



Dates to Diarise in Term 2

- **Law Week** – 18 to 24 May 2020, various forms of delivery

Virtual Careers Expo

Attend a Virtual Careers Expo

Torrens University Australia is opening up its virtual event platform to students, teachers, parents, and tertiary education providers across the country for a unique **National [Virtual Careers Expo](#)**. More than 60 universities, colleges, and registered training organisations from across the country will be on hand to meet students, showcasing everything their institution has to offer.

The expo will run over two days: Thursday 7 May & Friday 8 May 2020 from 12.00pm to 8.00pm (AEST).

By joining the Virtual Careers Expo, students will be able to –

- Wander through our virtual expo hall featuring more than 50 institutions
- Visit the Webcast Hub to watch seminars and feature presentations from exhibitors
- Download course guides and take a virtual campus tour
- Chat with staff and current students to find out more about each institution

Students are encouraged to register for this innovative event at [Virtual Careers Expo](#)



Webinar: The Importance of LinkedIn

Learn about the importance of having a LinkedIn account, how to create a LinkedIn profile and how to actually use it.

The *free* webinar will take place on Sunday 10 May at 2.00pm. Register at [LinkedIn Webinar](#)



Aspire – Early Admissions Program to La Trobe

At La Trobe, we believe there is more to being a good student than marks alone.

The [Aspire program](#) rewards the skills and knowledge students gain from the positive impact they have made on their school or community through **community service** or **volunteerism**. Designed to give Year 12's the tools they need to succeed at La Trobe and beyond, students accepted into the Aspire program will get:

- A taste of university life at La Trobe with special on-campus events before the year commences
- The chance to meet and connect with like-minded students
- Leadership opportunities, career development, networking, and industry mentoring
- VCE revision lectures for Year 12's in the September school holidays
- Access to our extensive library and campus resources
- Induction into our Enrichment Program to prepare for what is to come

Successful applicants also receive their **early conditional offer** in September for their chosen course along with minimum ATAR requirements. Many courses have a minimum ATAR of 50, but some professional degree programs have higher requirements. **Up to 40 [Aspire scholarships](#), worth \$5,000 per year for up to four years, will be awarded to leading eligible Aspire students.**

The [Minimum ATAR Table](#) shows the minimum ATAR for some professional degree courses for entry through Aspire in 2021. Should an applicant's preferred course not be listed on this table, then the minimum ATAR is 50.

Applicants are required to provide information about the length and frequency of their community service and/or volunteering experience, as well as a 400-word description of their involvement and impact.

Types of volunteering include –

- community service or community group activities
- religious/cultural group activities
- participating in social justice groups or a school leadership role
- leadership in sport, the performing arts or charity fund-raising group activities

Further details can be found at the [How to Apply](#) link. Applications open 1 May and close 31 August 2020 with conditional offers coming out mid-September 2020.



Early Entry Programs

ACU offers two **guaranteed early entry programs** that current Year 12 students might wish to apply for.

➤ **Passion for Business (P4B) Early Entry Program**

Passion for Business Program (P4B) is a guaranteed early entry program designed to nurture a students' learning passion and give them a step up in their future business career. Current Year 12 students studying a business-related subject are encouraged to apply for the P4B Program.

Benefits of the program include:

- early conditional offer into an ACU P4B course
- access to Academic Skills workshops, the CareerHub and networking events
- study abroad opportunities
- \$500 textbook voucher awarded to the top three P4B students at the end of Semester 1
- invitation to an ACU P4B welcome event
- access to the Leading with Impact program

Eligible P4B Courses:

- [Bachelor of Commerce](#)
- [Bachelor of Business Administration](#)
- [Bachelor of IT](#)
- [Bachelor of Accounting and Finance](#)
- [Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Business Administration](#)
- [Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Arts](#)
- [Bachelor of IT/Bachelor of Business Administration](#)

To be eligible for admission, Year 12 students need to have studied a business or business-related subject in Year 11 or 12 and can demonstrate they have previous work experience and volunteer work.

Applications for Passion for Business (P4B) for 2021 are now open. Find out more about the P4L program, and the online application process at [Passion for Business \(P4B\) Early Entry Program](#)

➤ **Passion for Law (P4L) Early Entry Program**

Passion for Law (P4L) is a guaranteed early entry program for students passionate about studying law and designed to nurture their learning potential and give them a step up in their future law career.

Benefits of the program include:

- early conditional offer for an ACU law degree
- access to Academic Skills workshops, the CareerHub, and network events
- taking part in study abroad opportunities
- participating in the pro bono program
- \$500 textbook voucher to the top three P4L students at the end of Semester 1
- invitation to an ACU P4L welcome event
- access to the Leading with Impact program

Eligible P4L Courses:

- Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Biomedical Science/Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Business Administration/Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Global Studies
- Bachelor of Psychological Science/Bachelor of Laws
- Bachelor of Theology/Bachelor of Laws

To be eligible for admission, students will need to attain a minimum **ATAR of 75.00** and meet the prerequisite of Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.

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- More than 45,000 students from around the world study at one of VU's many campuses, with its largest one being Footscray Park - [VU Campuses](#)
- VU has a number of academic colleges including *arts, business, education, engineering, law & justice, science, sport and exercise science* - [VU Academic Colleges](#)
- VU has very strong industry connections with over 900 industry partnerships, including the *Western Bulldogs, Western Health, City West Water*, and various others - [VU Industry Connections](#)
- VU has agreements with over 100 *exchange partner* institutions worldwide - [VU Exchange Partners](#). Students can gain credit towards their degree by studying for a year or a semester with one of the international exchange partners - [VU Study on Exchange](#)
- VU is one of only a few universities in Victoria to offer both vocational training (TAFE) and higher education with very accessible transition between courses at all levels. These *pathways* mean that a student's dream qualification is within reach, regardless of their study background, prior experience, or their ATAR score - [VU Pathways](#)
- VU is one of Australia's leading sports universities - [VU - Leading Sport University](#)
- VU sports students will gain behind-the-scenes access at *Real Madrid Football Club* through a new partnership signed early in 2015 - [VU Real Madrid Partnership](#)
- Within the Law & Justice College, VU offers a number of courses from certificates and diplomas to postgraduate degrees, giving students more options to achieve their goals while balancing life and study commitments through flexible pathways - [VU Law & Justice College](#)
- VU is one of only two universities in Victoria that offers a course in *osteopathy* - [Osteopathy at VU](#)
- VU is the only university offering a *dermal therapies degree* in Australia - [VU Dermal Therapies Degree](#)
- VU offers a number of courses linked to clinical practice and have dedicated clinics where current students put into practice that which they have learnt. Courses linked to clinics include *dermal therapies, nutrition, osteopathy, psychology* - [VU Health Clinics](#)
- In 2018 VU introduced the [VU Block Model](#) - all bachelor degrees taught at the Melbourne campuses see units delivered in a more focused way, *one at a time*. Students have more one-on-one time with their educators as they complete each unit, and experience a significantly more immersive, collaborative, and enriching learning experience. Initially for first-year students, the VU Block Model is now offered to students in all degree years.





Optometry Courses in Australia in 2020

The [Good Universities Guide - Optometrist](#) states that *Optometrists perform eye examinations to determine the presence of vision problems and other eye conditions and disease. They treat or manage these problems by prescribing glasses, contact lenses, optical aids, vision therapy, medication (in the form of eye drops) or referral to an eye surgeon when required. Optometrists need to have a patient and caring manner; be able to carry out accurate and precise work, have good communication skills, and enjoy helping people.*

To become an optometrist a student usually has to study optometry at university. Alternatively, they can complete a degree in vision science or a relevant area at university, followed by a postgraduate qualification in optometry. Prerequisite subjects, or assumed knowledge, in one or more of English, mathematics, chemistry, biology and physics are normally required. Entry to postgraduate courses usually requires completion of an appropriate bachelor's degree. A number of universities in Australia offer these degrees. Universities have different prerequisites, and some have flexible entry requirements.

Optometry courses on offer in Australia include -

INSTITUTION	COURSE	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
DEAKIN UNIVERSITY	Bachelor of Vision Science/Master of Optometry	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL An ATAR of 95+
	Master of Optometry	Completion of a Bachelor of Vision Science, or equivalent, with an emphasis on an adequate coverage of vision sciences
FLINDERS UNIVERSITY	Bachelor of Medical Science (Vision Science), Master of Optometry	Assumed knowledge of Maths Methods, Chemistry and Physics An ATAR of 96+
QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY	Bachelor of Vision Science/Master of Optometry	English/EAL, Maths Methods, Chemistry, Physics An ATAR of 98+
UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE	Doctor of Optometry	An undergraduate degree (or equivalent), and three subjects at second or third year level (or equivalent) in one or more relevant biological science disciplines plus the GAMSAT or MCAT
UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES	Bachelor of Vision Science with a Master of Clinical Optometry	English/EAL, Maths Methods, Chemistry, Physics An ATAR of 99+