Career Practitioners were told about new developments at La Trobe University at the recent annual Careers Advisers Day. New courses for 2015 are the B Commerce and the double qualification, B Commerce / B Laws. In addition, the B Science and Society, the B Creative Arts, and the B Media and Communications will be redesigned for 2015. Also in 2015 there will be a new four aggregate point bonus for students completing a unit 3 / 4 LOTE subject. A new Early Admissions Programme is also being introduced (the Aspire Programme), read more about this in the next item.

La Trobe is moving to a two College model instead of the five faculties they currently have. These Colleges will be called The Social Science, Arts and Communications and Law College and The Science, Health and Engineering College. Some Health Science degrees will be renamed to Applied Science, for example: the B. Health Science / B. Podiatry will become the B. Applied Science / B. Podiatry.

At La Trobe University, community counts, and they are serious about making a positive difference to the world in which we live. The new Aspire Early Admissions Program is an exciting initiative for domestic undergraduate school leavers aiming for entry into La Trobe from Semester 1, 2015. The Aspire Programme recognises the positive impact that a student has had on their local community. Community engagement and objective school achievement forms a significant part of the assessment criteria of the Aspire program, not the ATAR. Students will be able to apply across all La Trobe courses at all campuses. Offers will be made to successful applicants as early as September. Offers are conditional and based on a student meeting the minimum ATAR of 50 for entry to all courses, with the exception of a few professional degree programmes. Standard course prerequisites will remain. Students will need to apply directly to the Aspire programme to La Trobe University, along with a VTAC application. Key dates: Applications open – 1st July, 2014; applications close – 31st August, 2014 and the outcome will be known at the beginning of September 2014. You can register now for programme updates as they become available by visiting: http://www.latrobe.edu.au/school/aspire.

La Trobe University offers an online Physiology and Anatomy course. This is available to anyone who is interested; you do not have to intend to enrol in other studies at La Trobe University. The course is delivered entirely online so can be done in conjunction with other studies. Please note this short course does not attract any credit points, however, results from the course are accepted at a number of universities who recognise it as a bridging programme. Course dates and enrolment information can be found at: http://www.latrobe.edu.au/health/areas-of-study/human-biosciences/anatomy-and-physiology/short-courses.

Victoria University has an outstanding reputation in sport, exercise and active living. They have the largest number of sport related courses in Australia and are the only Australian university to have a dedicated College of Sport and Exercise Science. The courses span a range of disciplines including exercise science and human movement, physical education, sport law, sport management, sports engineering, osteopathy, aged care and more. This means VU has a course that is just right for any student passionate about a career in the sport industry. They also have many levels of study with pathways between them so students are able to enter at a point that suits them. The newly established VU...
Basketball Academy is just one initiative that enhances their sport teaching, research and knowledge exchange. Under the direction of basketball great Andrew Gaze, as Basketball Director, the Academy has assembled a team of some of the most experienced and reputable professional basketball coaches in Australia. The Academy provides a programme with state of the art sport facilities and teaching expertise for talented athletes to reach their basketball peak while they complete a basketball focused Diploma of Sport Development. Students who successfully complete the diploma have a variety of career opportunities, including elite athlete, sport coach or teacher. The diploma is also a link to higher education sport qualifications. The unique strategic partnerships VU has established provide excellent opportunities for students to learn from professionals who are leaders in their field – as coaches, consultants, scientists and more – and who bring a wealth of experience and industry network connections to the classroom.

5. BACHELOR OF EDUCATION AT VU

VU is one of only a few universities in Australia to offer a B Education (P - 12) which allows graduates to teach at any school level. With an education degree from VU, students are job ready on graduation, thanks to the experience provided in classroom teaching: vu.edu.au/courses/bachelor-of-education-abed. Career outcomes: The education industry is growing at a fast rate with Australian and international educational institutions offering rewarding career options. The number of job openings for teachers is expected to be high. With an education degree from VU students are able to teach in a public or private primary or secondary school and can specialise in physical education, the arts, home economics, humanities, social sciences, mathematics, outdoor education, science and more. VU offers a range of options for professional experience through learning in workplaces and community settings. VU students complete their supervised teaching practice with one of the many tailored programmes including Country Partnership Program (CPP); Story Writing in Remote Locations (SWIRL); Bulldogs Friendly Schools Program; the Essendon Football Club and the Sports Education & Development Australia (SEDA) institution. 93 per cent of the VU B Education students are employed within the first four months of graduation (VU Australian Graduate Survey). Students who do not initially attain the required ATAR to enter the B Education straight after secondary school can commence in the Cert IV in Liberal Arts, progress to the Diploma of Education Studies and then into the B Education. VU is very supportive of their TAFE students who wish to articulate into a Teaching degree.

6. A NEW DEGREE IN COMMUNICATIONS AT DEAKIN

As of 2015 students will be able to study the new B Communication at Deakin. This is a unique qualification allowing students to specialise in one of three areas: journalism, media or public relations. The course will also provide the flexibility to be able to study other areas of interest, enabling students to create a unique learning experience based on their passions and skills. This course will equip students with the specialist skills required to work in one of the world’s fastest growing industries. The new course offerings are: B Communication (Journalism), offered at the Melbourne Burwood Campus and Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus, B Communication (Media), offered at the Melbourne Burwood Campus, Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus or via cloud (online) study, the B Communication (Public Relations), offered at the Melbourne Burwood Campus, Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus or via cloud (online) study and the B Entertainment Production, offered at the Melbourne Burwood Campus. Creative arts disciplines now offered at the Geelong Waterfront Campus are photography and visual communication design.

7. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE ARTS WINTER SCHOOL HELPS STUDENTS PREPARE FOR THE VCE

The Faculty of Arts at the University of Melbourne is offering a VCE Winter School in
two VCE subjects: Literature and History: Revolutions. This is open to students in Years 10, 11 and 12 enrolled in the VCE for either one or both subjects. Developed in consultation with VCE examiners and experts, the programmes will bring together leading academics, international scholars and best tutors to give students a head start for their exams, focusing on skills essential to success and giving them a taste of the Melbourne experience. The Literature programme, held on 5th and 6th July, will concentrate on skills in close reading and textual interpretation. Participants will be able to select from a programme consisting of lectures and tutorials of nine of the most popular VCE Literature texts. Lectures will refer to specific passages and typical exam questions, while the tutorials will work intensively on practice passages and exam questions in small groups, building skills essential to the Literature exam. The History: Revolutions programme to be held on 12th and 13th July will concentrate on the causes and outcomes of revolutions, beginning with an exploration of the nature of revolutions with internationally acclaimed historian and VCE expert Professor Peter McPhee. Associate Professor Adrian Jones, former Chair of the VCE History Examination panel and leading historian, will then discuss how to do well on the Revolutions exam. Students will be able to choose from individual sessions on the causes and outcomes of each of the four revolutions, giving an indispensable overview and referring to past and typical exam questions and tasks. In addition, the VCE Winter School in conjunction with the George Rudé Seminar, an international conference on French History, will host a special VCE morning on Sunday 13th July. Four international authorities on the French Revolution will deliver short lectures on 'Explaining the Terror in the French Revolution'. To book visit: arts.unimelb.edu.au/vce. For further enquiries email Caitlin McGrane at: caitlin.mcgrane@unimelb.edu.au or telephone: 9810 3276.

8. IS ORAL HEALTH A PATHWAY TO DENTISTRY AT MELBOURNE?

The B Oral Health does not qualify students as dentists and is not a pathway to the Doctor of Dental Surgery at the University of Melbourne. The B Oral Health is a 3 year full time degree (part time is not available) at the University. It has four main components: clinical and preventative dentistry, dental and health sciences, social sciences and health promotion and vocational clinical practice. Upon graduation, Oral Health allows students to practice as an oral health therapist, a dental hygienist or a dental therapist. Students also have the option to undertake an additional honours year as further preparation for employment or to lead to a research higher degree. They will also be eligible for entry into a range of graduate courses including public health, health services management, business economics and more.

For information on the pathway to the Doctor of Dental Surgery visit: coursesearch.unimelb.edu.au/pathways/2-dentistry.

9. WHAT CAN I DO WITH A PUBLIC HEALTH AND HEALTH PROMOTION DEGREE?

Public health and health promotion combine a range of activities directed at improving the health of people in the population. Some well known health promotion activities include those run by organisations such as SunSmart, the TAC and QUIT. Public health seeks to understand the social and environmental factors that cause poor health and to implement policies and strategies to promote and sustain good health. People suited to occupations in this field have good communication, people and negotiation skills, can relate to people from different backgrounds and be able to work as part of a team. Graduates work for government, health agencies, community service agencies, universities, aid organisations and not for profit organisations. Courses of interest are at Deakin University: the B Public Health and Health Promotion; La Trobe University: the B Health Promotion; Monash University: the B Health Promotion; Swinburne University: the B Health Science (Public and Environmental Health) and ACU: the B Applied Public Health.
10. LEARN MORE ABOUT JOINING THE DEFENCE FORCE

Defence Force Recruiting holds regular information sessions on a number of topics. Coming up soon are:

- One Year Roles and the ADF GAP Year: 5:30pm for a 6:00 – 7:00pm information session, Wednesday 4th June
- The Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA): 6:00 – 7:30pm, Wednesday 11th June
- Army Officer (Royal Military College, Duntroon): 5:30pm for a 6:00 – 7:00pm information session, Wednesday 18th June.

All sessions are held on Level 14, 501 Swanston St, Melbourne. Bookings: CPTVIC@dfr.com.au. Students in Years 10 - 12 and their families are welcome to attend.

11. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A ‘CARING’ CAREER?

Are you thinking of a career in disability, aged care or home and community care? Then you may find out more by visiting: www.carecareers.com.au. The site provides assistance with information about jobs and career advice. There is also an interesting pictorial career quiz you might like to try.

12. AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY (ACU) NEWS

‘UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE’ at ACU is a programme which gives you the opportunity to sample the degree of your choice. You can sample a taste of life at ACU, meet academic staff and current students and trying out the course you may be interested in studying. Sessions will be held at the Ballarat and Melbourne campuses; Tuesday 1st July at Ballarat and Tuesday 8th July at Melbourne. Further information and / or to register visit: www.acu.edu.au/uni-exp.

EARLY ACHIEVERS’ PROGRAM (EAP) – ACU recognises that you are more than your academic results. If you regularly contribute to your community through activities at your school, workplace, community organisation or cultural or religious group, you could be eligible for an early offer under ACU’s Early Achievers’ Program. If your application is successful you will receive an offer of a place at ACU well before the usual tertiary admissions announcements. Applications for the EAP open on 17th August and close 20th October. Further information: www.acu.edu.au/achieve-early.

CAN’T DECIDE WHAT TO STUDY? You may find the career that is right for you by using ACU Career Match: www.acu.edu.au/my-career-match.

13. ARE YOU INTERESTED IN UNDERTAKING AN APPRENTICESHIP?

Are you thinking of being a plumber, carpenter, electrician, motor mechanic, refrigeration mechanic, tiler, brick layer, lift mechanic, hairdresser, florist or one of many other trades? Most students think first of being a carpenter, an electrician or a plumber but there are many other trades to choose from. Apprenticeships can take up to four years but if an apprentice completes the competencies faster they can complete the apprenticeship sooner. Employers often look for applicants who have completed Year 12 (VCE or VCAL), are 18 and have their drivers licence and their own vehicle. Completion of a preapprenticeship course can also be an advantage. Preapprenticeships can be completed at TAFE in four to five months of full time study. Finding an employer can be a challenge. Suggestions are to try family contacts, sporting club contacts and keeping an eye on the Situations Vacant in the local paper. Alternatively, Group Training Organisations can often assist. These organisations employ apprentices and lease them to suitable employers for their on the job training. For details of Group Training organisations visit: www.grouptraining.com.au. Another useful website to visit is: www.aapathways.com.au.

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