

CAREER NEWSLETTER

Week 4 - Term 1, 2020.

REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDYING MEDICINE, DENTISTRY AND ORAL HEALTH.

If you are in Year 12 and plan to apply for any of these health science courses to start in 2021, you may need to sit the UCAT ANZ (University Clinical Aptitude Test).

The UCAT ANZ is a two-hour, computer-based test which assesses a range of mental abilities identified by universities as important to practicing in the fields of medicine and dentistry.

It consists of five separately timed subtests which each contain a number of questions in a multiple-choice format.

You will sit the test in July 2020 and selected universities use your UCAT ANZ results as part of the selection process, in conjunction with your ATAR and HSC/VCE results, and in some cases an interview.

You will only have one chance to sit the UCAT ANZ this year.

Key dates

3 Feb	Concession Scheme and Access Arrangements open
2 Mar	Bookings open
4 Mar	Deadline for Concession Scheme and Access Arrangements
11 May	Booking deadline
18 May	Booking cancellation and late booking deadline
July	Testing
Sep	Results delivered to universities

It will cost you around \$299 to sit the test, or \$199 concession, and you will be able to receive your results straight away.

You have the choice to start preparing for the test early. There are several private companies who offer commercial preparation programs – [NIE](#), [MedEntry](#) and [Matrix Education](#) are examples.

It is important to note that the universities who use the UCAT **do not endorse any of these companies** and you can access free preparation materials from the UCAT site at <https://bit.ly/2tjlewA>

Please go to <https://www.ucat.edu.au/> for more information about the UCAT ANZ, to see if you have to sit the test, and to register for the test.

Please note: not all medicine courses and pathways require the UCAT. Use the links below to see a range of course options and pathways available:

- [Medicine Courses](#)
- [Allied Health Courses \(including Dentistry and Oral Health\)](#)
- [Medical Science Courses](#)
- [Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedicine Courses](#)

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VOCATIONAL AND HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

Moama Anglican Grammar Careers Program

The Careers Program at Moama Anglican Grammar begins in Year 9 with Careers classes and the Echuca Moama Beacon Foundation. It continues in Year 10 with the Morrisby career assessment, Careers Camp to Melbourne and Work Experience. Students are then supported through Years 11 and 12 as they prepare for post-school options – employment, Vocational Education and Training (VET) or tertiary study. For more information see the links below:

[Year 9 Careers](#)

[Year 10 Careers](#)

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ANU Applications 2021

Direct applications for 2021 will open in March 2020 for all domestic school leavers. There is no application fee, students will be required to meet the co-curricular or service requirement, and they will apply for admission, guaranteed accommodation, and over 200 scholarships all in one application. For more information: <https://www.anu.edu.au/study/apply/domestic-applications-anu-undergraduate>

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Charles Sturt Advantage 2020

The Charles Sturt Advantage is back in 2020. Year 12 students can gain a conditional offer to study at Charles Sturt University through demonstrating a variety of soft skills. Applications open 1 June and close on 31 August. Students can register their interest at <https://www.csu.edu.au/advantage>. For more information 1800 ASK CSU.

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Apprenticeships vs Traineeships – What’s the Difference?

They might seem similar, but if you’re looking to do an apprenticeship or traineeship it’s important to know the difference. [Read up on what the difference is on our blog.](#)

Australian Apprenticeships and Traineeships Information Service (AATIS) are seeking input from parents and guardians about their perception of vocational education and training (VET) as a post school career pathway. For information on the initiative and to fill out the online survey, visit <https://bit.ly/2u4Jist>

[YouTube Channel](#) - Check out this channel to watch videos about apprenticeships, traineeships and employers.

[Smart phone App](#) - This is an App you can download so you can research apprenticeships and traineeships on the go via your smart phone.

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STEM Careers

Not interested in going to university? No worries! Uni isn't for everyone. Fortunately, there are heaps of opportunities to study STEM that don't involve enrolling in a bachelor's degree. We're talking about vocational education and training – otherwise known as VET. Here, we hash out five alternative pathways, <https://bit.ly/2HsoRZu>

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Fun STEM quizzes

To take any of the quizzes below, visit Careers With STEM at <https://bit.ly/2vI2Nrm>

- **Which area of science should I study?** Stuck between Chemistry, Physics or Biology? We'll help you break it down and match you to your perfect degree. Best of all? There's so many different careers to choose from, no matter what you get!
- **What's your STEM + X?** Studying STEM doesn't mean you're destined for a career as a scientist or mathematician! STEM students find jobs across all industries, thanks to a little equation we call STEM + X.
Find your STEM + X (where X = your passion, skills or area of interest) and discover the possibilities of a STEM career in just about any job.
What's your STEM + X?
- **Which area of engineering should you study?** If you're interested in engineering, you're not limited in your career or study choices! Take this quiz and we'll tell you where to start searching for your perfect engineering degree.
- **Are you a future entrepreneur?** Tell us a bit about the way you think, and we'll tell you whether you're a future entrepreneur!

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Criminology

Have you considered studying criminology in the future? The Careers Department has developed a fantastic mind map of criminology careers and courses. To explore the map, visit <https://bit.ly/2V4hS0G>
In Victoria, you can study undergraduate criminology at the following universities:

[RMIT University](#)

[The University of Melbourne](#)

[Deakin University](#)

[Swinburne University](#)

[Monash University](#)

[Victoria University](#)

[Federation University](#)

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Work Experience Academy of Interactive Entertainment (AIE)

You can apply for work experience at one of the following AIE campuses – Melbourne, Canberra, Adelaide or Sydney. You will be able to explore courses and careers in 3D animation, programming, interactive entertainment and digital industries. For information, go to <https://bit.ly/2SCcJfN>

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Australian Catholic University News

Internship opportunity with the Bachelor of Arts

ACU's National School of Arts offers students a range of internship and community engagement placements to help you gain invaluable professional experience while you study. You have the opportunity to be involved in programs such as the Victorian Parliamentary Internship, which may help you progress to a graduate position as a journalist, researcher and more, <https://bit.ly/2UTAtg9>

Education and teaching

ACU has a new suite of education courses offering specialisations that are flexible to meet your needs and interests. Depending on your choice of specialisation, these courses provide you with the option to pick a pathway into a range of school settings and specialist teacher roles, <https://bit.ly/37xxwo3>

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Job Spotlight – Pharmacist

What do Pharmacists do?

As one of the most trusted professions, a Pharmacist's job is to prep and provide over-the-counter drugs and fill prescriptions, provide advice about the best medications and treatments for minor ailments, as well as how to safely take medicines.

If you pay attention to details, have great communication skills and a caring personality this could be a career to consider.

About you:

- Meticulous, approachable and trustworthy
- A problem-solving guru
- Team working people person

The job:

- Advise medical professionals and patients on medications, dosages, side effects and when, or how, to take them
- Accurately prepare and dispense medications
- Become an integral part of a patients on-going treatment

Pharmacist salary (average) \$97,000 per year

(Source: Joboutlook.gov.au)

Job growth in pharmacy is moderate (source: Joboutlook.gov.au)

Although this is a competitive field, there are more opportunities to be found if candidates are willing to move to rural and remote locations.

How to become a Pharmacist in Australia

On average, it takes 6 years from leaving Year 12 to becoming a fully qualified, practising pharmacist.

Step 1 - Study Chemistry and Mathematics at school

Step 2 - Look at degrees you'd be interested in check any other pre-requisites required

Step 3 - Complete your university qualifications in Pharmacy (either a [4 year Undergraduate Bachelor of Pharmacy degree](#), or a 3 year Bachelor degree and a [2 year Masters in Pharmacy](#))

Step 4 - Pass the [board of registration](#) requirements

Step 5 - Complete a 48 week internship with a registered pharmacist

Find out more at <https://my.psa.org.au/s/article/Pharmacy-Careers-Guide>

Similar Careers to Pharmacist

Pharmacist tech / Pharmacist Technician

Pharmaceutical Sales Rep

Clinical Pharmacist

Dispensary Pharmacist

Compounding Pharmacist

Pharmacist Consultant

Clinical Research Pharmacist

Pharmacist Assistant

Pharmacist Manager

Veterinary Pharmacist

Find out more about [alternative careers](#).

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

How long does it take to become a pharmacist?

It takes a minimum of 5 years to qualify and become a practising pharmacist, but it can be longer depending on your pathway.

What do pharmacists do?

Pharmacists issue prescription and over-the-counter medications, and provide a range of drug related advice to patients and customers.

Where do pharmacists work?

Pharmacists can work in pharmacies and chemists, hospitals, healthcare clinics, government and military, in research or the pharmaceutical manufacturing industries.

Do I need to go to university to become a pharmacist?

Yes, you'll need to complete a relevant degree and undertake an internship.

How do I become a registered pharmacist?

For student and internship registration, as well as general registration required in order to become a legally practising Pharmacist, you'll need to complete the relevant information with the [Pharmacy Board of Australia](#).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

La Trobe University – Experience Clever

Year 10 - 12 students are invited to participate in the La Trobe University Experience Clever Day. Students will be able to explore three study areas through one-hour workshops (e.g., business, allied health, science, arts) and speak to course advisers.

Date: Friday 28 February, 2020

Location: Albury-Wodonga campus

Info and RSVP: [CLICK HERE](#)

Date: Friday 3 April, 2020

Location: Melbourne campus

Info and RSVP: [CLICK HERE](#)

The Bendigo campus will host their Experience Clever in July. If you would still like to visit the Bendigo campus during the April holidays then register for a 'Campus talk and tours' event by following this link: <https://www.latrobe.edu.au/events/all/bendigo-campus-talk-and-tours-2020>. Students will have an opportunity to tour the campus and accommodation with one of Latrobe's friendly student ambassadors who can tell them all about student life at La Trobe University, have their course and career questions answered as well as enjoying a walking tour of their biggest regional campus. Event date: 30 March 30 – 3 April.

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VCE and Careers Expo

This annual event enables senior school students and their families to participate in a diverse range of seminars related to VCE subjects, gap year opportunities, vocational and higher education courses, career pathways and study skills. HSC students are also encouraged to attend.

A huge number of exhibitors will be in attendance, and over 150 seminars will be offered. Cost is \$10 per student.

When: 30 April – 3 May.

Where: Caulfield Racecourse

Info and RSVP: <https://bit.ly/2SUaX7G>

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ACN Nursing and Health Expo

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) is hosting a Nursing and Health Expo in April. You will be able to:

- Meet a range of nursing and health organisations
- Explore career pathways
- Find out about educational opportunities
- Speak to nurses working a range of organisations such as hospitals, defence and emergency services.

When: Saturday 4 April, 8.30am – 2.30pm.
Where: The Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
Info and RSVP: <https://bit.ly/2HtwEpR>

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Australian Defence Force Careers Expo

Considering a career in the Australian Defence Force? Want to get an inside look at the people, places and products that make up Australia's Navy, Army and Air Force?

Join us as Defence Force Recruiting hosts Melbourne's biggest Defence Careers Expo at Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre! This Expo will showcase some of Defence's best equipment, with various displays and interactive exhibits; check out the vehicle and weapons displays, witness performances from Service Bands and the Australian Federation Guard, and speak with current serving members about their own experiences and advice.

When: Friday 21 Feb – Sunday 23 Feb

Where: Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.

Info and RSVP: <https://bit.ly/2SzAe7d>

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Dates for your diary

FEBRUARY

21 - 23 **Careers Expo Australian Defence Force**
Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
<https://bit.ly/2SzAe7d>

24, 26 **Victoria Police Information Session**
Various locations
<https://bit.ly/2HsUXEt>

28 **Experience Clever La Trobe University**
Albury-Wodonga campus
<https://bit.ly/31JsL9H>

MARCH

5, 10, 18, 23 **Victoria Police Information Session**
Various locations
<https://bit.ly/2HsUXEt>

9 - 24 **Doctor of Medicine Information Sessions**
Charles Sturt University
<https://bit.ly/2SzAe7d>

10 - 31 **Explore Days Charles Sturt University**
Various campuses
<https://bit.ly/39oQIFP>

21 **UCAT preparation session National Institute of Education**
Melbourne
<https://bit.ly/36Q7coQ>

25 **Hotel Careers Expo Tourism Accommodation Australia**
The Hotel Windsor, Melbourne
<http://taavic.com.au/>

27 **UNSW Arts & Law United Nations Workshop**

UNSW, Kensington campus

<https://bit.ly/2w064IJ>

28 - 29 **UCAT preparation session MedEntry**

<https://bit.ly/2RSrv0B>

APRIL

4 **ACN Nursing & Health Expo Australian College of Nursing**

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

<https://bit.ly/2HtwEpR>

17 – 18 **Victorian Careers Show**

Melbourne Showgrounds

<https://bit.ly/2uU7RbZ>

30 – 3 May **VCE and Careers Expo**

Caulfield Racecourse

<https://bit.ly/37BdU2m>

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