1. THE AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF NURSING (ACN) NURSING AND HEALTH EXPOS 2014

The ACN is excited to be hosting the 16th annual Nursing and Health Expos in 2014. Established in 1999, the ACN Nursing and Health Expos are the only event specifically dedicated to enhancing the profile of nursing as a profession and hence promoting recruitment to, and retention of, the nursing and midwifery workforce. The 2014 Expo series will showcase a range of educational institutions, healthcare providers and specialty nursing groups, as well as equipment and lifestyle options. In Victoria the Expo will be held at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre on Saturday 12th April. For more information visit: http://www.acn.edu.au/expos

2. WILLIAM ANGLISS CERT II IN TOURISM (FLIGHT ATTENDANT PRE-TRAINING)

The next intake for the Cert II in Tourism (Flight Attendant Pre-Training) will be in the April School Holidays (commencing Monday 7th April). As part of the training students receive their First Aid qualification, Responsible Service of Alcohol, training in grooming and will also develop a basic understanding of the tourism / aviation industry. Government funded places are available to eligible applicants, priced at $600. William Angliss aims to deliver this course each school holidays. For more information about the course and how to apply, please visit: http://coursedetails.angliss.edu.au/future-students/course-search/certificate-ii-in-tourism-flight-attendant-pre-training.

3. READY 4 WORK SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME AT WILLIAM ANGLISS

This will run from Tuesday 14th April to Thursday 16th April. Apply now for the April school holiday intake. The programme includes: Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA), Basic Coffee Service, Follow Workplace Hygiene and Basic Food & Beverage Service. Those who successfully complete the programme will have a competitive edge when applying for part time or casual work in the hospitality industry. This short course is ideal for Year 12 students looking to further their qualifications or take a "gap" year in 2015. The cost is $350.

4. ONE ON ONE CAREERS APPOINTMENTS AT WILLIAM ANGLISS

If you are interested in a career in foods, tourism, hospitality or events you are welcome to book an appointment with a representative from the William Angliss Future Students team at the Melbourne CBD Campus. They can provide a tailored campus tour and consultation about their programmes, pathways and the application process. Click on this web address: https://angliss.wufoo.com/forms/slc7f71nh4jmt/?utm_source=Corporate+website&utm_medium=Homepage+Banner&utm_term=Book+and+Appt+with+Course+Advisor&utm_content=Book+and+Appt+with+Course+Advisor&utm_campaign=Book+and+Appt+with+Course+Advisor+banner+on+corporate to request an appointment.

5. EXPERIENCE LA TROBE

Experience La Trobe is designed specially for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 and their parents to help you get a taste of what it is like to be a university student for a day and to get the inside scoop on what really happens after high school. Students may participate in workshops of their choice, find out about student life and explore the Melbourne campus, including student accommodation. Current students and university staff will be there to assist participants and to answer any questions that might arise. Experience La Trobe is a free event with lunch and entertainment provided.
It will take place on Friday 11th April, 9:30am – 4:30pm at the Melbourne Campus, Bundoora (intersection of Plenty Road and Kingsbury Drive). To register visit: http://www.latrobe.edu.au/experience/events/experience-la-trobe-events/melbourne-program, or email: study@latrobe.edu.au for more information. To find out about the dates and times of Experience La Trobe at the other La Trobe campuses visit: http://www.latrobe.edu.au/experience/events/experience-la-trobe-events.

6. RMIT BIG PICTURE EXPERIENCE-2014 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

RMIT offers a number of free events designed to encourage students to engage in hands on workshops, explore life on campus and get behind the scenes at RMIT while experiencing different aspects of course discipline areas. To register or to learn more about the free Experience Day events visit: www.rmit.edu.au/experiencedays. Topics for the days include art and design, accounting, engineering, environment, health and medical sciences, journalism, justice, marketing and Public Relations and events.

7. NEW COURSE AT ACU: B EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION (BIRTH – 5)

The B Early Childhood Education (Birth to Five Years) is aimed at those students dedicated to a career teaching in a birth to aged five setting. Developed in response to workforce needs in the early childhood sector. The prerequisites for this four year course are: Units 1 and 2 – general mathematics or mathematical methods (either). Units 3 and 4 – a study score of a least 30 in English (ESL) or 25 in any other English. The course can be undertaken as a natural progression for graduates of the Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care / Diploma of Children’s Services or as a stand alone course. Graduates of the course will have a strong grounding in early childhood curriculum and pedagogy.

8. ACU TALKS ABOUT THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN COUNSELLING AND PSYCHOLOGY

These fields are often referred to interchangeably, but there are basic differences that set them apart.

Work and responsibilities:
Psychologists analyse and predict the unusual behaviour of people suffering from psychological issues or mental disturbances and illnesses.
Counsellors are known to be ‘the best person to talk to about what’s on one’s mind’; they understand people’s patterns of thoughts, behaviours and feelings.

Education:
Completion of a minimum of six years of study is required in order to be eligible for registration as a psychologist in Australia.
Training to become a counsellor can range from a Bachelor’s degree to a Master’s degree or even a short course.

Work setting:
ACU’s psychology graduates are employed in hospitals, mental healthcare and outpatient care centres and in private facilities. Some also undertake teaching and research in research centres, schools or universities.
ACU’s counselling graduates are found dealing with patients in rehabilitation, mental health hospitals, support centres, social organisations, schools and therapy centres.

9. INTRODUCTION OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE AT ACU IN 2015

The Faculty of Health Sciences is planning to introduce a B Biomedical Science to its Melbourne campuses from next year (subject to final approval). A number of streams are proposed and students will choose to undertake either the core biomedical stream, or one of the following: The pharmaceutical industry stream would suit students who wish to work in regulation, sales, marketing or education about drugs. Note that it is neither a pharmacy degree nor a precursor for a pharmacy degree. The medical technology industry stream would also be suitable for students who wish to work in the industry in an education, sales, marketing, advocacy,
regulatory role or similar. The communication stream would suit students interested in working in medical or science journalism, patient advocacy, consumer health forum work or developing consumer programmes with a health focus. There is a possibility ACU will also offer a science education stream but this is not confirmed as yet. If you enjoy discovery, research and science, particularly in the areas of health, wellness and illness, then you should enjoy this course.

10. CLINICAL EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGY

Do you enjoy studying sport at school and would like to pursue a career related to this subject area? Clinical exercise physiology could be the career for you. Where physiotherapists assist people with movement disorders using techniques to assist muscles and joints to move to their full potential, clinical exercise physiologists (AEPs) use exercise to prevent and rehabilitate disease and injury in the community. AEPs are formally recognised by the Department of Health and Ageing as allied health professionals, which means that they are able to deliver Medicare compensable services. Deakin’s Master of Clinical Exercise Physiology aims to produce quality exercise physiologists with the first and only accredited exercise physiologist (AEP) course in Victoria to be accredited by Exercise and Sports Science Australia (ESSA). To be eligible to apply for this Master's programme, you must be able to demonstrate eligibility for exercise scientist accreditation from ESSA and provide evidence of 140 hours of exercise service delivery for apparently healthy clientele. You can achieve this by studying Deakin’s B Exercise and Sport Science, undertaking the accredited exercise science - ESSA sequence. You can learn more about studying Deakin’s Master of Clinical Exercise Physiology by viewing this video: youtube.com/watch?v=uujfv11Jw8w&feature=c4-overview-vl&list=PL3418702DEE3EC9F9

11. QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS BY SUBJECT

The recently released QS World University Rankings by subject, list the top 200 universities around the world in 30 subject areas. Over 3,000 universities worldwide and 10,639 programmes of study were evaluated to produce the rankings. The University of Melbourne has 11 subjects ranked in the top 20 and 27 subjects in the top 50. Education at the University has been ranked second in the world in the rankings. IT has also ranked well across the social sciences, engineering and technology, life sciences and medicine, arts and humanities programmes. The education ranking is a strong endorsement of the university’s commitment to ensuring that future teachers receive the highest standards of training. La Trobe University has announced that according to the latest QS World University Ratings by subject, it ranks among the best in the world for a number of subject areas. La Trobe’s history discipline, which in the QS rankings system includes archaeology, ancient history and classics, was ranked 38 in the world and third in Australia. La Trobe was also ranked in the top 100 in the world for communication and media studies and linguistics and sociology. Agriculture and forestry, psychology and education were ranked in the top 200. For more information about the QS rankings visit: http://www.topuniversities.com/university-rankings

12. NEWS FROM RMIT

RMIT is a ‘dual-sector’ institution, offering degrees, diplomas, certificates, pre-apprenticeships and short courses. The main RMIT campus is in Swanston Street, Melbourne, with other campuses located at Brunswick and Bundoora. B Arts (International Studies): This career oriented degree prepares students to work in international development, security, diplomacy, political economy and law and global governance. An international internship and the study of a language are compulsory components of the degree. Languages available to study are: Chinese,
Japanese, Spanish, French, German, Greek and Italian. Examples of some recent graduate destinations are: Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, Department of Premier and Cabinet, AusAID, Department of Defence and Department of Immigration and Citizenship.

B Applied Science (Property and Valuation): this degree covers property law, planning, valuation, development, investment funds management, asset / commercial property management, law, construction techniques and project management related to commercial property. It is not a real estate qualification. The degree involves leaning about infrastructure such as ports and schools. Career outcomes are financially rewarding, you do not spend all day sitting in the office at a desk and there is a mixture of management and hands on work in most roles.

B Applied Science (Project Management): This is a much broader qualification than is widely understood. It is not all about property. A project is an event which has a start and a finish time. The course offers students the opportunity to gain structured employment experiences within the event industry to enhance academic learning. Examples of recent graduate destinations are: Construction - building and infrastructure projects and property development, Non construction – client based project management, event project management, business project management, IT and health. Note that the Property and Valuation and Project Management degrees have a common first year (along with the Construction Management degree). This allows students to undertake collaborative projects and to easily change between the programmes at the end of first year if necessary.

Associate Degree in Aviation (Professional Pilots): Boeing estimates that 192,000 new pilots will be required by 2032. On graduating from this course students may find employment in charter / regional airlines, outback station flying, sightseeing, fire spotting and beach patrols and flight instructing (with Instructor Rating). With sufficient hours students may progress to chief pilot, fleet or flight operations manager. Pilots are trained for the general flying progress test, private pilot licence, commercial pilot licence and air transport licence. Note that the current annual fee for the course is approximately $60,000.

What makes RMIT Science programmes special? RMIT has entry pathways from the Diploma and Associate degrees in the TAFE sector. In the degree programmes there is a choice of specialisation, with a major / minor combination, a double degree can be studied or your programme may have an integrated honours component. RMIT science degrees have a strong hands on / practical component with plenty of vocational experience, laboratory work and field trips. All students complete an independent research project in their final year and a work placement or a project based team working component during their degree. There are opportunities for overseas experiences, semester exchanges and International Student volunteer roles.

13. TRADES PRE APPRENTICESHIPS

These short courses, usually 1 semester in length, can be an excellent option for early school leavers. Swinburne, RMIT, NMIT, Box Hill, Kangan and VU for example, have a range of pre apprenticeship programmes providing Certificate II level courses of up to six months full time. These programmes provide students with skills and experience of an industry before any commitment to a full time apprenticeship needs to be made. Options include bricklaying, carpentry, electrotechnology, engineering, horticulture, painting and decorating, plastering, tiling, furniture making and plumbing. Visit the institution websites for more information.

14. FREE ONLINE MUSIC THEORY STUDIES

The Centre for Creative Industries at Box Hill Institute has developed a 6 part online series on musicianship studies that is freely available to assist music students and musicians wishing to expand their theory skills. The online series is ideal for preparation towards further tertiary studies
and musicianship entrance tests. Each of the 6 weekly topics will include an audiovisual lecture including musical examples, interactive reinforcement quizzes, a podcast and printable lecture notes. To register your interest telephone: 9286 9695 or email: crativeindustries@boxhill.edu.au or navigate directly to: http://studentweb.bhtafe.edu.au/mooc/ to create your free account.

15. VICTORIA UNIVERSITY (VU) NEWS

VU, with its main campus in Footscray, experienced an increase in the number of first preferences in the 2014 VTAC first round offers. One of the highlights for VU was the B. Sport and Exercise Science degree which had a Clearly In of 75. VU, with its committed partners the Western Bulldogs, the Melbourne Vixens and the Australian Institute of Sport, ensure that students are exposed to elite practices in the field of exercise science and human movement. Osteopathy, Biomedical Science and the Paramedic degree posted Clearly Ins of between 75 and 80 while the VU Law degree had a Clearly In of 80. VU is the only Australian Law School to offer Court Internships.

VU Scholarships for Excellence: The inaugural VU Chancellor’s Scholarships for Excellence were awarded to 54 students from schools across the state with an ATAR over 90. These high achievers will receive leadership training, individual mentoring by corporate leaders and internship opportunities throughout their studies. These new scholarships complement the university’s existing Achievement and Access Scholarships; visit: www.vu.edu.au/scholarships for more information.

B Business (Event Management): Graduates of this VU degree are highly valued by employers. The three year course assists 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 programme providing valuable practical experience. The Tourism and Events industry is one of Australia’s largest employers with the demand for conference and event organisers expected to continue to grow strongly. Graduates can enjoy a diverse career working in organising festivals, conferences, exhibitions and community and sporting events.

16. THE UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA AT HOLMESGEN INSTITUTE

Did you know that it is possible to obtain a University of Canberra degree studying in Melbourne through Holmesglen Institute? For example, this year Holmesglen is offering the University of Canberra’s B Interior Architecture degree. The programme will provide students with the skills to plan, design, detail and supervise the construction of industrial, retail and residential building interiors. Visit: http://www.canberra.edu.au/melbourne for more information.

17. ARE YOU CONSIDERING BECOMING A TEACHER?

All Australian Education Ministers have agreed to national standards and procedures for accrediting initial teacher education programmes. The Accreditation of Initial Education Programmes in Australia: Standards and Procedures are currently being implemented by the Victorian Institute of Teaching (VIT) through the accreditation of initial teacher education programmes. Included in the policy are requirements that relate to the entry standards for students commencing initial teacher education courses. One of these requirements is that students are in the top 30% of the population for literacy and numeracy achievement. Tertiary institutions that offer initial teacher education programmes may still admit students who do not meet this standard at their discretion, but they must ensure that students meet the benchmark by the time they graduate. For further information visit: www.aitsl.edu.au/ite

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