SO YOU WANT TO BE AN ACCOUNTANT? Becoming an accountant includes completing a major in accounting at university. Several degrees offer accounting ‘majors’ such as a Bachelor of Accounting, a Bachelor of Business or a Bachelor of Commerce (check the majors available in any degree you consider, to see that it has the majors that interest you). Further exams after completion of university study can lead on to registration as a chartered accountant. It is also possible to study for a Diploma in Accounting at a TAFE Institute, however, to become an accountant you would need to complete university-level study. Often two years at TAFE are equivalent to one year at university.

WHAT ATAR WILL I NEED TO ACCESS A COURSE? ATARs always depend on the number of places available in the course, the number of applicants for those places, and the ATARs of those applicants. For the 2011-2012 period, the following are examples:

- Bachelor of Commerce - University of Melbourne: 95.45
- Bachelor of Commerce - Monash University (Clayton): 90.30;
- Bachelor of Business (Accounting)(Caulfield): 83.50
- Bachelor of Accounting at RMIT: 84.15
- Bachelor of Commerce at Deakin Melb: 75.95
- Bachelor of Accounting at La Trobe (Bundoora): 70.15
- Bachelor of Accounting at ACU(Melbourne)
- Bachelor of Accounting at Swinburne (Hawthorn): 68.30; (Lilydale): 51.40
- Bachelor of Accounting at Victoria Uni (Footscray Park): 57.50

NOTE: Monash University offers a SCHOLARSHIP in a Bachelor of Accounting at the Clayton campus. It is a joint industry-university initiative involving industry sponsored scholarships. Selection by ATAR, Form and interview. The program includes periods of industry-based learning.

ACCOUNTING CADETHIPS A number of large accounting firms offer CADETHIPS. These provide the opportunity to gain practical experience while studying at university. For example, at Ernst & Young cadets work full-time and study part-time for two years, then two years is undertaken full-time at university. On successful completion of the degree, cadets have the opportunity to return to full-time employment with Ernst & Young at a higher level than their graduating peers. Applications for these cadethips open on 21 May at www.ev.com.au/careers. EY is holding an information session 5.30-7.30pm, on 7 and 13 June where you can find out more; Where: 8 Exhibition St, Melbourne. Several other firms also offer cadethips – some to check out are KPMG, Deloitte, PriceWaterhouse Coopers, for example.

PriceWaterhouse Coopers Information Session at CBC – May 22 at 1pm Ward Theatre, PCW welcome.

CAREER AS A CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT All accountants are not the same. As in any career, there are levels of achievement and recognition for those that are the top of their profession. Chartered Accountants are widely regarded as being highly qualified, having completed an intensive two-year program of postgraduate education and mentored work experience whilst working within an Institute-recognised organisation. Visit http://www.charteredaccountants.com.au/chartered_accountants

IN YEAR 10? RESOURCES FOR YOU TO CHECK OUT - La Trobe university has a really useful website, offering assistance with issues and questions directed at students moving into VCE (useful for students considering studying at any university). There are videos about subject choice, the ATAR, prerequisites, and what is meant by Clearby-Lin. See: www.latrobe.edu.au/year10.

DO YOU WANT TO WORK WITH ANIMALS? Careers working with animals are many and varied, from veterinary surgeon, to farmer, to animal carer and so many more. Melbourne University offers the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine which is completed following a science degree with the required prerequisites subjects having been undertaken. This is the only course in Victoria offering qualifications to work as a vet. However, in addition to this qualification, other university degrees are available:

- Deakin University offers the Bachelor of Zoology and Animal Science and the B. Wildlife and Conservation Biology
- La Trobe University offers the B. Animal and Veterinary Biosciences, the B. Agricultural Science and the B. Wildlife and Conservation Biology
- Melbourne University offers the B. Agriculture
- Monash University offers the B. Veterinary Biosciences

In addition, many university science degrees offer zooology as a major study.

Some TAFE Institutes offer a range of courses such as animal care and management, animal studies, animal technology, companion animal services, horse management and equine studies. For those interested in animal studies, RSPCA offers a Cert 2 in Animal Studies in a learning environment developed to provide young people wanting to work in animal care to improve skills and knowledge with no disruption to normal school commitments. The course takes 10 weeks with practical sessions and guaranteed work placements, held at RSPCA Burwood East. Applications for the latest course close on 14th May (others to follow). See: http://www.rspcavic.org/services/education/cert-ii/.

BACHELOR OF FINE ARTS AND BACHELOR OF MUSIC AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE – The Bachelor of Fine Arts is offered at the Southbank campus, 234 St Kilda Rd, while the Bachelor of Music is offered at the Parkville campus. Currently the Bachelor of Fine Arts covers Contemporary Music, Dance, Film and Television, Music Theatre, Production, Theatre Practice and Visual Arts. Find out more information and how to apply at: www.vca.mcm.unimelb.edu.au/future_students.

HOLMESEGLAN OPEN DAY - Holmesglen’s Open Day is coming up soon....When: 10am-3pm, Saturday June 23; Where: Chadstone campus, Batesford Rd; See: www.holmesglen.edu.au/openday.

ACMI HOTHOUSE SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM ACMI Hothouse 2012 explores game making and design. 10 lucky students will spend 1 week of the July school holidays in a fast paced creative studio. Their team will include creative artists as well as programmers. Together, they will learn how to design an iPhone game. Students don’t need games experience to apply!Cost: Free Limited places available, registration required. How to apply: Visit http://www.acmi.net.au/hothouse.aspx to download the application pack. Please email hothouse@acmi.net.au with any questions. Applications Close Fri 18 May 2012 so start your application NOW!

UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE AT ACU University Experience is a free program designed to allow year 10, 11 and 12 students the opportunity to interact with academic staff and
current students, to try out the course they are interested in studying, and to experience a hands-on sample of life at ACU. The University Experience program will take place at each of ACU’s campuses. Details for the campuses in Victoria are

**Ballarat Campus** – Focus on Education and Nursing/Paramedicine courses. **Wednesday 4 July 2012, 9.00am – 3.30pm**


**Melbourne Campus** - Focus will be on Health Science courses. Participate in a variety of hands-on workshops and talk to students and teaching staff to discover what it’s like being a health science student at ACU. Students can choose from:

- Be a Student Nurse for a Day
- Be a Student Midwife for a Day
- Be a Student Paramedic for a Day

**Date:** Friday 6 July 2012, 9.00am – 3.00pm


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**CAREER AS AN ACTUARY**

Actuaries analyse mathematical, statistical, financial and economic data in order to predict and assess the long-term risks involved in financial decisions and planning.

Actuaries may perform the following tasks:

- Analyse statistics relating to factors such as death, illness and accident, and current trends in the economy to design new types of life insurance and superannuation policies
- Work out appropriate premiums or contributions and rates of return by calculating the future probabilities of events such as unemployment, illness or changes in interest rates
- Make sure that insurance companies have sufficient financial reserves to meet claims
- Advise companies on investment policy and the distribution of profits to policyholders
- Undertake financial projections for, and measure and analyse the investment performance of, life insurance companies, financial institutions and government organisations
- Provide advice to potential buyers or sellers of companies

Successful actuaries need to have:

- Good written and oral communication skills
- Very good mathematical ability and the capacity to solve complex problems
- The ability to think clearly and logically

To become an actuary, students usually have to study actuarial studies or actuarial science at university. Entry to these courses requires VCE with mathematical methods or preferably specialist mathematics. A number of universities in Australia offer degrees in these areas and these Universities may have different prerequisites.

**VICTORIA UNIVERSITY NEWS –**

**OPEN DAY COMING UP SOON!** VU Open Day is on Sunday 24 June (earlier than most). Open Day will give you a taste of what VU student life is like, a chance to be taken on a campus tour and provide the opportunity to chat to lecturers and current students. With student bands playing, it should be a fun-filled event. **When:** 10am-4pm.

**DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A HOME ECONOMICS TEACHER?**

From 2013 Home Economics becomes one of the range of specialisations for students in the B. Education (P-12) course. This course is unique in Victoria and students will get the opportunity to study areas of food, nutrition, and family. They will gain experience working in a range of hospitality industry areas and as pre-service teachers working with experienced teachers of Home Economics.

Info: David Eade, ph 9919 8617, david.eade@vu.edu.au

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**STUDYING MEDICINE AT UNIVERSITY OF TASMANIA - UTS** offers a five-year MBBS at the Hobart campus. The entry requirements are: English, Chemistry and Math Methods (preferably) plus UMAT plus ATAR 95+

On completion of the MBBS, graduates work in an approved hospital undertaking general medical training as an intern. Graduates can then choose to specialise in one of a number of fields such as, anaesthetics, dermatology, obstetrics and gynaecology, geriatric medicine, paediatrics, pathology, psychiatry, radiology and surgery.

**Alternative Pathway to the MBBS**

UTAS will accept into the MBBS up to 10 Australian applicants each year on the basis of performance in the Bachelor of Biotechnology and Medical Research, Bachelor of Pharmacy, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Biomedical Science, Bachelor of Health Science or the Bachelor of Environmental Science at UTAS. To be eligible for the available places, applicants must have:

- Completed one full-time year of study at UTAS in one of the listed degrees in the year prior to the proposed MBBS enrolment.
- Achieved a Distinction average (70%) or above for the two most recent semesters of full-time study.
- Satisfied the Year 12 pre-requisites for the MBBS.
- Completed the UMAT and have achieved a combined UMAT score at least equal to the lowest UMAT score in the cohort selected in other categories.
- Domestic applications for medicine close 30 September each year.

To find out more about the alternative entry to the MBBS visit [http://www.utas.edu.au/medicine/study/future-students/mbbs-students/alternative-entry-pathway](http://www.utas.edu.au/medicine/study/future-students/mbbs-students/alternative-entry-pathway). and about the Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS), [http://www.utas.edu.au/medicine/study/future-students/mbbs-students](http://www.utas.edu.au/medicine/study/future-students/mbbs-students)

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**REMITTER: MBBS INFORMATION SESSION**

Students considering a degree in medicine, and particularly the Monash Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) Program, are invited to attend the upcoming MBBS Information Session with special guests from UMAT on hand to answer those burning questions that parents or students may have about the process.

**Date:** 30 May 2012

**Time:** 6.30pm – 8.00pm

**Venue:** Building 63, Lecture Theatre C1, Clayton campus, Monash University

There is no registration required as all are welcome. The following link is the map of the Clayton Campus and Building 63 is in C3 - [www.monash.edu.au/pubs/maps/3-Claytoncolour.pdf](http://www.monash.edu.au/pubs/maps/3-Claytoncolour.pdf)

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**NEWS FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE**

**Changes to Prerequisites to Bachelor of Science from 2014** - Students applying for the Bachelor of Science at the University of Melbourne for 2014 entry onwards should note that the prerequisite VCE subjects are:

- Unit 3 and 4 or equivalent- a study score of at least 25 in English/English Language/English Literature or at least 30 in ESL and either: A study score of at least 25 in one of Mathematics methods, Specialists Mathematics and in one of Biology Chemistry or Physics OR A study score of at least 25 in both Mathematics methods and Specialist Mathematics.

Visit [http://www.bsc.unimelb.edu.au/](http://www.bsc.unimelb.edu.au/) to find out more about the Bachelor of Science.

**Focus on Melbourne**

Students are reminded of the Focus on Melbourne evening seminar series coming up over the next few weeks! At each seminar, students will have the opportunity to:

- Obtain detailed information on specific undergraduate courses including subject choices and research opportunities
- Ask questions about pathways to employment and further graduate study
GET REAL EXPERIENCE - 2012 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM at RMIT

RMIT University offers a number of free events for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 to provide real experience and insight into the world of art, design, science, community studies and engineering. You will experience life on campus, engage in hands on workshops and explore different aspects of science and engineering, and a free lunch is given too! Due to the popularity of these events, students must be sure to book their spot as soon as possible!

✓ Medical Laboratory Visits – Behind the Scenes Tour
The lab tours provide the chance to go behind the scenes into a lab where third year Laboratory Medicine students complete their Professional Practice, including major teaching hospitals in Melbourne and regional Victoria. **Monday 2 July to Friday 6 July 2012.** Register online at http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=kstwmrrhpmma1

✓ Experience Art & Design Day
This is a day with plenty of hands-on creative activities. Students will experience interactive art and design workshops in ceramics, furniture design, product design, communication design and landscape architecture. **Monday 2 July 2012** City Campus Register online at http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=3wglvvpwiw8jz

✓ Experience Computing, Animation and IT Day
This program offers students the opportunity to see how animation, computing, information technology systems and games graphics are applied to real life situations and how the advances in technology are changing the way we live. **Tuesday 3 July 2012.** City Campus Register online at http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=8yxyx4ov28ti1

✓ Experience Aerospace, Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
See how engineering is changing the way we live. Through a series of hands-on workshops, students will gain an insight into sustainable systems engineering, aerospace, automotive, mechanical and mechatronics engineering. **Wednesday 4 July 2012**, 9.30am – 4.30pm. Bundoora East Campus (a free bus service will be provided from the City campus to Bundoora Campus) Register online at http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID= vrsxkmyvwli1

✓ Electrical & Computer Engineering
An introduction to engineering technologies that have had a significant impact on modern society. Electrical and computer engineering covers a broad range of technologies from computer systems, networking and communications, through to electrical, biomedical and electronic engineering. **Thursday 5 July OR Friday 6 July 2012.** City Campus. Register online at http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID= bge55ov28ti1

✓ Experience Advertising, Marketing and PR Day
Highly recommended for Yr 11 or 12 students considering Advertising, Marketing or PR, the program provides students with an up-to-date overview of industry trends and employment opportunities. Interactive workshops will cover topics such as branding and strategy; integrated marketing communications; creative advertising; account service; media; and new technologies. **Tuesday 10 July 2012.** City Campus. Register online at http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=ojwe2wax0ukz

✓ Experience Community Justice Day
Do you want to make a difference in the community? This day provides an insight for Year 11 and 12 students into legal and community disciplines from the perspective of business, disabilities, policy, politics, social psychology, social work and youth work. **Wednesday 11 July 2012.** City Campus. Register online at http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=wvetzak4kkekz

✓ Experience Health and Medical Sciences Day
This program is available for Year 10, 11 and 12 students interested in health and medical sciences. Students may undertake workshops in the following areas - Nursing, Chinese Medicine, biomedical sciences, biomedical engineering, laboratory medicine, pharmaceutical sciences, pharmacy and myotherapy. **Thursday 12 July 2012.** Bundoora West Campus (a free bus service will be provided from the City campus to Bundoora Campus). Register online at http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=ulmc5ov28ti1

NEW COURSES OFFERED at LATROBE IN 2013

The Faculty of Science at La Trobe University will be introducing two new courses next year:

1. **Bachelor of Bioscience** – 3-year degree with a wide range of majors in biochemistry, botany, ecology, genetics, microbiology, molecular biology, zoology and freshwater ecology. Students complete foundation studies in the first year and in the following years specialise in their area of interest.

2. **Bachelor of Science (Applications in Society)** – a highly practical 3-year degree, designed for students wanting to combine science studies with specialisations in other areas that suit them for roles in science-related fields in business, communication, government and non-government sectors. Students complete foundation studies in the first year and in the following years specialise in their area of interest.

Details of these courses will soon be available at www.latrobe.edu.au

CAREER AS A PILOT

Pilots’ duties vary according to the size and nature of the company they work for. There are various specialisations for pilots: Aeromedical Pilot - works for organisations such as the Royal Flying Doctor Service or search and rescue helicopter services. They may have some type of medical or rescue training but this is not necessarily a requirement.

Agricultural Pilot - An agricultural pilot uses planes for crop dusting and other agricultural work, flying at low levels in rural communities.

Airline Pilot - holds particular certificates that allows for command of a multi-crew airline aircraft to transport passengers and cargo.

Commercial Pilot - flies in command of single pilot aircraft carrying out charter, flying instruction and other types of aerial work, such as surveys and coastal aerial surveillance in the general aviation (light aircraft) sector of the industry.

Flying Instructor - teaches others so they may obtain a pilot’s licence, from private through to commercial levels.

Helicopter Pilot - flies helicopters for various purposes ranging from joy rides to emergency rescue operations.

Military Pilot - trained to operate a variety of combat and support aircraft.

Useful websites to browse include:
- Australian Federation of Air Pilots - www.afap.org.au
- Civil Aviation Safety Authority - www.casa.gov.au
- Logistics Information and Navigation Centre - www.the-linc.com.au
- Australian Defence Force Recruiting - www.defencejobs.gov.au

CAREER AS A NURSE PRACTITIONER

A Nurse Practitioner is a registered nurse who has a master’s degree qualification. Nurse Practitioners are able to work in a more advanced clinical role as they are more skilled and are even
authorised to complete certain procedures that registered nurses cannot – procedures that until recently could only have been completed by a doctor. Most Nurse Practitioners must have several years' experience working as a registered nurse. Nurse Practitioners fulfill responsibilities such as -

- Assess patients and manage their care
- Refer patients to other healthcare professionals
- Prescribe some medications
- Order diagnostic tests

Victorian Universities that offer a master’s degree leading to a qualification as a Nurse Practitioner include Deakin University, La Trobe University and the University of Melbourne.

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