

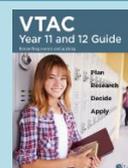


Dates to Diarise in Term 4

- Very late VTAC applications – 2 November – 7 December



Reminder: VTAC 2019 Key Dates



VTAC Personal Statement	Friday 7 December 2018
ATARs Released	Friday 14 December 2018
COP for Early International Offers closes	Saturday 15 December 2018
Change of Preference (COP) closes	Wednesday 19 December 2018
December International Round Offers	Wednesday 19 December 2018
Main Round International Offers	Tuesday 8 January 2019
Main Round Domestic Offers	Wednesday 16 January 2019
Further Offer Rounds	Monday 4 February 2019 onwards

For a full list of cancelled, amended, and new courses, visit [VTAC Course Updates](#)

www.vtac.edu.au



MYSci Science Program

MYSci is a three-day science program designed specifically for students in Years 11 and 12 in 2019 and includes workshops from Monash University's five Schools of Science; *Biology, Chemistry, Physics & Astronomy, Mathematics and Earth, Atmosphere & the Environment*.

The workshops will be run in Monash's teaching laboratories and outdoor science classrooms. Students will also have direct access to Monash University's research scientists who will provide an insight into their disciplines and provide students with potential career pathway information.

Date: Wednesday 9 – Friday 11 January 2019

Venue: Monash University Clayton campus

Cost: \$95.00

Registrations should be made at [MYSci Science Program](#)



What is Cybersecurity?

[Wikipedia](#) defines cybersecurity or computer security as *the protection of computer systems from theft or damage to their hardware, software or electronic data, as well as from disruption or misdirection of the services they provide.*

Another explanation is that **cybersecurity** is the protection of internet-connected systems, including hardware, software and data, from cyberattacks. In a computing context, **security** comprises **cybersecurity** and physical **security** -- both are used by enterprises to protect against unauthorized access to data centers and other computerized systems.

Cybersecurity professionals are employed in all industries, and they work hard at ensuring computer data stays out of the wrong hands.

Cybersecurity is taught at numerous universities in Victoria.

Although [Cybersecurity Education](#) is an American organisation, its website is well-worth a visit just to begin to grasp the broad range of careers in this field.



Career as a Cosmetic Nurse

According to the HealthTimes website, cosmetic nurses perform a range of non-surgical procedures including but not limited to *laser treatments, cosmetic injectables, chemical peels* and other *dermal procedures*. **The beauty industry has seen exponential growth in recent years and cosmetic nurses are in ever-increasing demand.**

Nurses performing injectable procedures must work under the supervision of a doctor and as such many are employed by private cosmetic clinics. Cosmetic nurses may also work for themselves, either running their own practice or freelancing with spas and cosmetic clinics.

To become a cosmetic nurse in Australia, students must first be qualified as a Registered Nurse (RN). An RN qualification is usually gained through the completion of a Bachelor of Nursing course, which is offered at numerous universities in Victoria.

Once an RN, a graduate diploma of cosmetic nursing course can be studied which takes approximately 10 months' full time to complete and will provide students with the skills to *perform cosmetic procedures, dermal treatments and injectable procedures including dermal fillers and muscle relaxants*. Students are also required to complete around 76 hours of clinical placement.

Salaries for a cosmetic nurses vary depending on their experience, location and employer. However, salaries in excess of \$80,000 are quite common.

Find out more at [HealthTimes - Cosmetic Nurse](#)



Postgraduate Master Programs in the Health Sciences

Swinburne University offers a range of Master programs in the Health Sciences.

Three such courses are profiled below –

[Master of Counselling](#)

The Master of Counselling provides students with a range of counselling skills that can be applied across work settings, client types and cultural groups. Students specialise in *human services counselling, couple counselling or forensic counselling*.

The entry requirement is a minimum three-year Bachelor's degree from an Australian university. While no specific area of study in the Bachelor's degree is required as a prerequisite, it would be advantageous for students to have experience in human services, couple counselling or a forensic setting.

This postgraduate course is an alternative for students who want to do counselling and do not, or cannot, go through post-graduate psychology.

[Master of Dietetics](#)

The Master of Dietetics will ensure students develop skills in both traditional and emerging areas of dietetic practice, and that they learn to work with a range of evolving food and health management strategies.

Units cover a range of innovative topics including *entrepreneurship, leadership and business, sports nutrition, and paediatric nutrition*.

Applicants who have completed a 3-year Bachelor degree in a relevant area of study are eligible to apply, AND meet the following unit/subject pre-requisites (as required by the Dietitians Association of Australia Accreditation Standards for Dietetics Education Programs):

- a. Chemistry/Biochemistry, 4 units - including Chemistry (equivalent to 25% of a year study load) followed by Biochemistry (equivalent to 25% of a year study load);
- b. Human Biology and Human Physiology, 4 units - including Human Biology (equivalent to 25% of a year study load) followed by Human Physiology (equivalent to 25% of a year study load);
and
- c. Food and Nutrition Science, 2 units (equivalent to 25% of a year study load).

[Master of Occupational Therapy](#)

The Master of OT provides students with skills and knowledge in treating clients who may have neurological, musculoskeletal or mental health issues. Clients have difficulty participating in everyday life activities such as working, self-care and engaging in leisure activities.

Applicants who have completed a three year degree in any area of study are eligible to apply if they obtained a minimum 65% GPA in their last year of study.



YHA Fact Sheet

YHA Australia is part of the world's largest backpacker accommodation network and has a very useful **fact sheet** for students going travelling or on working holidays. Below are some interesting travel tips for graduating Year 12 students:

Top Travel Tips

1. Want to earn money while you travel? Australia has working holiday agreements with many countries – see www.immi.gov.au - be aware that some visas must be applied for before you leave Australia though.
2. Make sure your passport is valid for at least 6 months after you plan to return, and check entry requirements for countries you plan to visit e.g. tourist visas, US pre-authorisation.
3. Visit the doctor at least 6 weeks before you leave to get vaccinations and prescription medication.
4. Let your bank know you're going overseas so they don't cancel your card when they see an overseas transaction.
5. If you can't afford travel insurance, you can't afford to travel!
6. Register with www.smartraveller.gov.au
7. Always give a family member or friend a copy of your itinerary so they can contact you in an emergency.
8. Book your first couple of nights' accommodation ahead for peace of mind when you get off the plane and have to find your way around a new city, a new country.
9. Always aim to arrive in a new town during the daylight hours as it is more difficult to get your bearings at night.
10. It can be cheaper to organise transport passes before you leave Australia, e.g. Busabout hop-on hop-off between major European Cities, Greyhound Canada/USA, Eurail train network.
11. Pack lightly - you'll be surprised how little you can comfortably travel with, and roll clothes when packing.
12. Sometimes the best plan is 'no plan'... don't be too locked into a pre-arranged schedule that you have no time for spontaneous experiences!
13. Look at alternative low-cost options to communicate with home – email, SKYPE, Facebook, Facetime, WhatsApp, Viber, WeChat (on Wi-Fi or from an internet café), prepaid local or international SIM cards.

For more information about YHA and to access many other useful tips, visit [YHA](#)