

CAREER NEWS

Friday 27 March



Dates to Diarise in Term 2

- *The Age* VCE & Careers Expo - 7 May to 10 May, Caulfield Racecourse



Law at the University of Swinburne

Swinburne's law school offers an undergraduate program that focuses on commercial law with emphasis on intellectual property law, and it is the only degree in Victoria with this specialisation.

Swinburne is offering its Bachelor of Laws - a 4-year program - for the first time in 2015. Focused on **commercial law, with a distinct emphasis on intellectual property, technology, and innovation**, it offers students a degree that stresses practical skills and real-world experience.

The Swinburne **Bachelor of Laws** program is fully accredited by the Council of Legal Education in Victoria and offers students the option of a single degree or combined program with arts, science, business or engineering. The VCE prerequisites are Units 3 and 4 - a study score of at least 30 in any English.

To find out more visit [Bachelor of Laws](#)



Career as an Occupational Therapist

Occupational therapists assess and treat people who, due to illness, injury or circumstance, are limited in their ability to undertake everyday activities. They assist people to regain lost functions, develop their abilities and social skills, as well as maintain and promote independence in their everyday lives to enhance health and wellbeing. (Job Guide)

The Job Guide goes on to state that Occupational Therapists may perform the following tasks:

- ✓ conduct tests to assess functional, emotional, psychological, developmental and physical capabilities

- ✓ plan and direct specific therapeutic programmes for individuals using recreational, remedial, social, educational or vocational (job-related) activities
- ✓ select and design activities that improve an affected movement or function and help individuals to regain personal care skills, such as eating and dressing
- ✓ assist people to gain or regain skills in social, leisure and work environments through graded individual or group therapy and activity programmes
- ✓ assist children with disabilities to integrate into education programmes in schools
- ✓ assess the ability of injured workers to return to their usual employment or perform alternative duties
- ✓ design and modify the everyday environment of clients to allow for better access and independence
- ✓ advise on the use of specialised equipment, such as home modifications, adapted kitchen utensils, wheelchairs and other assistive technologies that help people within their environment
- ✓ teach in academic institutions, generally at tertiary level
- ✓ assist with policy development for health and other areas

Occupational therapists may work in areas such as:

- Aged care, disabilities.
- General medicine - working in hospitals or private practice to assess and treat individuals with physically disabling diseases or injuries.
- Occupational health - assessing the safety of work environments and injured workers, providing rehabilitation and advice about adaptations for their return to the workplace.
- Health promotion - assisting people who want to achieve a balanced and healthy lifestyle.
- Paediatrics - working in hospitals, private practices or schools to assess and treat children with disabilities, developmental delays or learning difficulties.
- Psychiatry - assessing and treating individuals with mental illness and behavioural disorders through programmes involving such methods as stress management.
- Vocational rehabilitation - assisting injured workers to return to work.

Occupational Therapy is offered at the following Victorian Universities -

UNIVERSITY	VCE REQUIREMENTS	ATAR 2015
ACU	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL; and a study score of at least 25 in one of Biology, Chemistry, Health And Human Development, Physical Education or Physics.	75.10
Charles Sturt	No VCE prerequisites but applicants must complete and submit the VTAC Personal Statement	75.00
Deakin	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL	70.15
La Trobe	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL; and a study score of at least 25 in one of Biology, Chemistry, any Mathematics, Physical Education or Physics.	83.90

Monash	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.	87.70

Log onto www.vtac.edu.au to find out more about these courses!



Work Experience Opportunity with a

Surveyor

Interested in Geography, Maths, Science or the outdoors? Looking for a work experience placement that won't tie you to a desk? If this sounds like you, why not try out Work Experience at a Surveying company.

Students keen on finding out more about a career in **surveying** might like to take up the opportunity to apply for a Work Experience placement with a local Surveyor. Visit [Surveying Work Experience](#) and register to receive information about available places. Applications for 2015 are already open!

Students who wish to find out what surveying is, what surveyors do, where to study and what it takes, might like to browse [A Life without Limits](#) and also view the videos available.



SAE Campus Information Day

SAE is a leading educator in creative media industries, with over 50 campuses across the globe. Training industry-ready graduates since 1976, SAE provide an exceptional hands-on learning environment where students thrive.

SAE is hosting a Melbourne campus **Information Day** in April, aimed at providing prospective students with the information they need about the programs on offer at SAE. Details about the **Information Day** at the Melbourne campus are:

Date: Saturday 18 April 2015

Time: 11.00am - 3.00pm

Venue: 235 Normanby Road in South Melbourne

For more information and to register, visit [SAE Campus Information Day](#) or call 1800 SAE EDU. For information about other upcoming events, visit [SAE Events](#).



Career as a Tour Guide

The Job Guide indicates that a **tour guide** accompanies visitors on local tours and guide tourists within a specific country, region, area, city or site. They provide special information on history, archaeology, monuments and works of art, the environment, culture, natural and built attractions, places of interest, and any general matters of interest to the visitor.

Tour guides may perform the following tasks:

- meet members of a tour on arrival and make introductions
- coordinate pre-arranged accommodation and transport and make sure that tour members are comfortable
- lead tour groups, drive coaches or limousines, advise tour members of local interest points, and prepare and present tour commentaries
- coordinate pre-arranged tour activities such as visits to local attractions, restaurants or shops, train rides, cruises, extended tours, white water rafting, bushwalking and mountaineering
- attend to operational problems such as booking errors and amendments, lost luggage or illness
- provide first aid if needed
- keep in touch with transportation companies
- maintain written reports of daily activities and carry out other administrative work

Being a tour guide is often physically demanding. During a tour, guides must be available at all times to answer questions and sort out problems. Tour guides are often required to spend time away from home, especially those fulfilling the role of tour manager.

Tour guides can work without a qualification although training in travel, or travel and tourism, is really recommended. Companies that specialise in ecotourism or nature-based tourism may require tour guides to hold a diploma or degree in science, ecotourism or a similar subject. Find out more by visiting [Job Guide - Career as a Tour Guide](#)



Careers in Psychology

The Job Guide states that *psychologists study human behaviour and the processes associated with how people think and feel, conduct research and provide treatment and counselling in order to reduce distress and behavioural and psychological problems. They promote mental health and positive behaviour in individuals and groups. Psychologists work on a broad range of issues with clients, including children, adults, couples, families and organisations.*

Psychologists may perform the following tasks:

- conduct therapeutic interviews and provide counselling
- give psychological tests and assess the results to identify the source of problems and determine treatment
- construct tests to assess and predict mental and emotional states, as well as performance
- evaluate the results of programmes aimed at improving personal and organisational effectiveness

- research psychological aspects of topics such as study motivation, teaching skills, occupational behaviour, working conditions and organisational structures
- provide follow-up services to groups and individuals for support and evaluation purposes
- contribute to government social policy development
- conduct academic research

To become a psychologist students usually have to complete a degree with a major in psychology or a 4-year Bachelor of Psychology. This is followed by either an accredited 2-year postgraduate qualification (majoring in a specialisation of psychology) or two years of supervised experience with a registered psychologist.

To get into the degree courses students usually need to gain their VCE with English/EAL. Entry to postgraduate courses usually requires completion of an appropriate bachelor degree. A number of universities in Australia offer degrees in these areas. Universities have different prerequisites and some have flexible entry requirements or offer external study.

The ***Australian Psychology Accreditation Council (APAC)*** sets the standards for accreditation of Australasian psychology programmes, ensuring that the standards of training remain rigorous and consistent across universities. For students to be eligible for registration, they must study a course that is accredited by APAC.

Visit their website - [APAC](#) for an up-to-date list of approved courses of study.

Victorian universities that offer dedicated accredited psychology degrees include -

UNIVERSITY	COURSE	ATAR 2015
ACU	Arts (Psychology)	59.40
	Psychology	59.05
Deakin University	Arts (Psychology)	60.40 (M), 57.25 (G)
	Psychology (Honours)	80.15 (M), 73.45 (G)
	Psychological Science	60.60 (M), 57.40 (G)
Federation University	Psychological Science	n/a (Mt H)
La Trobe University	Psychological Science	60.00 (M), 60.00 (B), 55.50 (A)
	Psychology (Honours)	80.05 (M)

Monash University	Psychology (with Honours)	85.20 (C)
RMIT University	Criminology & Psychology	90.00 (Ci)
	Psychology (Applied Science)	73.15 (Ci), 68.15 (Bu)
	Psychology (Social Science)	88.40 (Ci)
	Social Work/Psychology	91.05 (Ci)
Swinburne University	Psychology (Arts)	72.90
	Psychology (Science)	75.00
	Psychology (Social Science)	74.95
Victoria University	Psychology (Honours)	78.55

M) - Melbourne (G) - Geelong (Mt H) - Mount Helen Ballarat (B) - Bendigo (A) - Albury-Wodonga (C) - Clayton (Bu) - Bundoora (Ci) - City



Autumn Holiday Program at NICA

From 30 March to 11 April the **National Institute of Circus Arts (NICA)** is running an ***autumn circus holiday program*** including classes for children 5-12 years, teens and adults! This is a good opportunity for students to *try circus for the first time!* Circus is for everyone who wants to be challenged, learn impressive circus and performance skills, get fit and have fun in a social and supportive environment.

Find out more about enrolling in the Holiday Program by following the link [NICA Autumn Holiday Program](#)

ICHM holds a *Career Week* where students get to live on campus for one week and find out what it's like to study at the **International College of Hotel Management (ICHM)** and work in the world of international hospitality. The *Career Week* courses are held in July & September and places are strictly limited so book your spot soon!

Download more details regarding the *Career Week* at [ICHM Career Week Brochure](#)

Visit [ICHM](#) for all other information!