CAREER INFORMATION BULLETIN

INFORMATION BULLETIN - EDITION 8
Queensland
19/05/2014 to 30/05/2014
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Section</th>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Apprenticeships and Employment</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Want to be an electrician?</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>What do employers want?</td>
<td>5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Australian Defence Force</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Defence Work Experience Program</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Upcoming Australian Defence Force Information Sessions</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Updates on the ADF Gap Year program</td>
<td>6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Career Exploration</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The High Five of career development</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Change is constant</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Know yourself and follow your heart</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Focus on the journey</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Learning is ongoing</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Access your allies</td>
<td>8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Use the mini career explorer to start your career exploration</td>
<td>9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Competitions</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Imaginate: What Do You Think Makes a Good Childhood?</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Course and Institution Updates</td>
<td>11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Christian Heritage College (CHC)</td>
<td>11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Design Discovery Workshop</td>
<td>11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Explore careers in aviation at Aviation Australia</td>
<td>11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Head Start at the University of Southern Queensland (USQ)</td>
<td>11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Information for future pilots</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Media one-day workshops in Brisbane</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New aviation degree</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New degree at the Australian Film, Television and Radio School (AFTRS)</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Queensland University of Technology (QUT) Updates</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Changes to B Laws</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>New B Business - International</td>
<td>13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fashion illustration for beginners</td>
<td>13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Register for QUT’s Open Day</td>
<td>13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bridging courses in chemistry, physics and maths B</td>
<td>13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Email a student</td>
<td>13</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Selected career/course events to 18 June 2014</td>
<td>14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Month</td>
<td>Page</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>------------</td>
<td>------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>May</td>
<td>14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>June</td>
<td>14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Study to be an enrolled nurse at the Mater</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The new look TAFE Queensland</td>
<td>15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>University experience event at CQU</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>University of Melbourne updates</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2015 undergraduate prospectus</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Meet Melbourne university reps at TSXPO</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>International student consultations in Brisbane</td>
<td>16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pathways to dentistry at University of Melbourne</td>
<td>17</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Financial Assistance and Scholarships</td>
<td>18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Did you know there are thousands of scholarships on offer each year in Queensland?</td>
<td>18</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gap Year Program News</td>
<td>19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>African Conservation Experience (ACE) for Gap Year students</td>
<td>19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gap program information sessions in May 2014</td>
<td>19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Occupational Information</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>‘The Job I Love’ website</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>How will the recent Federal budget affect health professions?</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Is your future on track? Explore rail careers</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Project manager – an occupation for all industries</td>
<td>20</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Queensland Police Recruiting seminars</td>
<td>21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>What does a biotechnologist do?</td>
<td>21</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>What sort of doctor do you want to be?</td>
<td>22</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Open Days, Expos and Career Markets</td>
<td>23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brisbane Careers and Employment Expo this week</td>
<td>23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Design College Australia Open Day</td>
<td>23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>How to make the best use of a career expo</td>
<td>23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Open Day at the Queensland School of Film and Television (QSFT)</td>
<td>23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Open Days at TAFE Queensland SkillsTech</td>
<td>24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>QTAC and Tertiary Entry</td>
<td>25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Error in Bulletin 7 - Registration deadlines for UMAT</td>
<td>25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pathways to tertiary study</td>
<td>25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>QTAC updates</td>
<td>26</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>QTAC has moved</td>
<td>26</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
**Want to be an electrician?**

Electro Group Training and Apprenticeships is a group training company that specialises in training people for the electrical industry. It employs and monitors the training of electrical apprentices. It also offers career start courses to prepare students for an apprenticeship. For more information, visit [https://www.electrogroup.com.au/index.php](https://www.electrogroup.com.au/index.php).

**What do employers want?**

Results from the 2013 Graduate Outlook Survey have been used to compare what employers want with what graduates think they want. See the results on the Graduate Opportunities website at [http://www.graduateopportunities.com/your-career/getting-that-job/what-employers-want/](http://www.graduateopportunities.com/your-career/getting-that-job/what-employers-want/). This site also shows the tertiary disciplines in demand and provides tips for graduates looking for a job.
Defence Work Experience Program

This program gives young people an opportunity to experience the Defence Force before making decisions about joining. The following programs are still open for applications:

- Army Communications and Trades Familiarisation - Gallipoli Barracks
- Army Technical Communications and Trades Familiarisation - Gallipoli Barracks
- Air Traffic Control Familiarisation - RAAF Amberley.

For more information and to apply, visit http://www.defence.gov.au/workexperience/default.htm.

Upcoming Australian Defence Force Information Sessions

Defence Force Recruiting Brisbane will hold the following information sessions commencing at 6 pm at Defence Force Recruiting Brisbane, Level 11, 410 Ann Street, Brisbane:

- Tuesday 27 May 2014 - Defence Undergraduate Sponsorship – Engineering Careers
- Thursday 29 May 2014 - Defence Undergraduate Sponsorship – Health Careers
- Monday 2 June 2014 - One Year Roles
- Tuesday 3 June 2014 - Australian Defence Force Academy.

Register your interest in attending a session by calling (07) 3016 2307 or by emailing strout@dfr.com.au.

Updates on the ADF Gap Year program

The Australian Defence Force (ADF) gap year program, which recommences in 2015, provides young people with a paid Defence Force experience in the Army and the Air Force. The Army jobs available for the program are:

- Rifleman
- Driver Transport
- Administration Clerk
- Supply Coordinator
- Unit Quartermaster.
The Air Force jobs are in Airbase Security Roles including Air Defence Guard. For more information and to register an interest in the program, visit http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/GapYear/.
The High Five of career development

Change is constant

The world of work is always changing. You also change as you develop and experience life. Don’t be afraid of change; accept it and use it as an opportunity.

Know yourself and follow your heart

One of the most important skills in career management is self-awareness – knowing your interests, abilities, values, aspirations and the things/people that influence you. Start your job ideas list with jobs you would most like (your dream jobs) even if they are currently unrealistic. Exploring these jobs can get you started and lead to other jobs you had not thought of.

Focus on the journey

It is good to have goals – short and long term. However, we should not be so focused on these that we miss opportunities that may emerge along the way.

Learning is ongoing

Learning doesn’t stop just because you finish your course and get a job. Just as change is constant so is the need to keep up to speed with new technology, new methods of practice and emerging trends in your career field.

Access your allies

These are the people who can help and support you during your career journey. They can include your school guidance officer/counsellor, teachers, your family and friends, sport coaches and others within your social network. You can learn much from other people’s experiences.
This item has been adapted from The Real Game (http://www.realgame.esa.edu.au/).

Use the mini career explorer to start your career exploration

The mini career explorer on the myfuture website at http://www.myfuture.edu.au/MiniCareerExplorer/index.html is a quick, interactive and fun instrument that will help you come up with career ideas. Once you have developed some ideas, you can read about them on the myfuture site.
Imaginate: What Do You Think Makes a Good Childhood?

This competition is open to Australians aged 13 - 25 years. Participants are asked to respond in some way (e.g. write a story, paint a picture, take a photo) to the question ‘What should a good childhood look like?’. The competition closes on 26 May 2014. See http://imaginate.org.au for more information.
Christian Heritage College (CHC)

CHC is a Christian higher education institution that offers accredited bachelor degrees in business, education, humanities, social science and ministries. The college is located in Mansfield, Brisbane. Applications to CHC are through QTAC. HECS-HELP and FEE-HELP are available. The college will hold its open day on 23 August 2014. For more information, visit [http://chc.edu.au/index.php](http://chc.edu.au/index.php).

Design Discovery Workshop

CATC Design School offers accredited diploma level courses in graphic design, interior design and photography. VET FEE-HELP is available to students. The School will hold Design Discovery Workshops on Saturday 14 June 2014 at its Brisbane and Gold Coast campuses. This event will provide an opportunity to experience life as a designer and to check out the facilities and courses at the school. Visit [http://www.catc.edu.au/events](http://www.catc.edu.au/events) to register.

Explore careers in aviation at Aviation Australia

This exhibit presents work from UQ students studying B Multimedia Design, Master of Interaction Design and the course Physical Computing and Interaction Design Studio. The theme is ‘Designing for playful and open-ended interactions in everyday life’. The exhibition will be held at The Edge in South Bank and is open to the public from 5 – 7 pm on Tuesday 3 June 2014. Read more at [http://www.itee.uq.edu.au/interaction-design](http://www.itee.uq.edu.au/interaction-design).

Head Start at the University of Southern Queensland (USQ)

USQ’s Head Start program gives Year 11 and 12 students an opportunity to study university subjects while still at school. In addition the program provides:

- Guaranteed entry into a related USQ program on successful completion of a Head Start subject
- Fee exemption (the first Head Start course/subject is free)
- Two points towards the Queensland Certificate of Education
- Academic credit towards a USQ degree.
The Head Start program is offered online and at Toowoomba, Springfield and Fraser Coast campuses. Some subjects are offered at USQ’s Maryborough Hub. Applications for Semester 2 close on 30 June 2014. Find out more at http://www.usq.edu.au/headstart.

Information for future pilots

PATS (Pilot Aptitude Training Systems) is a private organisation that prepares people for aptitude tests and interviews that are used by the Australian Defence Force and airline pilot cadetships (e.g. Jetstar, Cathay Pacific and Rex). For more information see http://www.pilotaptitude.com/.

Media one-day workshops in Brisbane

JMC Academy will deliver the following workshops during the next school holidays:

- 1 July 2014 - Music, Audio and Entertainment Workshop
- 2 July 2014 – Animation and Game Design Workshop
- 3 July 2014 – Film and Television Production Workshop.

Workshop information and registration can be accessed at http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/. Check out the campus at the open day on 31 May 2014.

New aviation degree

Aviation Australia (http://www.aviationaustralia.aero/) and the University of Southern Queensland (http://www.usq.edu.au) have launched a new management degree specifically for aircraft maintenance engineers. The B Business (Aircraft Maintenance Management) will provide students with supervisory and management skills. It can be studied online or on the Toowoomba campus. Read about this new degree at http://www.usq.edu.au/degrees/bachelor-of-business-aircraft-maintenance-management.

New degree at the Australian Film, Television and Radio School (AFTRS)

AFTRS will offer B Arts (Screen) in 2015. ‘Story’ and ‘The history of film’ are core subjects in this three-year course. According to AFTRS, the degree is designed to ‘future-proof’ graduates for a changing and dynamic world. You can read more about the degree at http://www.aftrs.edu.au/award-courses/new-bachelor-of-arts. AFTRS will be at the TSXPO (Tertiary Studies Expo) in Brisbane on 19 and 20 July 2014 (see http://www.tsxpo.org/).

Queensland University of Technology (QUT) Updates

Changes to B Laws
From Semester 1 2015 QUT will offer B Laws (Honours). This new honours degree will include advanced research units that will provide hands-on legal research skill development and in-depth knowledge to prepare students for the graduate job market. For more information check the 2015 Undergraduate Law booklet at https://www.qut.edu.au/study/undergraduate-study/brochures.

New B Business - International

This course will commence in 2015. It will combine the three-year B Business with one year of international studies. Find out more from the 2015 Undergraduate Business booklet at https://www.qut.edu.au/study/undergraduate-study/brochures.

Fashion illustration for beginners

This course, to be offered in June and November, is for students interested in working in the fashion industry. It will provide participants with the foundations for creating a portfolio of fashion illustration. See https://www.qut.edu.au/study/short-courses-and-professional-development (click on Creative, design and performance).

Register for QUT’s Open Day

This event will be held on Sunday 27 July 2014 from 9 am – 3 pm at the Gardens Point campus. On the day you can check out the campus and the courses. You can register your first name and email address on the open day web page to receive open day updates. On the day you can go into a draw to win a MacBook Air. See https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/qut-open-day.

Bridging courses in chemistry, physics and maths B

QUT offers bridging courses in chemistry, physics and maths B. These programs provide students with the required assumed knowledge in these subjects for QUT courses and may meet prerequisite subject requirements for other institutions. See https://www.qut.edu.au/about/continuing-professional-education/cpe-courses.

Email a student

Find out more about studying at QUT by emailing a current student. Visit https://www.qut.edu.au/study/undergraduate-study/email-a-student.
Selected career/course events to 18 June 2014

May

20 - FOGS Indigenous Employment and Careers Expo in Townsville

20 - Griffith University Medicine Information Evening at South Bank campus
http://www.griffith.edu.au/events/information-evenings

21 - Queensland University of Technology Caboolture Campus Parent Information Seminar
http://www.qut.edu.au/study/events

21 - Griffith University Medicine Information Evening at Gold Coast campus
http://www.griffith.edu.au/events/information-evenings

22 - CQU University Online Information Session http://www.cqu.edu.au/calendar/event-items/information-session/online-information-session8


24 - Bond University Faculty of Law ‘Explore Your Future in a Day’ Session

27 - Bundaberg Careers Expo

28 - Fraser Coast Jobs and Careers Expo at the Wide Bay Institute of TAFE, Hervey Bay campus

29 - University of Southern Queensland, Toowoomba Campus Science Student Experiences Day, Nursing and Midwifery Student Experience Day, Psychology and Counselling Student Experiences Day http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events


30 - Australian Youth Aerospace Forum Standard application due date

31 - JMC Academy, Brisbane Campus Open Day http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/


June
3 - Queensland University of Technology Go for IT gURL program for Year 10 girls
http://www.qut.edu.au/science-engineering/about/events/events?news-id=69895

6 - UMAT registration due date http://umat.acer.edu.au/

11 - FOGS Indigenous Employment and Careers Expo in Mt Isa

11 & 12 - University of the Sunshine Coast Experience USC for Years 9 and 10
http://www.usc.edu.au/study/study-at-usc/information-for-career-advisers-and-teachers/opportunities-for-schools#expUSC

12 - The Big Day In – IT Conference at the University of Queensland

12 - University of Southern Queensland Year 8 - 9 Careers Day
http://www.usq.edu.au/news-events/events/2014/06/year-8-9-career-day


14 - Queensland School of Film and Television Open Day http://www.qsft.qld.edu.au/

16 - CQUniversity's Start Uni Now (SUN) program application due date for Term two
http://www.cqu.edu.au/study/who-am-i/school-leaver/start-uni-now-sun

16 - Dalby Careers Expo at the Dalby PCYC

16 – Western Downs Careers Expo at the Chinchilla Cultural Centre

18 - Charleville Careers Expo at Charleville State High School
https://charlevilleshs.eq.edu.au/Pages/default.aspx

**Study to be an enrolled nurse at the Mater**

Mater Education offers the Diploma of Nursing. The course is delivered on a full-time basis for three semesters over an 18-month period. It is a full-fee course and VET FEE-HELP is available to eligible students. Year 12 students apply directly to Mater Education for the course, not through QTAC. Courses commence in January and July. A scholarship program is available for applicants from a refugee or Indigenous background. Students who successfully complete the Diploma of Nursing through Mater Education can receive up to one year’s credit towards a Bachelor of Nursing, the qualification required to become a registered nurse. See http://www.matereducation.com.au/ for more information and to download a brochure.

**The new look TAFE Queensland**

TAFE Queensland is in the process of being restructured into six regions:
An agreement has been made to merge Central Queensland Institute of TAFE with CQUiversity (CQU). It is anticipated that CQU will commence operating as a dual sector university from 1 July 2014.


**University experience event at CQUiversity (CQU)**

The CQU University Experience at the Rockhampton campus will be held on 23 May 2014. This event gives Year 12 students an opportunity to experience university for a day, explore future course options, check out the campus and talk to current students. Find out more at http://www.cqu.edu.au/calendar.

**University of Melbourne updates**

**2015 undergraduate prospectus**

This booklet is now available to be downloaded at http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/contact/brochure (click on ‘General brochures’).

**Meet Melbourne university reps at TSXPO**

The University of Melbourne will have a stall at the Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO) in Brisbane on 19 and 20 July 2014 (see http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events/victoria_and_interstate/interstate/meet_melbourne_interstate).

**International student consultations in Brisbane**
These will occur on 22 July 2014. Registrations for appointments will open soon at [http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events/victoria_and_interstate/interstate/meet_melbourne_interstate](http://futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/explore/events/victoria_and_interstate/interstate/meet_melbourne_interstate) (click ‘International student consultations in Brisbane’).

**Pathways to dentistry at University of Melbourne**

Students must first successfully complete the three-year B Biomedicine or B Science and then apply for Doctor of Dental Surgery. There are a number of guaranteed entry pathways for students who meet the required criteria. See details at [http://coursesearch.unimelb.edu.au/pathways/2-dentistry](http://coursesearch.unimelb.edu.au/pathways/2-dentistry).
Did you know there are thousands of scholarships on offer each year in Queensland?

Universities, TAFE institutes, private education providers, the Commonwealth and Queensland governments, some professional associations and industry groups offer scholarships. Common categories include:

- sporting scholarships
- equity scholarships for women and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders
- scholarships for specific fields of study
- financial hardship scholarships
- campus scholarships
- field of study scholarships
- international student scholarships
- academic scholarships.

A scholarship can help with course fees, textbooks, accommodation costs, transport and living expenses. No matter what your further education and training goals, it’s worth finding out what’s available. You can get scholarship information from:

- Scholarship sections on university, TAFE and other education institute websites
- myfuture website at [http://www.myfuture.edu.au](http://www.myfuture.edu.au) – do a search for ‘Scholarships’
- Talk to your school guidance officer/counsellor for specific information about scholarships.
African Conservation Experience (ACE) for Gap Year students

ACE works with conservation projects in South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe and Mauritius. As conservation work takes many forms, students can join a project that matches their interests. Project options include working in a wildlife care centre, having a wildlife veterinary experience or becoming a marine conservation volunteer. For more information about this organisation and its projects, see http://www.conservationafrica.net/Gap-Year-Students.

Gap program information sessions in May 2014

‘The Job I Love’ website

This website focuses on jobs in 12 different service industries, including business, fitness, community pharmacy, retail, hairdressing, outdoor recreation and floristry. The information provided for each industry includes:

- The jobs in each industry
- What the duties are for each job
- The training/qualifications required for each job.


How will the recent Federal budget affect health professions?


Is your future on track? Explore rail careers

The Rail Careers website at [http://railcareers.net.au/site/index.php](http://railcareers.net.au/site/index.php) contains information for school leavers interested in a rail career. The employment options include apprenticeships, traineeships, internships and work experience. The site has links to employer organisations.

Project manager – an occupation for all industries

This occupation is known by several different titles, including Project administrator, Program manager and Contract administrator. The title can also be different in different industries e.g. Construction manager in the construction industry, Health administrator in the health industry, Production manager in the manufacturing industry.

Project managers are responsible for ensuring that projects are designed and completed on time and within budget. The myfuture website ([http://www.myfuture.edu.au](http://www.myfuture.edu.au)) states that Project managers/administrators work in both the public and private sectors across all industries. Visit the Project Manager

According to the Job Outlook website ([http://joboutlook.gov.au/](http://joboutlook.gov.au/)), employment for this occupation to November 2017 is expected to grow very strongly with the number of job openings expected to be high. The skills required for the job include: self-discipline, time management, good communication skills, leadership skills, the ability to work under pressure, financial awareness and analytical skills.

There are different levels of training available for this occupation, from VET qualifications (e.g. Certificate in Project Management) to post graduate qualifications (Graduate Certificate in Project Management, Graduate Diploma in Project Management, Master of Project Management). A good foundation for postgraduate courses would be a degree in Business, Commerce, Economics, Engineering, Regional and Town Planning or Information Technology. Some degrees that provide project management skills are specific to an industry e.g. B Construction Management, and B Hospitality Management.

**Queensland Police Recruiting seminars**

If you are interested in exploring the career opportunities within the Queensland Police Service, you can attend a seminar. Seminars are held throughout the year. Queensland Police also have a stall at most career expos in Queensland. Visit [http://www.policerecruit.qld.gov.au/seminars/](http://www.policerecruit.qld.gov.au/seminars/) for dates and bookings.

**What does a biotechnologist do?**

A biotechnologist is a trained scientist who applies his or her knowledge of living organisms to a variety of industries, especially manufacturing, medical, environmental and agricultural. Biotechnologists can be involved in developing new medicines, medical treatments, plants or animals. Some biotechnologists do genetic engineering of plant and animal cells and products.

Biotechnologists work in many different sectors including hospitals and research facilities, government agencies, private food or animal production companies, pharmaceutical companies or even food processing plants. They come from a background in science, engineering or a combination of several academic disciplines including chemistry, biochemistry, microbiology, life sciences and pharmacy sciences.

Several universities in Queensland offer specialist courses in biotechnology or a major in biotechnology within a science degree. Some examples are listed below (included are the course prerequisites and OP cut-offs for entry in 2014).

- James Cook University (Townsville) – B Biotechnology – English, Maths B and Chemistry – OP 8
- Queensland University of Technology (Gardens Point) – B Science (major in biological sciences) – assumed knowledge in English and Maths B – OP 13
• University of Queensland – B Biotechnology – English, Maths B, and one of Chemistry or Physics – OP 10
• University of Queensland – B Engineering/B Biotechnology – English, Maths B, and one of Chemistry or Physics – OP 6
• University of the Sunshine Coast – B Science (major in biotechnology) – OP 18.

What sort of doctor do you want to be?

The latest My Health Career newsletter at https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/latest-news has links to the specialist medical colleges available once you have completed your degree in medicine. While you are on this site, read the article about a medical students first experience with the death of a patient (scroll down to the relevant article).
Brisbane Careers and Employment Expo this week

A reminder that this expo will be held at the end of this week on Friday 23 and Saturday 24 May 2014 at the Brisbane Convention Exhibition Centre. See a list of exhibitors and seminars on the ‘Visitor’ section of the website at http://ncee.com.au/brisbane/.

Design College Australia Open Day

This college offers an accredited Advanced Diploma in Visual Communication within which students can specialise in graphic design or photo imaging. An open day will be held from 10 am – 3 pm on Saturday 31 May 2014 at the college’s Brisbane campus. Come along to learn more about the college and its courses. For more information about the event, see http://www.designcollege.com.au/.

How to make the best use of a career expo

To make the most of your visits to career expos, you need to have a plan. Career expos can be a total waste of time without one. The following are resources that may help you organise your information gathering at the expo.

- Career market: Student questionnaire http://education.qld.gov.au/students/service/career/handouts.html
- myfuture career expo activity sheet http://www.myfuture.edu.au/ (go to the ‘Tools and resources’ section, scroll down to ‘Learning tools for secondary students’ and click on ‘Career expo activities’)

Open Day at the Queensland School of Film and Television (QSFT)

QSFT, located at Yeerongpilly, Brisbane, offers accredited certificate and diploma courses in screen and media. It will hold its open day from 10 am – 1 pm on Saturday 14 June 2014. On the day, participants will listen to a free information seminar and be given a tour of the school. Visit http://www.qsft.qld.edu.au/film-school-information-seminar.html for more information and to register to attend the event.
Open Days at TAFE Queensland SkillsTech

TAFE Queensland SkillsTech specialises in delivering trade and technical training across several training centres. It will hold open days for interested students on the following dates.

- 28 May 2014 – Bracken Ridge Training Centre
- 4 June 2014 – Acacia Ridge Training Centre
- 18 June 2014 – Eagle Farm Training Centre

Error in Bulletin 7 - Registration deadlines for UMAT

The corrected item follows.

To meet the prerequisites for some medical/health science undergraduate courses applicants are required to sit for the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admissions Test (UMAT). The 2014 UMAT information booklet can be downloaded from the UMAT website at http://umatweb.acer.edu.au. The timeline for UMAT in 2014 is:

- Friday 6 June (Not 7 June as previously listed) – the on time registration due date
- Friday 20 June – the late registration due date (a late fee applies)
- Wednesday 30 July – UMAT test date
- Late September – results released.

Pathways to tertiary study

While an OP is still the most popular pathway to gaining entry to your preferred tertiary course, it is not the only pathway available, especially if you don’t achieve your tertiary course goal straight after Year 12. Several tertiary institutions have web pages dedicated to the various pathways available.

• University of Southern Queensland - Pathway programs http://www.usq.edu.au/degrees/pathway-programs
• University of the Sunshine Coast - Entry pathways http://www.usc.edu.au/study/apply-and-enrol/entry-pathways

Note that some of the pathways are specific to the institution listing them. You should always check with the institution to which you wish to gain entry that they accept the pathway you have chosen. Other sources of information on pathways to tertiary study include:

• The QTAC Guide (distributed to Year 12 students in mid June)

QTAC updates

QTAC has moved

The QTAC office has moved from Park Road, Milton to Level 4, 154 Melbourne Street, South Brisbane. Read more on the QTAC home page at http://www.qtac.edu.au.

January 2014 course cut-offs

These can be found on the QTAC website at http://www.qtac.edu.au/Courses/CourseHome.html (on the left hand menu).

QTAC publications

The QTAC Guide (for Year 12s) and the Tertiary Prerequisites 2017 (for Year 10s) booklets will be distributed to schools in Queensland by 18 June 2014.

2014 – 2015 application and offer key dates

• 5 August 2014 – applications open on the QTAC website
• 30 September – due date for on-time applications ($35 fee); many courses with fixed closing dates close
• 1 October 2014 – higher application processing fees apply ($130 for Year 12 students)
• 15 January 2015 – major offer round for most courses commencing Semester 1 2015
Student Connect – magazine for Year 12s from the Queensland Studies Authority

The first 2014 issue of Student Connect has been distributed to schools. It is also available online at http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au/9209.html. This issue contains information on:

- Special provision for school assessment
- Fast facts about the QCS Test and tips on how to do your best on the test and whether you need to apply for special consideration during the test
- Understanding OPs and FPs
- Key dates
- Profiles and tips from Year 12 graduates.

The Queensland Studies Authority is offering Year 12 students the chance to win one of three iPad Airs. To be in the running, you need to log on to your learning account on the Student Connect website at https://studentconnect.qsa.qld.edu.au/ between 1 May and 31 August 2014. Find out more in the Student Connect magazine.

Which is the best university?

All Australian universities offer accredited courses that can lead to employment. Consequently, the better question is ‘Which is the best university for me?’ Consider the following when researching universities.

- Is the course offered at this university a pathway to the job I eventually want?
- Where is this university located? Can I realistically travel there? What are the transport options?
- Will the university help me gain work experience in my career area of interest while I do the course?
- How hard is it to get into this university?
- Are the courses at this university full-fee or are they subsidised by the Commonwealth Government and eligible for HECS-HELP?
- If the courses are full-fee, is the university accredited for FEE-HELP?
- Where do graduates of this course at this university go after they graduate?
- What support services are available at this university?
- What co-curricular activities (sport, clubs, etc.) are available at this university?
- What is the ‘atmosphere’ or working and social environment of the university like?
- Is it important to me to go to the same university as my friends?

The following resources can help you with your research.

- The My University website at http://myuniversity.gov.au/. This site has course and university search functions. For each university, you can find
information on the number of students and the number of graduates employed.

- **Hobsons Course Finder** at [http://www.hobsonscoursefinder.com.au/](http://www.hobsonscoursefinder.com.au/). This site has a rating section for all Australian universities. The content comes from The Good Universities Guide. You can also search for courses and institutions on this site.

- **The Rate Your Uni** website at [http://www.rateyouruni.com.au/](http://www.rateyouruni.com.au/). This site provides an opportunity for current students to rate their university. If you go to the 'University Ratings' section on the site, you can see what the students are saying about their university.


Other sources of information are:

- Open days – download a list of open day and career/course expo dates from the QTAC website at [http://www.qtac.edu.au/Schools/OpenDays.htm](http://www.qtac.edu.au/Schools/OpenDays.htm)
- University brochures – obtain these at open days and expos
- University websites
- Current students at the university (you will have access to these students at open days).
The laws of learning

The following laws of learning are oldies but goodies.

- Primacy – We tend to remember material that is presented first or early in the lesson.
- Recency – Work completed most recently is often best remembered.
- Frequency – The more often material is presented or revised the more likely it is to be remembered.
- Vividness – Material that is presented in interesting, attention-getting ways is more likely to be remembered.

This information is adapted from *Study Smart*, Department of Education, Queensland.
'The above information has been gathered from a range of sources including publicly available websites, institutional and organisational newsletters, student and career advisers and guidance officers. Every effort has been made to ensure the information provided is accurate and up-to-date at the time of publication.'

'The Career Information Bulletin can only be distributed and used by members of the school community of the school that has purchased membership to Options Career Information. Options Career Information does not give permission for any member to pass on its resources to any other organisation.'