the applicant's school, not their final ATAR. The program is free, fully online, and students can start their university application now. For a list of eligible courses and application information, go to <http://bit.ly/2aqFGGu>

Interested in journalism? YMCA Victoria has established its own news room and press gallery for coverage of the Youth Parliament. This program offers young people the chance to gain a unique experience in conjunction with The Youth Parliament of Victoria and the Victorian Chambers of Government. While budding politicians take over Parliament House, emerging journalists from across Victoria will fill the press gallery to file stories for the website <http://bit.ly/2pwTYcJ> hit the airwaves, and write for publications across the state. Applications for the YMCA Press Gallery program close Sunday 14 May. For information and to apply, go to <http://bit.ly/1WTQegV>

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Interested in studying business? Did you know that some universities offer a year of industry experience as part of their undergraduate business degrees? The following are three examples:

- **Victoria University** – at least 40 weeks of paid industry experience through the Cooperative Education program (competitive entry), <http://bit.ly/2oWTNp7>
- **Swinburne University:** a guaranteed year of paid industry experience through the Bachelor of Business (Professional) degree, <http://bit.ly/2pwwEM0>
- **RMIT:** a guaranteed year of industry experience through the Applied program for Marketing, Economics and Finance, Information Systems, International Business, and Logistics and Supply Chain Management, <http://bit.ly/2aHKMgR>

Bachelor of Commerce at Victoria University: The course prepares graduates for work in a variety of finance-related areas. The curriculum has a 'job-ready' focus and is aligned with the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) Institute Candidate Body of Knowledge (CBOK). Students can undertake a professional major in either International Business or Applied Finance. There are 8 minors to choose from. The course gives students the opportunity to take part in:

- A study tour that blends formal study with experiential learning through overseas travel in Asia or Europe
- Industry placement
- Workplace-based projects with authentic case-based scenarios
- A mentoring program.

For more information about the course, go to: <http://bit.ly/2quCiO2>

Applying for the Diploma of Nursing in 2018?

Students may be required to register for and pass the VETASSESS aptitude test as part of the selection process when applying for the Diploma at several TAFE Institutes. For the 2018 intake, students will need to consult directly with the TAFE they would like to apply to, to find out how to complete the test. The paper-based test can no longer be booked via the VETASSESS Australia website.

Have you considered studying at the Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA)? The following information has been copied from the Defence Force Recruiting Newsletter. ADFA is situated in Canberra and is a university like no other, offering combined military and leadership training, with a world-class degree from the University of New South Wales (UNSW). It has the best university student-to-teacher ratio in the country, amazing sports and recreational facilities and is one of Australia’s most respected universities.

Why ADFA?

- The education and experiences of ADFA will equip you to deal with the professional and personal challenges of your chosen career
- Be trained in the art of leadership by experienced military professionals
- Access exceptional sporting and recreational facilities and be a part of a wide variety of sports and special-interest clubs
- Earn your degree from UNSW
- Choose from a range of degrees - Arts, Business, Engineering, Information Technology, Science and Technology
- Enjoy free medical and dental, subsidised food and accommodation
- Receive a starting salary of \$40,310 plus super while studying and no Higher Education Loan Program (HELP) fees.

For more information on ADFA call 13 19 01 or visit <http://bit.ly/1d0fil6>



Changes to entry requirements for undergraduate education degrees (Victoria):

For the 2018 intake, the following selection criteria may be required for undergraduate education courses:

- **Achieve a minimum ATAR of 65:** Some universities will require a higher ATAR.
- **Complete the CASPer test:** this is an online video-based situational judgment test. The test is designed to measure ethics, empathy and communication (selected universities will require this), <http://bit.ly/2qjjaGt>
- **Achieve prerequisites:** meet the requirements for prerequisite subjects.

Please contact the universities you will be applying to for specific information.

The Good Careers Guide 2017: This is a fantastic book you can order through the Good Education Bookshop. The guide provides advice on career planning, explores education options and includes descriptions for more than 400 jobs and occupations. Each comprehensive job description features skill and training requirements, related jobs, industry contacts, and more. If you would like to purchase a copy, please use this link <http://bit.ly/2oWS1Er>

If you prefer to research career options online, the following three websites are excellent:

- Good Careers Guide online - <http://bit.ly/1Wcdrfb>
- Myfuture - <http://bit.ly/2IZ6HTx>
- Skills Road - <http://bit.ly/2qjMF1b>



Are you ready to showcase your creativity?

Offset, Victoria University’s creative arts journal, invites you to submit your prose, poetry, artwork, photography, music, textiles, sculptures and multimedia for inclusion in the 2017 edition. Selected submissions will be featured in the Journal. Applications are now open. For information and to apply, go to <http://bit.ly/2oXgJVd>

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Are you a female interested in trades? The following websites provide fantastic resources for women who would like to gain a trade qualification:

- Fanelle: stories of tradeswomen, <http://bit.ly/26lGx9s>
- SkillsOne: Women in Trades, <http://bit.ly/1a8EZg2>
- Woman With Wrench: women in plumbing trades, <http://bit.ly/2fQACwB>

Meet RMIT students: RMIT offers vocational and higher education courses at Melbourne, Brunswick and Bundoora. The following stories highlight what several current students are enjoying about their courses:

- Hanin Wehbe is a teaching student intent on changing young lives around the world for the better, <http://bit.ly/2oP4oqT>
- For Tass Grigoriou studying information systems gave him the opportunity to gain international experience for a global industry, <http://bit.ly/2pzOXSt>
- Health and Biomedicine students talk about why they love what they study, as well as the highlights, the challenges and some helpful advice for future students, <http://bit.ly/2pzSYqi>
- Recent Electronic and Communications Engineering graduate Fithriyah talks about his new role as a graduate engineer with Telstra, <http://bit.ly/2oP1m66>

Do you love science and maths? The vital role medical laboratory scientists' play in the healthcare system to combat superbugs was highlighted at a recent TedX Texas State University Conference. Dr. Rodney E. Rohde, a clinical microbiologist and professor at Texas State University, discussed the reality of superbugs in healthcare systems, and the important role medical laboratory professionals play in combating these superbugs.

RMIT's Bachelor of Biomedical Science (Laboratory Medicine) is the only degree in Victoria that is professionally accredited by the Australian Institute of Medical Scientists (AIMS). For information about the course, go to <http://bit.ly/2pO3gnD>

UPCOMING EVENTS

VCE and Careers Expo: This event enables senior school students and their parents to participate in a diverse range of seminars related to VCE subjects, gap year opportunities, vocational and higher education courses, career pathways and VCE study skills. 171 exhibitors will be in attendance, and 156 seminars will be offered. Cost is \$10 per student. The event is being held at Caulfield Racecourse between Thursday 4 to Sunday 7 May. To find out more and to order tickets, go to www.vceandcareers.com.au

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- **1 – 7: Melbourne Knowledge Week,** <http://bit.ly/2ptiVbm>
- **3 - 25: Inside Monash Seminars:** Teaching (3), Music (4), IT (5), Teaching (10), Medicine & Biomedicine (11), Engineering (12), Science Advanced - Research and Global Challenges (17), Law (18), Health Sciences (19), Biomedicine Sciences, Radiography, and Nutrition and Dietetics (25), <http://bit.ly/1Scshkl>
- **4 - 7: VCE and Careers Expo,** Caulfield, www.vceandcareers.com.au/
- **5: Open Day,** University of New England, Armidale, <http://bit.ly/2oGZMRS>
- **9 - 16: Meet Melbourne University,** Warrnambool (9), Hamilton (10), Sale (15), Warragul (16), <http://bit.ly/2pKUXET>
- **12: MyDay,** Charles Sturt University, Albury Wodonga campus, <http://bit.ly/2kVYa5R>
- **13: Open Day,** JMC Academy, Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/2pvHAJk>
- **13: Open Day,** Collarts, Melbourne, <http://bit.ly/2pM730A>
- **16, 17, 23: Monash Information Evening,** Bendigo (16), Shepparton (17), Warragul (23) <http://bit.ly/2pt8nsT>
- **20: Open Day,** Academy of Interactive Entertainment, <http://bit.ly/1hsNG8q>
- **26: Experience La Trobe University,** Albury Wodonga campus, <http://bit.ly/2p07y7b>