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Welcome to issue six of Deakin University's Careers Advisers' Bulletin. No doubt your Year 12 students are hard at work preparing for the challenge of VCE exams and all that entails. With many of our 2011 school visits and events behind us, the Undergraduate Recruitment Team are now getting ready to assist students during Change of Preference, and we're planning for 2012.

You will receive copies of our Change of Preference information booklet in mid-October, outlining the events, activities and services available to assist your students (details can also be found in this newsletter). Please don't hesitate to contact a member of the team if you need any further information or assistance.

DEAKIN AT YOUR DOORSTEP – OFFERED IN GEELONG FROM 2012

Deakin's Associate Degree of Arts, Business and Sciences is the ideal first step towards university for students who may not have traditionally qualified for university entry.

From 2012, the program, also known as Deakin at Your Doorstep, will be offered at our Geelong Waurn Ponds campus, as well as the existing course at Warrnambool.

The Associate Degree is a two year, full-time course (or part-time equivalent) that introduces students to university study in a supported tertiary environment. They'll develop academic and problem solving skills, giving them the edge to succeed in further study or in the workforce.

The Associate Degree of Arts, Business and Sciences offers:

- » a supportive study environment
- » a pathway to a bachelor degree – with up to 18 months credit
- » a guaranteed place in a range of Deakin bachelor degrees
- » a chance to gain valuable workplace skills
- » flexible course options through a variety of subject streams
- » state-of-the-art facilities.

A \$1000 Learning and Development Scholarship is offered for Associate Degree students. Applications are now open and close 10 March 2012.

Students wishing to study the course at the Warrnambool Campus or Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus can apply directly to Deakin or via VTAC using the normal procedures.

For more information visit www.deakin.edu.au/future-students/doorstep.



SENIOR VCAL PATHWAY IN BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (PRIMARY)

Year 12 school leavers who complete a Deakin University endorsed Senior VCAL learning program will be eligible to apply for admission to the Bachelor of Education (Primary) E359 course for 2012.

The course is a highly regarded undergraduate degree, accredited by VIT. It prepares students for a career in primary school teaching and graduates meet the entry requirements for employment in all states and territories. The course includes a minimum of 80 days supervised school experience over its duration, providing hands-on experience in a classroom setting.

To qualify for the Bachelor of Education (Primary), students need to meet specific requirements within their VCAL, including units in Senior Literacy, Senior Numeracy, Industry Specific Skills, Work Related Skills and Personal Development. Details can be found at www.deakin.edu.au/arts-ed/future-students/brochures/e359-vcal-pathway.pdf.

Applications are open through VTAC. Year 12 school leavers with a Deakin University endorsed Senior VCAL learning program qualification, will be required to submit supporting documentation and may be asked to attend an interview. Applicants should apply through VTAC and tick the box requesting consideration for early round offers. NB: The pathway into the Bachelor of Education (Primary) is only offered at the Geelong Waurin Ponds Campus.

For further details contact the Faculty of Arts and Education on 03 5227 3379 or email artsedg@deakin.edu.au.

COURSE UPDATES

Changes to Psychology at Melbourne Burwood Campus

The Bachelor of Applied Science (Psychology) will be offered along with the Bachelor of Psychology at the Melbourne Burwood Campus for 2012.

Prerequisites for Deakin's Bachelor of Occupational Therapy

Clarifying prerequisites

An error in Deakin course guides has led to some confusion over the prerequisites for the Bachelor of Occupational Therapy.

Please disregard the information provided in the *Deakin University 2012 Undergraduate Course Guide* and *2012 Health sub-brand brochure* and refer to the *VTAC Guide* that correctly states: 'Units 3 and 4 – a study score of at least 25 in one of biology, chemistry, physics or mathematics (any) and a study score of at least 30 in English (ESL) or 25 in any other English.'

Will my students be disadvantaged if they only partially satisfy the prerequisite requirements?

No. Deakin acknowledges that this inconsistency was our error and no student will be disadvantaged. Those students who satisfy only the English prerequisite requirement will be given equal standing to students who fully satisfy the official prerequisites, and will be considered for 2012 entry into this course.

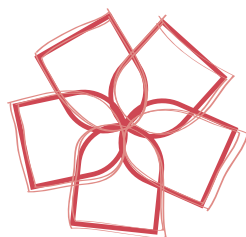
Deakin's Faculty of Health apologises for any confusion caused by the error.

More information

Health – Student and Academic Services

Phone: 03 9251 7777

Email: health-enquire@deakin.edu.au



MAJOR FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT FOR MARINE AND AQUACULTURE RESEARCH AND TEACHING

Deakin University will invest \$5million over the next five years in an initiative set to place our Warrnambool Campus in the international spotlight for marine and aquaculture research and teaching.

This major investment will position the University's Warrnambool Campus as a local, national and international centre for excellence in marine science and aquaculture research, according to Professor Chris Gray, Deakin's Pro Vice-Chancellor (Science and Technology).

'The University's fisheries and aquaculture research was judged as "above world standard" by the Australian Research Council's Excellence in Research for Australia this year. The plan now is to build on the existing strengths to move Deakin's research to "well above world standard"; Professor Gray said.

'The investment we are making in state-of-the-art facilities will hopefully attract industry investment and research collaborators interested in investigating the unique southern ocean marine ecosystems literally at our doorstep in Warrnambool. It will also elevate the international reputation of Deakin and the Warrnambool Campus and benefit the excellent courses we run, including marine biology, freshwater biology and the new fisheries and aquaculture degree.'

Deakin has a strong background of research and teaching in aquatic science and aquaculture, mostly conducted at its Warrnambool Campus. Current projects include marine habitat mapping, sustainability of coastal and marine ecosystems, fisheries biology, aquaculture production, ecology and management of estuaries, and wildlife ecology, particularly related to seabirds, seals and whales. In 2010, more than 40 students graduated from the Marine Biology course, including honours.

Over the next five years Deakin will invest in new equipment and the recruitment of additional research and technical staff to support the expansion of its research and teaching activities.

'We will be upgrading our current facilities to include the most up-to-date boat equipped for oceanographic research, such as a multibeam sonar system and animal tracking and other remote sensing equipment,' explained Gerry Quinn, Deakin's Professor of Marine Biology based in Warrnambool.

'This will allow us to expand our current coastal mapping activities and increase our focus on ecosystems in the Bass Strait and the important Bonney upwelling.

'Our postgraduate and undergraduate students will be among the beneficiaries.'

The University's aquaculture facility will also be upgraded to include a marine laboratory and enhanced genetic and fish nutrition facilities. Research over the next five years will capitalise on the University's location in Warrnambool.

Through this investment, Deakin is showing its confidence in the contribution regional university campuses can make to research that has local, national and international significance.

'The research capacity of regional university campuses can often be overlooked,' Professor Gray said.

'We are extremely proud of the high quality research and teaching being conducted at our regional campuses in Warrnambool and Geelong. The investment in this research initiative at Warrnambool is an example of our continued commitment to grow the activities on our regionally-based campuses.'

For further information about courses in the School of Life and Environmental Sciences visit www.deakin.edu.au/scitech/les.



STUDENT PROFILE

Name: Aaron Cody

Course: Bachelor of Design
(Architecture)/
Bachelor of Construction
Management

The blend of skills offered by Deakin University's Bachelor of Design (Architecture)/Bachelor of Construction Management combined course was enough to bring Aaron Cody from Townsville back to his birthplace of Geelong.

'The attraction of this course for me was the mix between real world application of the construction management component and the design aspect of the architecture component. I looked at many universities and courses and a lot of them were more design oriented, whereas this course integrates both practical industry skills and design,' Aaron explains.

'When I first looked at it I thought it was a pretty good course, and now that I'm in it, I'm very happy with my choice.'

Now in his fourth year, Aaron says his studies have changed the way he views the world.

'The course equips you with the ability to analyse, challenge and understand the creative arts, architecture, and the built environment. It really does change the way you perceive the world. When I started the course, I saw things for their face value. But now I can look at a building, for instance, and I know what's inside, I know how it functions.

'If, theoretically, I decide not to pursue architecture or construction management, this course would still provide a good basis to go into any career because it has so many different components. For example, the finance and economics subjects have engaged my interest in the financial markets, whilst the art and architectural history subjects have opened my eyes to the role of art and architecture throughout history.'



Aaron is planning on following his course with Deakin's Master of Architecture (Design), and while urban planning is a possible career choice, he is still deciding on his options.

'When I started the course I didn't really know what I wanted to do. It was only once I got into the course I realised that an Architecture/Construction Management combined degree opens up so many different occupations within the construction industry. That's another reason why I think it was a good choice.'

Aaron acknowledges the course can be demanding, but says the effort also has its rewards.

'It can be hard work at times, but I've enjoyed a great deal of satisfaction looking back upon my accomplishments throughout this degree and reflecting upon how much I've grown along the way.'

As for being back in Geelong after growing up in tropical North Queensland, Aaron's one complaint is not really surprising.

'The only thing I don't like is Victoria's winter!'

CHANGE OF PREFERENCE

During the Change of Preference period there are many opportunities for your students to find out more information about getting into Deakin. They will be able to ask questions online, or can go along to one of our information events and drop-in sessions to speak one-on-one with course advisers and current students. We are also running two live chat sessions in December where students can chat online with Deakin staff and existing students. Students simply need to register from 17 October at www.deakin.edu.au to attend one of the following events:

Saturday 17 December
Drop-in session Wyndham Leisure Centre

80 Derrimut Road, Hoppers Crossing
11 am–2 pm
Focus: Deakin University courses, campuses, services and Deakin at Your Doorstep.

Sunday 18 December
Deakin Information Day Geelong Waurn Ponds Campus

Pigdons Road, Waurn Ponds
10 am–12 pm
Attend an information session, visit the expo and take a campus tour. Focus: Deakin University courses, campuses and services.

Deakin Information Day Melbourne Burwood Campus

221 Burwood Highway, Burwood
11 am–2 pm
Attend an information session, visit the expo and take a campus tour. Focus: Deakin University courses, campuses and services.

Deakin Information Day Geelong Waterfront Campus

1 Gheringhap Street, Geelong
2–4 pm
Attend an information session, visit the expo and take a campus tour. Focus: Deakin University courses, campuses and services.

Monday 19 December

Drop-in session Hobsons Bay Library

Corner Millers and McArthurs Roads, Altona North
11 am–2 pm
Focus: Deakin University courses, campuses and services.

Deakin Information Evening Warrnambool Campus

Princes Highway, Warrnambool
5–7 pm
Attend an information session, visit the expo and take a campus tour. Focus: Deakin University courses, campuses, services and Deakin at Your Doorstep.

Deakin Information Evening Melbourne Burwood Campus

221 Burwood Highway, Burwood
6–8 pm
Attend an information session, visit the expo and take a campus tour. Focus: Deakin University courses, campuses and services.

Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 December
Live online chat sessions

7–8.30 pm
Chat online with Deakin staff and students and find out all you need to know about changing your preferences and getting into Deakin. Register online at www.deakinlive.com.au.

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Phone 1300 334 733 or visit deakin.edu.au

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DID YOU KNOW?

Deakin's Gap Year Program enables students to stay connected with Deakin while they are on their gap year, by engaging with Deakin staff and fellow gap year students.

As part of Deakin's Gap Year Program students can:

- » defer studies for up to two years while they work, travel or volunteer
- » gain credit for learning that occurred during their gap year experience
- » undertake a transitional unit before returning to full-time study – ideal if they have taken an extended break from study (e.g. 24 months) and need a hand to get back into it
- » attend Deakin events and lectures
- » connect with other Deakin students
- » access Deakin's libraries and career counselling services
- » join the Deakin University Student Association (DUSA).

And if a student's gap year plans don't quite work out as planned, they can return to study at Deakin in Trimester 2 or 3 (depending on the course and availability of places).

For more information visit www.deakin.edu.au/gapyear.



DEAKIN ALUMNI – SIGN UP TO WIN AN APPLE IPAD 2

Are you a Deakin Alumni? If you're a Deakin graduate you could be in for a chance to win one of two iPad 2s. Simply sign up as a new Alumni member or update your contact details by 25 October 2011. For details visit www.deakin.edu.au/alumni.

UNDERGRADUATE RECRUITMENT TEAM UPDATE

The Undergraduate Recruitment Team is pleased to welcome Nicola Fern to the position of Manager. Nicola brings over 17 years experience from the publicity, communications and marketing fields, working in areas including the arts, higher education, and most recently at ABC Radio National.

The team warmly welcome Nicola and look forward to working with her.