

Careers Network

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IMPORTANT DATES

OPEN DAY

- **Warrnambool**
2 August
- **Geelong – Waterfront and Waurn Ponds**
16 August
- **Melbourne Burwood**
23 August

SAVE THE DATE 2027 Career Practitioners' Seminar

Thursday 18 February 2027 Melbourne Burwood Campus

Join us at Deakin's 2027 Career Practitioners' Seminar at our Melbourne Burwood Campus.

More details and how to register coming soon.

We're excited to have you join us!

MAJOR EVENTS

► The countdown is on to Deakin's Open Day events



Make a confident decision about your future by attending a Deakin Open Day this August.

Warrnambool campus: Sunday 2 August, 9am–12.30pm

Geelong campuses: Sunday 16 August, 9am–3pm

Burwood campus: Sunday 23 August, 9am–3pm

Our must attend events give you the chance to dive into course and career options, chat one-on-one with teachers and current students, and soak up the real Deakin vibe.

Our engaging course and general information sessions put experts front and centre, giving you the clarity, confidence and inspiration you need to take your first step toward university study.

There's simply no better way to experience what life as a Deakin student is really like.

Student must-dos at Deakin Open Day

- **Get one-on-one advice** – Connect with current students, expert staff and your future teachers.
- **Attend course and general information sessions** – Learn about Deakin courses and hear all about the exciting opportunities and experiences awaiting you.

- **Enjoy the campus vibe and atmosphere** – Chat to reps from our range of clubs and societies, win some Deakin merchandise, or simply sit back and enjoy the entertainment.
- **Take a student-led tour** – Explore our state-of-the-art facilities and get hands on with our interactive experiences.
- **Plan your future** – Be inspired, explore your options and find the course that feels right for you. And have fun while you're at it.

Get all the latest updates ahead of the event and go in the running to win lots of great prizes.

► **Register now to win big!**



Deakin Uni Ready

Are you still in contact with former students who are exploring university options, or supporting students completing unscored VCE in 2026?

Deakin has launched a new free online program, Deakin Uni Ready, designed for students who are interested in university but don't have an ATAR or don't currently meet standard entry requirements.

Delivered part-time in six-week blocks, Deakin Uni Ready helps students build the academic skills and confidence needed for university study, including writing, critical thinking and communication.

- Free for eligible domestic students
- Fully online – study from anywhere
- Supportive learning environment
- No textbooks or exams

On successful completion, students will meet Deakin's minimum entry requirements and can apply for selected undergraduate degrees across arts, health, science and business.

Applications are open for the November 2026 intake, closing 18 October 2026, with future intakes available in 2027.

► [Find out more about Deakin Uni Ready](#)

Medical Imaging: Guaranteed ATAR update

The Bachelor of Medical Imaging will not be included in the Deakin Guaranteed ATAR program this year due to capacity limitations associated with the introduction of the Government's Managed Growth Funding Model. We encourage interested students to explore our Regional and Remote Entry Scheme, which offers adjustment factors to enhance a student's selection rank and support their application. For more information view the article on page 3 of this edition.

The Deakin Guaranteed ATAR offers eligible students from under-represented cohorts a lower published ATAR, typically around 10 points below the published lowest selection rank, providing guaranteed course entry. Most undergraduate courses are participating in the program.

► [Find out more about the Deakin Guaranteed ATAR](#)

► [Find out more about Deakin's Regional and Remote Entry Scheme](#)

Faculty of Arts and Education

Graduate sooner: 2.5-year early childhood education degree now available at Warrnambool

From Trimester 1, 2027, Deakin University's Bachelor of Early Childhood Education will be available at the Warrnambool Campus. Students in South West Victoria will have a new local pathway into early childhood teaching.

The course, also offered at Melbourne Burwood Campus and online, prepares graduates to teach children from birth to five years across early childhood and kindergarten settings.

Currently offered as a 3-year full-time course, eligible students may complete the course in as little as 2.5 years depending on study load. Diploma-qualified students may be eligible for significant credit towards the degree and could graduate in as little as 18 months.

Students learn how to create safe, healthy, and engaging learning environments while building positive classroom relationships. Study areas include child development, health and wellbeing, diversity and inclusion, professional studies and key learning areas of literacy, mathematics, science, and the arts.

Work experience is built-in with 80+ days guaranteed placement and mentorship arranged in our network of 1400 schools and 500+ early childhood centres.

Ranked **#3 in Australia and #13 worldwide**¹ for education and educational research, Deakin is also the only university to embed the Berry Street Education Model into all our initial teaching degrees. Students graduate equipped with practical, trauma-informed strategies to support every learner.

Generous employment-based pathways and scholarships are available; up to \$25,000 to study early childhood education.

¹ U.S. News Best Global Universities Subject Rankings 2025–2026



Faculty of Health

How to preference courses with a regional and remote entry

In order to address workforce shortages in regional and remote areas, our established **Regional and Remote Entry Scheme** aims to attract more regional and rural students into courses at our Geelong and Warrnambool campuses by offering an alternative entry pathway.

The entry scheme is available to Year 12 students who are undertaking their schooling at a regional or remote secondary school (including schools in the Greater City of Geelong).

Eligible applicants may receive up to a 10 aggregate point adjustment towards their entry score for admission to the courses listed below:

- **Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science**
- **Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science/Bachelor of Business (Sport Management)**
- **Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science/Bachelor of Nutrition Science**
- **Bachelor of Nutrition Science/Bachelor of Commerce**
- **Bachelor of Medical Imaging**
- **Bachelor of Occupational Therapy**
- **Bachelor of Vision Science/Master of Optometry**
- **Bachelor of Social Work**

The courses available as part of the Regional and Remote Entry Scheme have two different VTAC codes (the main entry and the regional and remote entry). It is important for your students to understand how to preference the courses in the correct order.

Students should preference the main VTAC course code first and the regional and remote VTAC code second. This assists in ensuring that if eligible students enter via the main entry, they will leave spots available at a lower ATAR for further regional and remote students.

For example: a student wanting to apply for the Bachelor of Medical Imaging would preference as below:

1st preference – Bachelor of Medical Imaging 1400310211
2nd preference – Bachelor of Medical Imaging (Regional and Remote) 1400310481



Find out more about our Regional and Remote Entry Scheme



Faculty of Science, Engineering and Built Environment

Information technology vs computer science: which tech degree is right for me?

Technology is shaping every industry, creating exciting career opportunities across areas like artificial intelligence (AI), cybersecurity, software development and cloud computing. But with so many study and career pathways available, understanding the difference between information technology (IT) and computer science is an important first step in choosing the right tech degree and career for you.

What's the difference between information technology and computer science?

The world of technology is vast, fast-moving and full of opportunity. As new technologies continue to reshape the way we live, work and connect, the tech industry has become one of the world's fastest-growing and most influential sectors.

But with growth comes complexity. Job titles can sound similar, skill sets often overlap and roles frequently intersect, making it difficult to know where to begin. So, how do you decide where you fit? Let's explore the differences.

What is computer science?

Computer science focuses on the theory, logic and systems that power technology. If information technology is about applying technology, computer science is about creating it.

When **you study computer science at Deakin**, you develop a deep understanding of algorithms, data structures and computational thinking. You learn how to design efficient systems, solve complex problems and build new technologies from the ground up.

What skills do you learn in a computer science degree?

An undergraduate computer science degree will typically equip you with skills in areas such as:

- data analytics
- machine learning and artificial intelligence
- robotics and autonomous systems
- advanced software development.

What careers can you get with a computer science degree?

Computer science graduates can pursue highly technical and innovative careers, including:

- software engineer or developer
- data scientist or analyst
- AI or machine learning engineer
- cybersecurity engineer
- systems architect
- game developer.

These roles often involve designing and building new systems, tools and applications. If you like the idea of pushing the boundaries of what technology can do, computer science could be the right choice for you.



What is information technology?

If computer science is about building the engine, information technology is about keeping that engine running smoothly and drawing on its power. IT focuses on the practical application of technology within organisations, including implementing systems, managing infrastructure and ensuring technology operates efficiently and securely.

When you **study IT at Deakin**, you gain hands-on skills that prepare you to support, maintain and optimise technology systems. You'll work closely with users, businesses and organisational needs.

What skills do you learn in an information technology degree?

An IT degree can develop your capabilities in areas such as:

- cybersecurity
- network and cloud computing
- app and game development
- user experience (UX) and design.

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What careers can you get with an IT degree?

An information technology degree can lead to careers including:

- IT support specialist
- network and systems administrator
- cybersecurity analyst
- cloud engineer
- IT consultant.

These roles are essential to the day-to-day operation of businesses, helping ensure systems are reliable, secure and aligned with organisational goals.

How do computer science and information technology work together?

While computer science and IT have distinct areas of focus, they are closely connected. A software developer may build an application, while an IT professional ensures it is deployed, maintained and accessible to users. A cybersecurity engineer may design advanced protection systems, while an IT analyst monitors and manages threats in real time.

Both fields are deeply interconnected and equally critical to the future of technology.

How to choose between computer science and IT degrees

Choosing between computer science and IT ultimately comes down to your interests and strengths.

Computer science courses may suit you if you:

- enjoy coding and problem-solving
- like mathematics and logical thinking
- want to build software, systems or emerging technologies
- are interested in AI, machine learning or software engineering.

Information technology courses may suit you if you:

- enjoy practical, hands-on work
- want to work with systems, networks and users
- are interested in cybersecurity, cloud computing or IT infrastructure
- like solving business and technology challenges.

It's also important to remember that career paths are rarely fixed. Many professionals move between these areas throughout their careers and this is becoming even more common as technology and AI continue to evolve. Skills across both disciplines are highly transferable and increasingly valuable.

Why study information technology or computer science at Deakin?

Both computer science and information technology sit at the centre of one of the world's most exciting and rapidly evolving industries.

From artificial intelligence and automation to cloud computing and cybersecurity, demand for skilled technology professionals continues to grow. Organisations across every sector – from healthcare and finance to sport and entertainment – rely on tech talent to innovate and stay competitive.

Whether you choose to build the technology of the future or ensure it runs seamlessly behind the scenes, you'll be entering a field rich with opportunity, impact and growth.

The key is to start with what interests you most and build from there.



Explore Deakin's computer science and information technology degrees

2027 Deakin Accelerate Program

Applications opening soon for the 2027 Deakin Accelerate program

Get ahead with Deakin Accelerate, our VCE extension studies program that gives high-achieving students the opportunity to complete two first-year university units during Year 12. Choose from 18 exciting study areas, with flexible online and on-campus study options.

By completing one university unit in each trimester alongside their Year 12 studies, students can gain valuable experience of university life, build confidence in their academic skills, earn credit towards a future degree and boost their ATAR.

Students study alongside first-year university students and can choose to learn in person at one of Deakin's vibrant campuses or online, depending on their selected study area.

Benefits of Deakin Accelerate:

- Earn university credit
- Study for free
- ATAR boost
- Select from 18 different study areas
- Study on campus or online
- Join a supportive online group with Accelerate peers
- Ease the transition into university
- Stand out from the crowd
- Build an impressive CV

What do students need to do to apply?

- Be completing Year 12 in 2027
- Meet the prerequisite or co-requisite VCE subject requirements
- Achieve an average of at least 65% across Year 11 subjects



Applications open 3 August 2026

If you or your students have any questions about the program, please contact the Accelerate team via accelerate@deakin.edu.au or 0437 857 328.



Find out more about the 2027 Deakin Accelerate Program

Explore Deakin Res this Open Day

There's no better way to experience Deakin Res than by seeing it for yourself! Open Day is the perfect opportunity for students to explore our accommodation, meet the people who make Res feel like home, and imagine what university life could look like living on campus.

Take a tour of the accommodation, chat with our friendly Deakin Res team, current residents, and student leaders, and ask all your questions – big or small! Whether students are curious about room options, support services, social events, or simply what it's really like to live on campus, our team is there to help. You'll receive helpful information, get a feel for the Res community, and even score some free Deakin Res merch!

For current Warrnambool resident, Scarlett, Open Day made the decision to move to Res easy – *"Open Day helped me make the decision to move onto Res, as I could see the community it fostered and that the environment would be the best for my education."*

Scarlett first heard about Open Day through social media and her high school careers practitioner. After visiting the campuses, meeting the teams, and seeing everything on offer, she applied for Res as soon as she could – *"Open Day let me see what was available at each campus, and attending gave me a good idea of the support and resources available to me if I moved onto Res."*



If your students are thinking about studying at Deakin, encourage them to take a tour of Deakin Res this Open Day. We hope they'll gain a clearer picture of where they could 'Belong Better' during their university journey.

Upcoming key dates

- **Accommodation applications open – Saturday 1 August**
- **Open Day for accommodation tours:**
 - Warrnambool campus – Sunday 2 August
 - Geelong campuses – Sunday 16 August
 - Burwood campus – Sunday 23 August

▶ **Can't make Open Day? We're open 365 days a year! Book a tour with us**

▶ **Download our Accommodation Guide**

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