1. NMIT: CERTIFICATE IV IN DISABILITY

Would you like to make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities? An estimated 120,000 additional disability workers will be required over the next 5 years to support the introduction of the National Disability Insurance Scheme. This is an excellent time to be exploring how you can contribute to this growing demand. With NMIT’s Cert IV in Disability you will gain foundation skills and knowledge to work to empower people with disabilities. You can make a meaningful difference to the lives of people with a disability. Graduates are qualified to work in the following areas: training, support and advocacy, employment services, recreation programmes, community services, accommodation and respite services and outreach services. NMIT offers quality teaching with a focus on human development and empowerment. The NMIT Cert IV in Disability is a life changing experience for many students, establishing them in a career where empathy, a commitment to empowerment and the ability to connect with clients really matter. The teaching is delivered by qualified staff with many years of experience in the disability sector, in settings ranging from residential support to education. NMIT Disability students benefit from a fully equipped practical room and supervised practical placements. The course is available on both the Preston and Prahran campuses. For further information visit: http://www.nmit.edu.au/courses/certificate-iv-in-disability.

2. A CAREER IN THE EQUINE INDUSTRY

Few people realise that equine is the fifth largest industry in Australia and the fourth largest employer. There is a huge variety of career opportunities in the industry. NMIT offers a huge range of courses leading to employment in all sectors of the equine industry from practical entry level courses through to stud management. Equine studies combines specialised equine science studies with business management skills that are essential for successful operation of equine focussed businesses in the 21st Century. NMIT’s Equine Studies courses have been designed to develop the specialist skills and knowledge required to breed and manage horses, manage a stud farm and equestrian events. Modern equine management demands a depth of scientific knowledge and skills with an intensive and individual focus on specialised study. A report from Victoria Skill Needs in 2011 noted that there is an existing demand for horse welfare specialists in the racing sector. (Source: Deloitte Access Economics, Victoria Skill Needs in 2011.) The Equine Studies programs are delivered on NMIT’s established 300 hectare thoroughbred stud farm, Northern Lodge at Eden Park. NMIT offers many pathways for students to further their studies in the equine industry. Many courses complement each other and allow students to gain deeper knowledge and higher qualifications. There are also opportunities for complementary education in different sectors of NMIT’s Higher Education Primary Industries department, where students will complete the same core subjects and have opportunities for electives in different industries.

3. AGRICULTURE AND AGRONOMY AT NMIT

With both State and Federal Governments looking to dramatically expand Australia’s ‘Food and Fibre’ capabilities there will be no shortage of career opportunities in Agriculture moving into the future. Agriculture is one of Australia’s most important industries and NMIT’s Diploma of Agriculture and Diploma of Agronomy provide students with the knowledge and skills to enter a range of careers in the agriculture industry. There is also the option of completing a dual qualification at NMIT within 2 years. For further information visit: http://www.nmit.edu.au/courses/diploma-of-agriculture or http://www.nmit.edu.au/courses/diploma-of-agronomy.
4. BRIDGING SCIENCE AT NMIT—PATHWAYS TO SCIENCE AND HEALTH

The Certificate IV in Science is a bridging course for school leavers and mature age students who would like to pursue further study in a science related field at university level. Students who have successfully completed the Cert IV in Science at NMIT have gone on to be successful in a wide range of university science courses. Students gain an excellent grounding in chemistry, biology, physics and maths and also develop the writing skills necessary to support their science studies at a tertiary level. NMIT’s teaching staff are known for the thoroughness of the support they provide to students. Successful completion of this course may be taken into account when articulating into NMIT’s higher education programmes, particularly Agriculture and Land Management or Animal Science (Aquaculture, Equine Studies) courses. If you complete this course you are able to: enter a degree course in Science or Maths, undertake a course in nursing or in an allied health area or enter tertiary courses in Science related fields such as Engineering or Health Sciences. The course will assist you by: filling gaps in your knowledge, helping you understand concepts in maths and sciences, helping you to develop critical thinking skills and building confidence. Areas you could work in after further study: health, for example: dietetics, nursing, medical imaging; physical and chemical sciences, for example: astronomy, pharmaceuticals, forensic science; life and environmental sciences, for example: marine biology, agriculture, veterinary science and the engineering field. Gain skills and knowledge in: atomic structure, organic chemistry, anatomy and physiology, cell biology, genetics, , kinematics, waves and optics, algebra and calculus, statistics, research methods, essay writing, computer skills and study techniques. For further information visit: http://www.nmit.edu.au/courses/certificate-iv-in-science.

5. GUIDING, EDUCATING AND DEVELOPING OUR FUTURE:

ENGINEERS – ENGINEERS AUSTRALIA CAREERS EXPO

This will be held on Wednesday 26th March, 12noon – 5:00pm at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, 2 Clarendon Street, Southbank. There will be more than 70 exhibitors, career & professional development advice available, updates on engineering projects, networking opportunities, free seminars, recruitment and resume advice, leading Victorian university presentations, leadership information, the opportunity to meet employers, gain engineering industry insight and knowledge on engineering capability and view an interactive engineering laboratory. This exhibition promotes employment opportunities in engineering and also celebrates Victorian engineering excellence and advocates the importance of engineering leadership within the profession. Exhibitors will be from a range of industry sectors providing engineering industry insight in areas including employment, education and career opportunities, career path resources, engineering capability and engineering leadership. This annual expo includes free seminars and the opportunity to talk to engineers, receive resume advice by professionals, network with colleagues, peers and prospective employers, access professional career advice and hear about exhibitor’s latest and most innovative projects. For further information visit: https://www.engineersaustralia.org.au/engineering-expo.

6. STUDY THE BACHELOR OF BUSINESS (EVENT MANAGEMENT) AT VU

VU’s B Business (Event Management) graduates are among the most sought after in the world. This 3 year degree course will help students develop the skills to design, plan, create, implement, manage and market events of all shapes and sizes. Extensive industry placements are an integral part of the program and provide valuable practical experience in this dynamic industry. The tourism and events industry is one of Australia’s largest employers with the demand
for conference and event organisers expected to grow strongly in the next five years. Graduates can enjoy a diverse career working with festivals, conferences, exhibitions and community and sporting events. Past graduates have found work overseas in places such as Doha, London and Singapore. VU is committed to giving their students real world learning experiences. All VU B Business (Event Management) students complete a minimum of 150 hours Work Integrated Learning (WIL) in industry. The VU WIL team coordinate positions with a variety sport, cultural and community events, including the Melbourne Food and Wine Festival, Myer Christmas Parade, the Melbourne Show and the Australian Open. Melbourne is the 'events capital of Australia', hosting over 8000 events each year and contributing A$2.4 billion to the local economy. For further information visit:  

7. BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS AT MONASH UNIVERSITY

The Faculty of Business and Economics at Monash University recently launched a new undergraduate course website: http://www.buseco.monash.edu.au/. It is the place for prospective students to discover more about business and commerce courses and the careers they lead to. The interactive website provides comprehensive information about courses, study abroad programmes, internships, majors and it also provides the opportunity to hear from current students and alumni about their Monash experience. You can also visit the new blog ‘Business as usual’, which is written by current students. They write about their activities as members of clubs and societies, about their classes, about attending O-week, overseas experiences and much more. In addition, Monash recently published their business magazine which gives students a taste of business and commerce at Monash and introduces you to fields and industries you may not have considered. The magazine is available for download from the website.

8. MONASH FACULTY OF PHARMACY AND PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES VCE

CHEMISTRY AND BIOLOGY DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS

The Monash Faculty of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences supports current VCE biology and chemistry students studying units 3 and 4 by offering seminars designed to reinforce the key learnings from the VCE syllabus for each term. They will be delivered by qualified VCE teachers on the following dates: Biology: 5:30 - 7:00 pm, 2nd April, 4th June, 27th August and 8th October. Chemistry: 4:30 - 6:00 pm, 26th March, 11th June, 3rd September and 15th October. The seminars will take place at the Monash Parkville campus, 381 Royal Parade, Parkville 3052. These seminars are free, however registration is essential and places are capped. To register, simply visit: www.monash.edu/pharm/about/events/vce-seminars.html. For more information, please contact Tom Day on 9903 9594 or email: tom.day@monash.edu.

9. KANGAN FASHION CAMP – TERM 1 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Get your first glimpse “behind the seams” of this creative industry with instruction on everything from illustration and construction to styling and visual merchandising. Over five days of immersion in intense fashion you will learn from industry experts how to turn a passion into a profession. Supported by major retailers and industry professionals Kangan Institute's Fashion Camp gives young fashionistas the opportunity to learn about the business of fashion from the professionals. It will take place at the Kangan Richmond campus from 07/04/2014 - 11/04/2014, 9:00am – 4:00pm and will include excursions and on site visits. The cost is $785 and participants should be aged 15 - 19 years. You will be able to create your own fashion brand, visit stores and fashion houses to see product development, be inspired by fashion forecasting and digital printing technology, discover insider secrets and network with industry experts who you aspire to work with one day. Learn more at: http://www.kangan.edu.au/courses/short-courses/browse-for-courses/course-detail?coursecode=TFASHN12&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Fashion+edm+to+sch
Government, the Myer Foundation and the University, the Victorian redevelopment project at Southbank, jointly supported by the University, the Victorian Government, the Myer Foundation and the Ian Potter Foundation is great news for the University of Melbourne as well as providing a further boost to the cultural vitality of the city of Melbourne. This is the largest redevelopment project in the history of the VCA and will extend the existing campus space with a new visual arts wing. It will also create a new entry point to the University, opening the campus more fully to students, local businesses and residents. There will be enhanced public performance, event and exhibition spaces across the precinct and surrounding streets and a series of laneways, public thoroughfares and gardens. The redevelopment centres on a plan to use the historic Victoria Police Mounted Branch stables in Dodds Street as a dedicated space for arts education, exhibition and public access.

10. CERTIFICATE OF FASHION STYLING AT KANGAN INSTITUTE

The Certificate of Fashion Styling provides outstanding training in a range of key fashion and styling areas, including: Photography, Retail, Personal, Corporate, Runway and Editorial styling. In addition you will be given the opportunity to prepare a diverse portfolio of work to help you break into the industry. The course is run on the Richmond campus, an institution dedicated to everything fashion. If you are seeking to continue your studies in fashion after completing the Certificate you can gain credits into the Diploma of Applied Fashion Design, Fashion Textile Merchandising or Visual Merchandising courses. Possible jobs available on completion of the course include: Retail styling, Personal / Corporate styling, Editorial styling, Media styling, Runway styling, Fashion Merchandising and Online / Catalogue styling. Major Study Areas are: Design, Fashion forecasting, History of fashion, Communication / Marketing, Fashion sourcing, Brand knowledge, Body shapes, Colour analysis, Garment sizing and Photo shooting / Runway parade. The course will run for 15 weeks. For more information or to enquire about the certificate, email fashion@kangan.edu.au or learn more at: http://www.kangan.edu.au/en/students/departments/centre-for-fashion/certificate-of-fashion-styling

11. VICTORIAN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS (VCA) AND SOUTHBank PRECINCT TO BE BOOSTED BY A MAJOR REDEVELOPMENT

The recent announcement of a major redevelopment project at Southbank, jointly supported by the University, the Victorian Government, the Myer Foundation and the

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