



REMINDERS.....COMING SOON

- 'At Monash' Seminars to go: **Nursing/midwifery/paramedics, Design, Medicine/biomedical science/nutrition/dietetics, Fine Art, Multimedia & digital art.** Book/info: Ph 9903 4758 or Valerie.foster@adm.monash.edu.au www.monash.edu.au/study/events.
- 'Focus on Melbourne' to go: **Arts, Music, Visual/Performing Arts, Science, Biomedicine, Environments;** Book: www.futurestudents.unimelb.edu.au/focusonmelbourne.
- Swinburne parents/mature age Info Evening: 18 June, Wantirna; Alex Sims 8214 4427
- Medical Lab visits: 6-10 July; www.rmit.edu.au/medical-sciences/lab-visits
- Engineering at RMIT days: 30 June, 1 July, 9 July; www.rmit.edu.au/sece/experience; www.rmit.edu.au/aero-mech.
- Folio help: www.shortcourses.rmit.edu.au; www.latrobe.edu.au/visualarts/folioworkshop
- Circus Arts sessions: 29 June - 3 July; www.nica.com.au
- 'Experience La Trobe': term holidays www.latrobe.edu.au/experience

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. For info: www.monash.edu.au/access; applications, later in the year, through VTAC (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 get credit.

2. UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE UPDATE

The University of Melbourne has indicated that the **Bachelor of Oral Health** is a **continuing** degree. It is **not** having its last intake in 2010 (see last CareerNews).

3. INTERESTED IN NIDA?

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) Centre stage, 15 Albert St, Brunswick East; **Bookings/info:** NIDA ph 02 9697 7626 or open@nida.edu.au; **Details/online bookings:** www.nida.edu.au (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, www.icpp.net and www.pic.org.au.

5. LA TROBE UNIVERSITY NEWS (from a recent career counsellor conference)

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 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/interpreting, 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.

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