

## CAREER NEWSLETTER

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### 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 2022, 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 2021 and selected universities use your UCAT ANZ results as part of the selection process, in conjunction with your ATAR and HSC results, and in some cases an interview. You will only have one chance to sit the UCAT ANZ this year.

#### Key dates:

1 Feb	Concession Scheme and Access Arrangements open
1 Mar	Bookings open
10 Mar	Concession application deadline
17 Mar	Access Arrangements application deadline
17 May	Booking deadline
7 Jun	Booking cancellation deadline
July	Testing
Sep	Results delivered to universities

It will cost you around \$305 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 – [www.nie.edu.au/](http://www.nie.edu.au/) and [www.medentry.edu.au/](http://www.medentry.edu.au/) 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 [www.ucat.edu.au/ucat-anz/practice-tests](http://www.ucat.edu.au/ucat-anz/practice-tests)

Please go to [www.ucat.edu.au](http://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](#)

[Dentistry and Oral Health Courses](#)

#### New Medicine Pathway Course

From 2022, CQUniversity will be offering the Bachelor of Medical Science (Pathway to Medicine) program. A small number of graduates will be guaranteed a place in The University of Queensland's regionally based Doctor of Medicine program provided they meet entry requirements. For information on entry requirements and the course, visit [www.cqu.edu.au](http://www.cqu.edu.au)

For other health related courses and options see the list below:

[Medical Radiation Sciences and Medical Ultrasound Courses](#)

[Nursing and Midwifery Courses](#)

[Nutrition and Dietetics Courses](#)

[Occupational Therapy and Speech Pathology Courses](#)

[Orthoptics, Optometry and Clinical Audiology Courses](#)

[Paramedicine Courses](#)

[Pharmacy, Laboratory, Medicine, Biomedical Science Courses](#)

[Physiotherapy, Chiropractic, Osteopathy, Myotherapy Courses](#)

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## VOCATIONAL AND HIGHER EDUCATION NEWS

### The Masters Institute of Creative Education

The Institute offers students the opportunity to begin their careers in the dynamic and creative world of Hair, Beauty, Fashion, Fashion Design and Make-up with intensive hands-on practical training. For information on courses and to book a campus tour, go to <https://tmice.edu.au/>

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### Interested in aviation?

RMIT offers the Associate Degree in Aviation (Professional Pilots) at the Point Cook and Bendigo campuses. Students interested in studying at Bendigo in the future can participate in an on-campus information session and tour. Information and RSVP via this link <http://bit.ly/3piNDyI>

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### Careers With STEM

- [Business + STEM](#) - Science isn't all research and academia – commercially minded scientists are turning their inventions and discoveries into real-world products and successful businesses all the time. Learn why science + innovation = a great combination.
- [Humanities + STEM](#) - Can you really combine humanities and STEM? Absolutely! Discover how to connect your humanities passion with STEM subjects to build your dream career.
- [Could I be a data scientist?](#) Love numbers? Able to spot a pattern from mile away? Take this quiz to see if you've got what it takes to work in this exciting, popular and future proof area of STEM!
- [Mechanical engineering](#) - From what it is to where it could take you, we break down mechanical engineering to see if it's the right STEM career path for you, <http://bit.ly/3diKEA>
- [Learn computer science via YouTube](#) - The clever people at Laconic Machine Learning have

compiled an entire CS curriculum into 1000 YouTube videos and it's awesome!

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### **Australian Apprenticeships Pathways - Making the most of your time at school**

If you have just started back at school and you aren't feeling motivated or engaged, the staff at Australian Apprenticeships Pathways have written an article with great advice about how you can become more connected with your learning and your career development.

The article covers school subjects, VET subjects, school-based apprenticeships, work experience and paid work. You can read the article here - <http://bit.ly/2FdEHFx>

They have also written an article just for parents and families called 'opening the door to new opportunities for your child'. You can access it at this link - <http://bit.ly/2BCiZeu>

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### **University scholarships for Year 12 high achievers**

The University of Melbourne – The Hansen Scholarship

If you are planning to study at The University of Melbourne in 2022, you should consider applying for the prestigious Hansen Scholarship. Stage 1 applications are now open and close on 11 March. You must be able to prove financial disadvantage to be eligible. <https://scholarships.unimelb.edu.au/hansen>

Australia National University (ANU) – Tuckwell Scholarship

If you are planning to study at ANU in 2022, you should consider applying for the prestigious Tuckwell Scholarship. Applications will open on 3 March. <https://tuckwell.anu.edu.au/>

Other scholarships

The Country Education Foundation has developed a resource to assist Year 12 students to find and apply for university scholarships. The majority of scholarships for the 2022 intake won't open until later in the year, but students can use the website as a guide to what may be available. <https://cef.org.au/scholarships-guide/>

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### **University course search tools**

Course Seeker

The Course Seeker website contains a national course comparison tool which allows students to search, select and compare higher education courses and filter search results by ATAR, study area and location, [www.courseseeker.edu.au](http://www.courseseeker.edu.au)

View course ATARs

Year 12 students can view the ATAR profiles for university courses by using the course search functions on state based Tertiary Admission Centres. Course ATARs can be used as a guide when planning for post school studies. It's important to note that as ATARs are based on the demand for a course, they may rise or fall for the 2022 intake. Students will be able to view the lowest ATAR and lowest Selection Rank (ATAR inclusive of equity and academic bonus points) to receive an offer.

Use the following websites to access the information:

Victoria	<a href="http://www.vtac.edu.au">www.vtac.edu.au</a>
NSW & ACT	<a href="http://www.uac.edu.au">www.uac.edu.au</a>
QLD	<a href="http://www.qtac.edu.au">www.qtac.edu.au</a>
SA & NT	<a href="http://www.satac.edu.au">www.satac.edu.au</a>
WA	<a href="http://www.tisc.edu.au">www.tisc.edu.au</a>
Tasmania	<a href="http://www.utas.edu.au">www.utas.edu.au</a>

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### **Victoria University (VU) online information sessions**

VU offers university and TAFE courses and has several campuses across the Melbourne area. The institute is running online information sessions for the following course areas during February, March and April:

- Business
- Tourism, Hospitality & Event Management

- Early Childhood Education
- Law, Criminology & Legal Services
- Creative Arts, Screen Media & Animation
- Building Design, Building Surveying, Construction Management, & Engineering
- Biomedical and Health Sciences
- Primary and Secondary Teaching
- Community Development, Social Work, Youth Work & Criminal Justice
- Information Technology
- Sport, Exercise Sciences & Outdoor Leadership
- Nutrition

For information and to RSVP for a session visit <https://study.vu.edu.au/ug-webinar-series>

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### **Endeavour College of Natural Health** online information sessions

The College is located at Melbourne and offers higher education courses in:

- Naturopathy
- Acupuncture
- Nutritional and Dietetic Medicine
- Myotherapy
- Complimentary Medicine
- Remedial Massage (Diploma)

The institute is running several online course information sessions for prospective students. For information and to RSVP, visit [www.endeavour.edu.au](http://www.endeavour.edu.au)

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### **Charles Sturt University Explore Days**

Year 10 - 12 students are invited to participate in the Charles Sturt University Explore Day at the campus of their choice. Students will be able to explore two study areas through one-hour workshops.

There are a huge range of workshops exploring courses such as veterinary science, equine science, agriculture, allied health, teaching, medical sciences, humanities, business etc. Parents are also able to attend.

- Wagga Wagga, Tuesday 23 March
- Albury-Wodonga, Tuesday 30 March

Information and RSVP: <https://study.csu.edu.au/life/events/explore-day>

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### **Australian Defence Force**

#### **Work Experience**

Secondary students can apply to undertake work experience in the Army, Navy or Air Force. The following are examples of work experience opportunities that can be applied for. It's important to note that work experience must be organised in partnership with your school and that students and their families are responsible for any costs associated with the work experience such as accommodation and transport.

- Air Force - Air Force Familiarisation Camp  
East Sale, Victoria  
There are 2-night work experience programs running in March and April.
- Navy - Navy Aviation Overview  
Nowra, NSW  
29 – 31 March

For information and to apply for any of the above opportunities and to keep up to date with other future work experience options visit <https://defencecareers.nga.net.au/cp/>

#### **Career Events**

You can find out more about careers in the ADF through participating in a free information session. For a list of upcoming events and to RSVP, visit [www.defencejobs.gov.au/events](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/events)

## Recruitment

If you are considering applying for any role in the Defence Force to start in 2021 or 2022, you should book a YOU (Your Options Unlimited) session early. This is the first step in the recruitment process. For information and to book the aptitude day, visit <http://bit.ly/2Tyn8Yp>

## ADF Gap Year Program

Year12 students will soon be able to apply for the ADF Gap Year program. Students will be able to spend an exciting 12-months in the Navy, Army or Air Force, and get paid for meaningful work while travelling around Australia, gaining skills for life, and making lifelong friends. For information, visit [www.defencejobs.gov.au/students-and-education/gap-year](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/students-and-education/gap-year)

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## Who wants to be an engineer?

Do you prefer building bridges or creating engines? Who has more fun – a civil engineer or an aerospace engineer? Bring together skills and knowledge with a degree at RMIT. Play this game to find out what type of engineering you'd be best suited to, and about student life at RMIT, <https://trueengineer.rmit.edu.au/>

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## Train to become a flight attendant

The following are examples of two institutions that offer flight attendant training in the Melbourne area:

- Aviation Australia - Training runs in blocks with numerous starting dates throughout the year. You can explore start dates, location and fees at this link - <https://aviationaustralia.aero/>
- William Angliss - Offers the Certificate III in Aviation (Cabin Crew). To find out about the course, visit [www.angliss.edu.au](http://www.angliss.edu.au)

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## Free study skills subjects

Charles Sturt University offers free online subjects for students who would like to brush up on their skills, prepare for university study, extend their learning and challenge themselves. Examples of subjects include:

- Essay writing and academic writing
- Maths (intermediate and advanced)
- Preparation for teaching maths (for students interested in studying education)
- Introductory subjects in Chemistry, Physics, Bioscience and Anatomy

For information and to enrol into a free online subject, go to <https://bit.ly/2Psh7fe>

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## Apply for university now!

- [University of New England](#) - Applications are now open for the direct early entry program. It's free to apply and applications for Year 12 students will close Friday 17 September. You will need a recommendation from your school to be eligible. Offers will be made in November before your final ATAR and results are released.
- [Australia National University](#) - From March, Year 12 students who are planning to study at ANU in 2022 (or defer their studies until 2023) will be able to apply for courses, accommodation and scholarship in the one online application direct to the university.

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## JOB SPOTLIGHT

### IT Support Officer from [StudyWorkGrow](#)

#### What do they do?

IT Support Officers provide help and advice to people and organisations to sort out their computer software and equipment problems and requirements. From setting up, installing technology and software, to troubleshooting. Updating, servicing, and maintaining IT equipment. Providing training and solutions, they're constantly working to make workplaces more competitive, running more effectively and securely.

If you love IT, enjoy customer service roles and you'd love to work as part of a team but take responsibility for your own workload; a career in IT Support could be worth considering.

### **About you:**

- Strong client focus and genuine desire to help
- Analytical and methodical with great problem-solving skills
- Persistent and patient
- Good communication skills including an ability to explain technical issues in easy-to-understand language
- Extensive knowledge of computer operating systems, hardware and software
- Works well in a team
- Flexible and able to deal with change, committed to continuously updating your knowledge

### **The job:**

As an IT Support Officer you could be working in a team or in a management role. On a daily basis you could be:

- Helping users to solve problems or providing training (face-to-face or online)
- Finding and fixing faults
- Assessing issues and prioritising them for action
- Network maintenance, monitoring and other administration
- Determining hardware and software requirements and carrying out installations
- Implementing computer networks, designing and maintaining websites, online forms and other apps
- Carrying out repairs or replacement of equipment

### **Lifestyle Impact: Low**

- Part Time opportunities: Low – only around 15% of IT Support Officers work part-time (source: Joboutlook.gov.au)
- Average hours for full-time workers: 41 hours a week (source: joboutlook.gov.au)
- IT Support Officers salary (average) \$68,000\* per year (Source: com.au) \*salaries vary between industries, your role, and depending on your skills and experience
- Future career growth: Strong (Source: Joboutlook.gov.au)
- Working in IT not only ensures plenty of job security but also opens up lots of opportunities. IT Support Officers are required all over the world and in every industry.

### **IT Support Officers are most in demand in these locations:**

This is a large and growing occupation, with work opportunities available in most regions of Australia – even remote areas. New South Wales, Queensland and Victoria employ the largest shares of workers in this role, but you could work from home anywhere in the country.

### **How to become an IT Support Officer in Australia**

Although you don't need a formal qualification in information technology or digital media to work as an IT Support Officer, having those qualifications could create more job opportunities and allow you to progress faster.

Lots of employers may prefer a bachelor's degree and if you're applying for more technical positions, you'll most likely need a degree in computer science, engineering, or information technology.

If you don't have any formal qualifications, you could still work as an IT Support Officer, you'll need to prove that you have extensive experience with a great resume or portfolio and plenty of professional recommendations.

**Step 1** – Choose high school subjects including IT, Digital Media and Business could prove useful.

Prerequisites for undergraduate courses may also want you to have English and Maths to Year 12. It's also a good idea to work on your customer service and communication skills.

**Step 2** – Complete relevant VET or tertiary qualification e.g.:

[Certificate III Information Technology](#)

[Certificate III Information, Digital Media and Technology](#)

[Certificate IV Information Technology Support](#)

[Diploma of Information Technology](#)

[Advanced Diploma of Industrial Data Communication, Networking and IT](#)

[Bachelor of Information Technology at RMIT](#)

[Bachelor of Information and Communication Technology at UTAS](#)

[Bachelor of Information Technology at Deakin](#)

Remember, you may have the option of studying some courses online. You could even complete them part time while you work and gain experience.

**Step 3** – Keep up with changes in technology, by continuing your education even once you've got a job.

**Step 4** – With work experience, you could move into a supervisory or management role. You could also apply for roles in training or technical sales.

Find out more here –

<https://www.acs.org.au/>

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

<https://aiict.edu.au/>

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

### **Similar Careers to IT Support Officer**

Network engineering

Database administration

Business or systems analysis

[Cyber Security](#)

IT Project Management

[Web Designer](#)

[UX Designer](#)

[Graphic Designer](#)

[Technician](#)

[App Developer](#)

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