

# Career News 2019 #13

## CareerNews Key Dates & Reminders

### **For Year 10 & 11 Students:**

#### **Monash Peninsula Experience Day** **Save the Date! Thurs 28th November**

This event is a valuable session on resilience building. There is no cost to attend and lunch will be provided. A link to register will be released soon.

#### **University of Melbourne Extension Program for Current High Achieving Year 11 Students**

Applications for this program open on Wed 18th September, so UOM are running an information evening at their Parkville campus. For details visit: <https://study.unimelb.edu.au/connect-with-us/events-for-future-students/all-events-listing/university-of-melbourne-extension-program-information-evening>

### **For all VCE Students:**

#### **Deakin Information Evenings**

Dance, drama, photography and visual arts.

Date/Time: Thurs 19th Sep, 5:30 – 7pm.

Where: Burwood Campus

Cost: Free

Register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/creative-arts-and-design-information-evening-tickets-60257504819>

### **University of Melbourne**

You can meet UOM staff and students at remaining 'Meet Melbourne' sessions in September, to find out more and to register visit:

<https://study.unimelb.edu.au/connect-with-us/events-for-future-students>

### **Swinburne Advice Nights**

You can learn more about the preference process as well as Swinburne's offerings with their advice nights coming up:

#### **Wantirna Advice Night –**

When/Time: Tue 17th Sep, 4 pm – 6 pm.

<https://www.swinburne.edu.au/choose/events/wantirna>

#### **Hawthorn Advice Night –**

When/Time: Wed 18th Sep, 4pm – 6 pm.

<https://www.swinburne.edu.au/choose/events/hawthorn>

#### **Aviation Advice Night –**

When: Wed 18th Sep, 6pm – 8 pm.

<https://www.swinburne.edu.au/choose/events/aviation>

### **RMIT's Transitioning to University Night**

When: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Time: 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Where: RMIT Melbourne, 435-457 Swanston Street Melbourne.

Cost: Free! But you must register here >

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/transitioning-into-university-with-rmit-and-atar-notes-tickets-65392794609>

### **Important VTAC Deadlines – for 2020 Course Applications**

#### **Applications:**

Are now open.

Close – Monday 30th September at 5pm.

#### **SEAS Applications**

Open - Monday 5th August at 9am.

Close – October 11th at 5pm.

#### **Scholarship Applications**

Open – August 5<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

Close – October 11<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

#### **Change of Preferences**

Close – 14th December at 4pm for December 2019 offer.

Close – 20 December 2019 at 4pm for 2020 offers.

## News & Updates

### Applying for Scholarships

Have you often stumbled across the word 'scholarship' and thought either it was just more paperwork to complete or that you may not be eligible? Well to help, here is an overview on the different types of scholarships available and where to find them.

A scholarship is an award of financial aid for a student to further their education. They are awarded for many reasons and subsequently based upon various criteria, which usually reflect the values and purposes of the donor or founder of the scholarship award.

There is a wide range of institutional access and equity scholarships, such as those to support students with financial disadvantage, difficult circumstances and the need to relocate for study.

Scholarships are offered by many different organisations. The places to search for scholarships are:

- VTAC - Access and equity scholarships, Indigenous Commonwealth scholarships and Academic Merit scholarships.
- Directly at institutions.
- Government, community and business organisations. For example, those administered by the Victorian Department of Education and Training. Follow this link: <https://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/scholarships/>. The Department of Education and Training administers over 200 different student scholarship awards annually.

Depending on the type of scholarship you apply for, will determine what paperwork and evidence you will need to provide. Some categories require you to complete a written response, a statement of support or financial evidence. You can find out what is required by looking at the demonstration scholarships application before you apply.

VTAC scholarship applications close on the 11<sup>th</sup> of October at 5pm. It is important you diarise this and make note of the appropriate paperwork you will need to prepare and provide. Remember, you will never know if you don't apply! Good luck 😊

## ACU Update

### CAP ATAR's Released

ATAR's for the Community Achievers Program have been released and can be found on the ACU's website here:

<https://www.acu.edu.au/study-at-acu/admission-pathways/i-volunteer-regularly/how-the-cap-is-assessed-and-offered>

### Important Announcement for Bachelor of Occupational Therapy and Bachelor of Speech Pathology Applicants for 2020

Back in 2017, ACU changed their pre-requisites for the above mentioned courses by removing some subjects which was approved by their Faculty of Academic Boards. These changes were listed; in the VTAC Year 10 Guide issued in 2017 (as well as 2018 and 2019) and the VTAC future entry requirements page from July 2017 to July 2019 to assist students in choosing units of study for years 11 & 12 to meet course entry requirements.

ACU understands that some future students may have used other ACU documents such as course guides or the 2019 course browser to select their subjects, which technically leaves them ineligible for their chosen course. Students will still be required to meet the required ATAR, however to ensure the most equitable approach to all applicants, they are reviewing the eligibility of those who feel they have been disadvantaged on a case by case basis. To enquire further you can email [futurestudy.mel@acu.edu.au](mailto:futurestudy.mel@acu.edu.au) or call ACU directly on 03 9953 3548.

### Are you interested in making an impact on future generations, their environments, and their communities?

You can gain the knowledge and skills needed to foster young people's emotional and social development through a Bachelor of Youth Work at ACU. Your work will involve helping disenfranchised individuals, playing a role in reducing youth crime, and mentoring vulnerable people with their wellbeing and mental health. This bachelor degree also allows the option to pair studies with sociology or other electives that focus on outdoor experiences, exercise and nutrition. To read more, visit:

[https://courses.acu.edu.au/undergraduate/bachelor\\_of\\_youth\\_work](https://courses.acu.edu.au/undergraduate/bachelor_of_youth_work)

## Chisholm Institute

### Update

#### New 'Free Tafe' Courses for 2020

Chisholm will be offering two new courses next year; 'Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care' and a 'Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care'. The diploma can be used as a pathway into further studies in education at other universities including Bachelor of Education (Primary) at La Trobe.

## Monash University

### Update

#### Campus Tours in the September Holidays

Tours will commence at 10am and run for approximately 1.5 hours, with an opportunity to see the on-campus accommodation at Clayton and Peninsula. For more information see and to book visit:

<https://www.monash.edu/campus-tours>

To tour the allied health facilities at Peninsula Campus specifically, a tour will be running on Thursday 3rd October at 11am. To register visit:

<https://www.monash.edu/medicine/news/events/events/spring-break-campus-tour-peninsula>

## University of Melbourne

### Important Reminder for Fine Arts and Students:

Are you applying for Fine Arts or Music at UOM? Then make sure you get your applications in for the following courses by Saturday 31st August (tomorrow!) by 5pm:

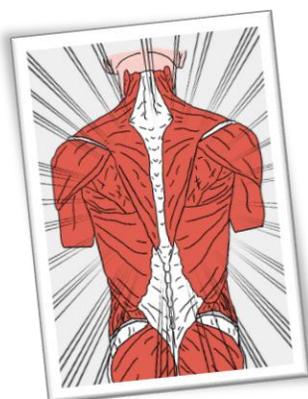
- **Bachelor of Fine Arts (Animation)**
- **Bachelor of Fine Arts (Dance)** (Note: supplementary form including physical exam results from a physiotherapist also due by this date).
- **Bachelor of Fine Arts (Film and TV):**
- **Bachelor of Fine Arts (Screenwriting)**

Other Fine Arts specialisations and Bachelor of Music specialisations have a later closing date. VTAC applications are closing for the following courses on Mon 30th Sep at 5pm.

- **Bachelor of Fine Arts (Acting)**
- **Bachelor of Fine Arts (Design and Production)**
- **Bachelor of Fine Arts (Music Theatre)**
- **Bachelor of Fine Arts (Theatre)**
- **Bachelor of Fine Arts (Visual Arts)**

## Remaining Open Days 2019

| INSTITUTION  | DATE                     | TIME                     | CONTACT DETAILS   |
|--|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <b>Box Hill Institute of TAFE</b><br>Lilydale Campus | Sun 15 Sep               | 10am – 3pm               | 1300 269 445<br><a href="http://www.boxhill.edu.au/openday">www.boxhill.edu.au/openday</a>        |
| <b>Chisholm Institute</b><br>Dandenong               | Mon 16 Dec               | 5pm - 7pm                | 1300 244 746<br><a href="https://www.chisholm.edu.au/open">https://www.chisholm.edu.au/open</a>   |
| <b>Federation University of Australia</b>            |                          |                          | 1800 333 864<br><a href="https://federation.edu.au/openday">https://federation.edu.au/openday</a> |
| <b>University of Melbourne</b><br>Dookie<br>Werribee | Sun 22 Sep<br>Sun 20 Oct | 10am – 4pm<br>10am – 4pm | 1800 801 662<br><a href="https://openday.unimelb.edu.au/">https://openday.unimelb.edu.au/</a>     |
| <b>Victoria University</b>                           |                          |                          | 1300 171 755 <a href="https://openday.vu.edu.au/">https://openday.vu.edu.au/</a>                  |
| <b>Collarts</b>                                      | Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> Aug | 10am – 3pm               | <a href="https://www.collarts.edu.au/open-day">https://www.collarts.edu.au/open-day</a>           |



## Career Focus Occupational Therapist

Occupational therapists assess and treat people who, due to illness, injury or circumstance, are limited in their ability to undertake everyday activities. They assist people to regain lost functions, develop their abilities and social skills as well as maintain and promote independence in their everyday lives to enhance health and wellbeing.

Occupational therapists:

- conduct tests to assess functional, emotional, psychological, developmental and physical capabilities
- plan and direct specific therapeutic programs for individuals using recreational, remedial, social, educational or vocational (job-related) activities
- select and design activities that improve an affected movement or function and help individuals to regain personal care skills
- assist people to gain or regain skills in social, leisure and work environments through graded individual or group therapy and activity programs
- monitor the progress of individuals and assist with the coordination of an appropriate health team
- assist children with disabilities to integrate into education programs in schools
- assess the ability of injured workers to return to their usual employment or perform alternative duties
- design and modify the everyday environment of clients to allow for better access and independence
- advise on the use of specialised equipment
- assess the need for, develop and run health education programs
- act as consultants to industry and government organisations
- undertake research
- teach in academic institutions, generally at tertiary level
- assist with policy development for health and other areas.

Occupational therapists may work in areas such as:

- Aged Care – providing programmes and equipment for people with medical and social problems associated with ageing.
- Disabilities – working with people who have an intellectual, physical or sensory disability through planned activity programmes over long periods of time.

- General medicine – working in hospitals or private practice to assess and treat individuals with physically disabling diseases or injuries.
- Occupational health – assessing the safety of work environments and injured workers, providing rehabilitation and advice about adaptations for their return to the workplace.
- Health promotion – assisting people who want to achieve a balanced and healthy lifestyle.
- Paediatrics – working in hospitals, private practices or schools to assess and treat children with disabilities, developmental delays or learning difficulties.
- Psychiatry – assessing and treating individuals with mental illness and behavioral disorders through programmes involving such methods as stress management.
- Vocational rehabilitation – assisting injured workers to return to work.

To consider working as an Occupational Therapist, it is helpful to have the following skills and attributes:

- Patience
- Able to show initiative
- A flexible attitude
- Practical, innovative and observant
- Good problem-solving skills
- Good interpersonal and communication skills
- Able to maintain client confidentiality
- Able to work independently or as part of a team

To become qualified as an occupational therapist, you usually have to complete a degree in occupational therapy at university. To get into these courses you usually need to gain you VCE. Prerequisite subjects are usually one or more of English, biology, chemistry and physics are normally required. Make sure you check course entry requirements at your chosen institutions.

Occupational therapists work in public and private healthcare settings. These may include general and children's hospitals, aged-care facilities, rehabilitation centres, day care centres, community health centres, municipal councils, primary and secondary schools, prisons, centres for people with disabilities, independent living centres and other organisations. They may also work in private practice as clinicians, consultants or as injury management advisors. Occupational therapists are due to see a 14.6% increase in employment growth in the next 5 years.

The following table outlines degree options currently available in Victoria: (This does not include single associate degrees or graduate entry courses).

| Occupational Therapy Degrees |   |   |                          |                                  |
|------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Institution                  | Campus  | Course  | Duration                 | ATAR                             |
| ACU University               | Melbourne   | Bachelor of Occupational Therapy  | 4 Years                  | 65.50                            |
| Charles Sturt University     | Albury-Wodonga  | Bachelor of Occupational Therapy  | 4 Years                  | < 5 offers                       |
| CQ University                | Melbourne, Online                                       | Bachelor of Occupational Health and Safety                              | 3 Years                  | < 5 offers                       |
| Deakin University            | Geelong Waterfront Campus                               | Bachelor of Occupational Therapy  | 4 Years                  | 70.00                            |
| La Trobe University          | Albury Wodonga, Bengigo, Melbourne, Mildura, Shepparton | Bachelor of Applied Science/<br>Master of Occupational Therapy Practice | 2.5 Years +<br>1.5 Years | 70.75 –<br>75.2 or<br>< 5 offers |
| Monash University            | Peninsula   | Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours) (Indigenous Entry)           | 4 Years                  | < 5 offers                       |
|                              |   | Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours)                              | 4 Years                  | 82.80                            |

Note: \* NA – Not applicable or under 5 offers were previously made. The ATAR listed is based on the lowest selection rank plus adjustment factors. As subjects, course structures and requirements can vary between institutions, it is necessary to contact your chosen institution for further information. Sources: VTAC, Good Universities Guide, <http://lmip.gov.au/>