

CAREER NEWS - MAY

- 'FOCUS ON MELBOURNE' in May: 16th Biomedicine; 17th Agriculture; 18th Veterinary Science; 23rd Engineering; 24th IT; 30th Science; <https://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events>
- VCE AND CAREERS EXPO 2017: Thurs 4 – Sun 7 May; at Caulfield Racecourse; Admission: \$10 or \$25 for families. Info: www.vceandcareers.com.au.

1. RMIT NEWS –

RMIT offers both **higher education** and **VET certificates and diplomas**. Its main campus is in the City, and it also has campuses in Brunswick and Bundoora.

- **BACHELOR OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE (LABORATORY MEDICINE)** – The vital role that medical laboratory



scientists play in the healthcare system to **combat superbugs** was highlighted at a recent TedX Texas State university conference. The reality of superbugs in healthcare systems and the role of medical laboratory professionals play in combating these superbugs were discussed. **RMIT's Bachelor of Biomedical Science (Laboratory Medicine) remains as the only degree in Victoria that is professionally accredited by the Australian Institute of Medical Scientists (AIMS).**

- **EXPLORE ASIA THROUGH RMIT VIETNAM** – You can cross-campus at **RMIT Vietnam** for up to a year without increasing your tuition or extending your program. **Some advantages are:** It's easy to **match** your academic programs for credit; the **affordable** cost of living; the **food and culture**; the chance to **travel** to some of the best destinations in Asia. RMIT Vietnam is the Asian hub of RMIT University, with campuses in Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi. **Programs on offer are: business, creative design and technology.** You need to have completed at least one semester of academic study at RMIT prior to applying for Cross-campus Study at RMIT Vietnam. **See:** www.rmit.edu.au/students/exchangevietnam

NOTE: Several other Victorian universities have overseas campuses where part of a degree can be studied. In addition, all universities have '**partner overseas universities** where part of a Victorian degree can be completed (eg a semester).

2. INTERESTED IN STUDYING HEALTH AT DEAKIN UNIVERSITY?

Health is the fastest growing employment industry. Deakin is offering information sessions where you can explore your options.

- **Exercise and Sport Science** at **Burwood** 6-7.30pm, 17 May and 2-3.30pm, 20 May; at **Geelong (Warrn Ponds)** 6-7.30pm, 24 May and 2-3.30pm, 27 May
- **Food and Nutrition Sciences** at **Burwood** – 6-7.30pm, 17 May and 2-3.30pm, 20 May
- **Health Sciences** at **Burwood** – 6-7.30pm, 18 May; at **Geelong (Waterfront)** 6-7.30pm, 25 May
- **Nursing and Midwifery** at **Burwood** – 6-8pm, 26 July and 2.30-4.30pm, 29 July; **Geelong (Waterfront)** 6-8pm, 26 July and 2.30-4.30pm, 29 July; **Warrnambool** – 6-7.30pm, 11 August.

Register online at www.deakin.edu.au/health/events;
Health course Information: 1800 693 888.

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- Staff at Swinburne believe that an undergraduate education must be about more than knowledge. In today's competitive job market, it must be about **true job readiness**. For over 50 years, Swinburne has been partnering with leading Australian and global organisations to offer students workplace experiences. The **Swinburne Advantage** is available to all new undergraduates; you just need to choose the Work Integrated Learning that suits you from:

- **Professional degrees** – offer high-achieving students the opportunity to enrol in a degree that incorporates a guaranteed, paid, full-time work placement
- **Professional Placements and Internships** – through Swinburne's partnerships with leading companies, you are offered the opportunity to work in a professional placement directly related to your area of study. You are paid and receive academic credit to your degree
- **Industry-linked projects** – problem-solving is a strength that can bolster your prospective career. You need to graduate with the confidence and skills to tackle any project or challenge. Industry-linked projects are usually undertaken as a unit of study during the final year of your course
- **Accreditation Placements** – some degrees include a mandatory work placement for accreditation. Swinburne has long-standing relationships with top organisations that welcome Swinburne students (eg in law, engineering and education)
- **Industry Study Tours** - are designed to give you experience that will benefit your careers, and give credit towards your degree.

Info: <http://www.swinburne.edu.au/advantage>

4. ENTRY TO TEACHING COURSES FOR 2018 -

The number of Victorian university graduates applying to become teachers has **fallen nearly 40% in a year**. This drop has triggered concerns about teacher shortages into the future. Requirements for getting into a teaching course will rise this year, with **ATAR's set at a minimum of 65 for 2018 and 70 in 2019**. From this year, Victorian universities will only be allowed to offer **two-year graduate entry initial teacher education programs**, instead of one-year courses known as the **Diploma of Education**. This may have deterred some students from pursuing a teaching career, although the difficulty in **finding full-time work** could be a contributor as well.



A **compulsory literacy and numeracy test** and a **separate test** will now be used by many Victorian universities for entry to unde-graduate education courses to **measure non-academic skills** like problem solving, leadership, empathy and resilience (**known as CASPer**).

CASPer (Computer-Based Assessment for Sampling Personal Characteristics) is an **admissions test developed in Canada which assesses non-cognitive or non-academic attributes in an online format in the pre-screening stage of the application process**. It will be done using web-cam and cost \$80.00.

5. REMINDER – EARLY ACHIEVERS PROGRAM

(EAP) AT ACU – Have you been a **regular volunteer**, perhaps **gaining leadership experience**? The volunteering might be at school, a community organisation, or a cultural or religious group. If so, you could be eligible for the **Early Achievers' Program** entry into



an undergraduate degree. If successful, you'll receive an **offer as early as August**. For most degrees the minimum ATAR for an EAP place is 58.50. Law and physiotherapy require a minimum of 70 while Occupational Therapy, paramedicine and speech pathology require 65. Applications are now open, and close on 17 July. See: www.acu.edu.au/eap