

## Career News – June 2009

1. LIKE TO 'ACCESS' MONASH BUT WORRIED ABOUT YOUR ENTER? 'Access Monash' is a program of alternative entry pathways, special admissions schemes, scholarships and bursaries that can help gain entry to a degree. The program helps people of Australian **indigenous descent, rural or isolated** areas, having **socio-economic difficulties, a disability or long-term medical condition**, from **non-English speaking** backgrounds and those with **long-term family** difficulties. If studying at Monash is limited by financial, geographical, cultural or personal hardship you may qualify for a scholarship, bursary or alternate entry pathway. Info: [www.monash.edu/access](http://www.monash.edu/access);

applications, later in the year, through VTAC ([www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)).

The **Diploma of Tertiary Studies** (at Gippsland & Berwick) is a one year program alternative for university study. It combines elective units from your chosen discipline with core units on learning, studying and communications skills. It allows you to complete units from your degree of interest including art and design, arts, business, education, IT, nursing and science. On successful completion you can apply for a related Monash course and obtain credits.

2. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE UPDATE: The University has indicated that the **Bachelor of Oral Health** is a **continuing** degree. It is **not** having it's last intake in 2010

3. INTERESTED IN NIDA? NIDA is conducting **Short Courses on Tour** in Melbourne and Ballarat in the school holidays (acting, music theatre, drama, directing, audition, and TV presenting). **When:** Ballarat 30 June-3 Jul & 4-5 July; Melbourne: 6-10 July & 11-12

July; **Where:** (Melb) Centrestage, 15 Albert St, Brunswick East; **Bookings/info:** NIDA ph 02 9697 7626 or [open@nida.edu.au](mailto:open@nida.edu.au);

**Details/online booking:** [www.nida.edu.au](http://www.nida.edu.au) (see touring pages).

4. INTERESTED IN PHOTOGRAPHY? Photography can be studied at university, TAFE or at independent colleges. For example, RMIT University has a Bachelor of Arts (Photography), Deakin Uni offers photography in their Arts and Media & Communications degrees and Swinburne Uni in the Communication Design degree. RMIT TAFE and NMIT also offer photography courses. Independent colleges such as Photographic Studies College (Southbank), International College of Creative Arts (South Melbourne) and the Photographic Imaging College (Hawthorn) offer diplomas in photography. Check out their websites at [www.psc.edu.au](http://www.psc.edu.au), [www.icpp.net](http://www.icpp.net) and [www.pic.org.au](http://www.pic.org.au).

5. LA TROBE UNIVERSITY NEWS

- The federal government is providing **\$123.7m.** to La Trobe and it has received **\$97.9m** for the La Trobe Institute for Molecular Sciences (LIMS) which will include 200 research positions and **\$88.9m** for La Trobe Rural Health School at Bendigo.
- La Trobe Uni is **top in Victoria for student satisfaction**. Students enjoy their experience, feel a sense of belonging and lecturers are friendly and approachable.
- In 2010 the Faculty of Science, Technology and Engineering is introducing new double degrees: **Bachelor of Information Systems/ Master of Health Information Management** and a **Bachelor of Science/Master of Nanotechnology**.
- **\$230m Biosciences Research Centre:** due for completion 2011; honours/ postgraduate students

will be able to train in one of the world's best biosciences facilities.

- The Faculty of Health Sciences is offering a new course in 2010: **Bachelor of Health Sciences/Master of Paramedic Practice** at Bendigo; Albury-Wodonga, Mildura and Shepparton campuses will also offer the first year of this course, with students completing the final three years at Bendigo. The **B. Health Sciences/Master of Podiatric Practice** and the **B. Health Sciences/ Master of Speech Pathology** will be offered at Bendigo campus in 2010. Several other Health Science courses will be offered at Albury-Wodonga, Mildura and Shepparton.
- **French** will be offered as a major at beginner and advanced levels in 2010.

#### 6. SOME COURSES AT LA TROBE UNIVERSITY:

- **Why complete an ARTS DEGREE?** Arts degrees provide students with broad options in the humanities area, allowing them to **follow their own interest** while working out what they really want to do; Arts teaches transferable skills (critical thinking, evaluation, interpreting, research, time management, teamwork, verbal and written). **Possible careers:** teaching, management & administration, communication industry, publishing, media, public relations, tourism, public service and social welfare, promotions, liaison, human resources. Careers depend on subjects studied eg **cinema studies major:** film & TV production, film and media policy, film and sound archives, media analysis, writing/publishing; **language major:** translating/interpret-ing, government, hospitality & tourism, community-based organisation and international business.

- **What is ORTHOPTICS?** Orthoptists specialise in disorders of vision and eye movements. They investigate and monitor **eye disease**, diagnose and provide **non-surgical treatment** of neurological eye problems and provide **vision rehabilitation**. They investigate and treat eye disease, screen for glaucoma, photography and imaging of the eye, visual field testing, work in refractive laser clinics, prescribe glasses for a range of treatment needs, provide rehabilitation for patients with low vision so they can remain independent. Orthoptists qualifying at La Trobe can **register to work in Australia and are recognised around the world. Currently there is a shortage of orthoptists in Australia.**
- **What is HEALTH INFORMATION MANAGEMENT?** It underpins the healthcare system. Eg: **manage medical records and health information** (hospitals, private GP/specialist practices), **coded diagnoses and operations** (for casemix-based funding for hospitals), **coded and analysed clinical and demographic information** (population health, state/national policy, funding/planning health services), patient clinical information (for research). HIM's analyse/interpret health information. **Suits those** wanting to work in healthcare, be at the edge in health developments (eg electronic health records), are inquisitive, enjoy management and want very good options for career development and jobs. There is a **massive shortage of HIM's** across Australia

7. MELBOURNE CAREER EXPO – The **Herald Sun Melbourne Career Expo** is an education, training & employment exhibition, showcasing tertiary institutions, training colleges, employers and government initiatives. **Aimed at:** school leavers, students, parents, graduates, job seekers, any

looking at career change. **When:** 10am-3pm, Fri 24 July; 10am-4pm, Sat 25 & Sun 26 July; **Where:** Melbourne Exhibition Centre, Clarendon St, Southbank; **Cost:** \$6 (cons), \$12 (general), free (u/13); **Info:** [www.careerexpo.com.au](http://www.careerexpo.com.au).

8. NEW JOURNALISM DEGREE – Swinburne (Hawthorn) is offering a **Bachelor of Arts (Journalism) in 2010**. The media environment has undergone change, leading to the redefinition of what journalism is and what journalists do. Combining **traditional and new journalistic skills**, this course aims to equip you to work as a journalist now and in the future. You will gain conventional journalistic knowledge like **clear communication, research skills, media law/journalistic ethics, and skills in independent web-based publications, digital production, social networking and community building**. **Career outcomes:** journalism/new media/publishing/media research/writing/communications/content production/multimedia (opportunities in TV, radio, news agencies and magazines).

9. SO YOU WANT TO BE A VET? Melbourne is the only university in Victoria offering Veterinary Science. Aligned with the Melbourne Model, veterinary education is now being offered through the **graduate entry Doctor of Veterinary Medicine (DVM) degree**. From 2010, students planning to progress to the new three year professional entry graduate DVM program can apply for entry into the three-year new generation **Bachelor of Science (BSc)** degree undertaking the **Animal Health and Disease major**. After completing prerequisite 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year subjects students will apply for selection to the **Veterinary Bioscience specialisation** offered in the **3<sup>rd</sup> year of the BSc** (quotas apply). Once selected, those successfully completing this

specialisation (pre-DVM) will be **guaranteed entry** to the new DVM. **Prerequisites** for the BSc are Year 12 English, maths methods and one of biology, chemistry or physics. **Chemistry** is strongly recommended for students wishing to progress to the DVM. **NOTE:** students can also complete an **approved** biological science degree at another university (with cell biology and biochemistry) but will first need to complete a one year graduate accelerated pre-DVM program at Melbourne. 120 students will be accepted into the DVM each year and at least half will be Commonwealth Supported Places. **More Information:** [www.vet.unimelb.edu.au](http://www.vet.unimelb.edu.au).

10. WHY BECOME A DOCTOR? **Good reasons** given at a recent career counsellors' conference at Melbourne Uni were: you are **interested in people**, you have a **commitment to life-long learning**, you are interested in **biological sciences**, and you desire a career that is **more than just a job**. **Poor reasons** given were: you **love Dr House and ER**, you want to be **rich**, your **parents or grandparents** want you to be a doctor or because you **receive an ENTER of 99.90**. The only university in Victoria now offering a school-leaver medical degree is **Monash (Clayton)**. Melbourne, Deakin and Monash (Gippsland) universities offer **post-graduate** courses. Entry requirements vary – some are quite prescriptive; eg **Melbourne requires prior knowledge of anatomy, physiology and biochemistry** (gained, for example, in the Bachelor of Science or Biomedicine or another degree where breadth subjects could cover pre-requisites). Selection to **Melbourne** is based on undergraduate **Grade Point Average (GPA)**, test results (**GAMSAT**) and a multi-mini **interview** ([www.medicine.unimelb.edu.au](http://www.medicine.unimelb.edu.au)). **Deakin** will consider applicants from a variety of undergraduate backgrounds, also using the GPA, GAMSAT and

interview. NOTE: Many medicine applicants apply interstate to increase their chance of obtaining a place.

11. PARENTS AND DEAKIN UNI – Deakin has a Parent Information Event coming soon. Find out about VTAC applications, course selection, preferences and key dates. Find out about Deakin courses and career outcomes, scholarships, pathways and support services. **When:** 7-8.30pm, Thurs 2 July; **Where:** Melbourne campus @ Burwood, and Altona Meadows Library and Learning Centre; **Information/booking:** [www.deakin.edu.au/parent](http://www.deakin.edu.au/parent).

12. WANT TO 'DISCOVER' DEAKIN UNI? During term holidays join in tours, find out about courses, talk to staff, see accommodation, find out about transition. **When:** 10.30am, 7 & 16 July; **Where:** All campuses; **Registration:** [www.deakin.edu.au/discover](http://www.deakin.edu.au/discover).

13. YOU WANT TO NURSE? Deakin has one of the largest nursing schools in Aust. Choose from the Bachelor of Nursing, or combine with midwifery, public health & health promotion, psychology or commerce. **Find out more:** at an information session. **When/where:** All 6pm; Tues 14 July at Burwood (Bld I, Lecture Theatre 1), Thurs 16 July at Geelong Waterfront (Bld D, Room 2.193), Fri 17 July at Geelong Waurn Ponds (Bld J Room 2.01); **Information:** [www.deakin.edu.au/hmnbs](http://www.deakin.edu.au/hmnbs) or ph 9251 7777 [hmns-support@deakin.edu.au](mailto:hmns-support@deakin.edu.au).

14. WANT TO FIND OUT ABOUT MONASH? 'Experience Monash' gives Year 10-12 students the chance to find out about **courses** offered, get a taste of what it is like to study at Monash, see the **facilities** and participate in **workshops** (choose from areas like nanotechnology, journalism, computer games, engineering and law). Attend presentations on managing **transition**

to uni, **parent info** session and **tours**. **When:** 10am-3.15pm, 7 July; **Where:** Clayton; **Info/registration:** [www.monash.edu/study/events/experience](http://www.monash.edu/study/events/experience).

15. BIOTECHNOLOGY: MAKING A DIFFERENCE – Biotechnology is a new industry but human manipulation of organisms has been around a long time (eg brewing beer, creating vaccines, breeding plant species). It is an innovative field, giving students the chance to address society's challenges. This year research company IBISWorld developed a list of Australian jobs that would **best weather the financial crisis** in 2009. **Jobs in biotechnology were at the top.** The chance of medical breakthroughs and improved agricultural outcomes make it resilient. Where to study? For example: **B. Science (Biotechnology) at Swinburne** (Hawthorn) [www.swinburne.edu.au/biotechnology](http://www.swinburne.edu.au/biotechnology)

16. ACCESS ALL AREAS AT MELBOURNE UNIVERSITY – This program, aimed at Year 10 - 12 students/ families, gives a personalised look at Melbourne (repeat of April program). Hear about the Melbourne Model, attend sessions for specific year levels, sessions for international students, attend course information sessions and talk to staff. **When:** Fri 3 July; **Where:** Parkville campus; **Cost:** Free; **Info:** 8344 6543; **Register:** [www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events/vic/accessallareas](http://www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/events/vic/accessallareas).

Cheers, Ms Wilson