

Careers News

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Your choices create your future



REMINDER: SATAC Applications

SATAC applications for study in 2025 are now open via www.satac.edu.au

When completing your application, please keep the following tips in mind:

- Read 'the application process' section on the SATAC website
- Understand the selection rules and course entry requirements
- Register for mySATAC using a non-school email address
- Prepare by having SACE/NTCET/IB registration number ready, as well as any required documents.
- Be aware of any relevant deadlines such as course closing dates, fee payment deadlines.

UniSA Open Days

Head to UniSA campus' in August to hear from experts, take a tour, meet staff and students, get career advice and support with understanding your application.

25 August

- UniSA (Whyalla Campus)
- UniSA (Mawson Lakes Campus)

28 August

- UniSA (Magill Campus)



University of South Australia

OPEN DAY

UNLEASH YOUR FUTURE

WHYALLA CAMPUS

SUNDAY 25 AUGUST

Plan your day at unisa.edu.au/openday

University of South Australia

WHYALLA OPEN DAY

Sunday 25 August, 10:00am – 3:00pm
111 Nicolson Avenue, Whyalla Norrie

Study near and go far. Explore your future campus at Whyalla Open Day. Attend presentations, talk to staff, graduates and students to find out where a UniSA degree can take you!

START TIME	PRESENTATION AND TOUR
10:00am	> How to Apply > Education (Secondary)
10:30am	> Education (Primary) > Student Accommodation Tour
10:45am	> Foundation Studies, Aboriginal Pathway and Diplomas (UniSA College pathways)
11:00am	> Education (Early Childhood)
11:15am	> Student Accommodation Tour (repeat)
11:30am	> Midwifery
11:45am	> Physiotherapy > Social Work & Social Science
12:45pm	> Student Accommodation Tour (repeat)
1:00pm	> Nursing
1:15pm	> Scholarships
2:00pm	> Adelaide University, opening in 2026 > Occupational Therapy > Student Accommodation Tour (repeat)
2:30pm	> Student Accommodation Tour (repeat)

THINKING ABOUT RELOCATING TO STUDY?
Check out our City Open Day and campus events:

City West & City East Campus / Sunday 11 August, 9:30am–4:30pm
Mawson Lakes Campus / Sunday 25 August, 11:00am–3:00pm
Magill Campus / Wednesday 28 August, 3:30pm–7:00pm

unisa.edu.au/openday

Upcoming Events

ACAP | Open Day 2024, Adelaide

August 24

Open Day is your chance to experience the ACAP difference and find your path in the applied professions. Whether you're interested in Counselling, Psychology, Social Work, Criminology, Law, or Business, ACAP is your pathway to making a difference.

Be part of a workshop, meet our industry-renowned facilitators, and hear all about life as an ACAP student. Join us for a day of exploration and inspiration!

[Find out more](#)

SAE Institute | Open Day, Adelaide

August 24

Come along to SAE's Open Day and find your future in creative media!

Open Day is your ticket to everything SAE – get a taste of our courses in workshops, explore activations on campus and get some hands-on experience with our state-of-the-art facilities.

[Find out more](#)

University of Adelaide | Roseworthy Open Day

September 15

Join us for Roseworthy Open Day to get up to date with the latest information about our world-class Animal and Veterinary Sciences programs and career opportunities in this exciting field. It's a fantastic opportunity to speak with academics and current students. Attend one of the information sessions and clinical lab tours for your chance to ask questions and learn more about our degree offerings.

[Find out more](#)

University of Adelaide | Annual Criminology Workshop

September 23

Join us for an engaging workshop to explore the field of Criminology at the University of Adelaide. Through a series of interactive sessions led by our esteemed academics, you'll gain insight into our exceptional Criminology program and experience hands-on learning about crime and justice.

[Find out more](#)

Study - University

Single vs. Double Degrees: what's the difference?

Can't decide between studying 2 different degrees at university? As it turns out, you might not even have to decide, because a double degree offers the best of both worlds.

What is a Single Degree?

A single degree, often called a bachelor's degree, is the most common type of university qualification. It's your standard undergraduate degree and is designed to give you in-depth knowledge and skills in one area. Here's what you should know:

- **Duration & focus:** A single degree typically takes around 3 to 4 years to complete. During this time, you'll focus on one major subject, such as Business, Engineering, or Psychology. This allows you to gain specialised knowledge in your chosen field.
- **Career paths:** A single degree prepares you for entry-level jobs and provides a strong foundation for further education or career advancement. For example, a Bachelor of Arts in English might lead you to a job in writing, publishing, or education.

Why choose a Double Degree?

Broader knowledge

Studying two subjects means you'll have a more diverse skill set, which could make you more adaptable. If you're

not sure what you want to do for a job, a double degree gives you way more options than a single degree.

More career opportunities

A double degree can qualify you for jobs in both fields you studied. This flexibility can be a huge advantage in a competitive job market, or if you want to do something that combines fields of study.

Personal challenge

If you enjoy taking on academic challenges and have strong time management skills, a double degree can be a really rewarding experience. Plus, you'll get to see what it's like in two different study pathways.

Why choose a Single Degree?

Focused expertise

With a single degree, you'll gain specialised knowledge and skills that can make you stand out in that field, preparing you for a more targeted career path.

Shorter study duration

Single degrees typically take around 3 to 4 years to complete, which is usually shorter than the duration of a double degree. This means you can enter the workforce or pursue further studies sooner. If you're eager to start your career or prefer a more straightforward academic journey, a single degree offers a clear and efficient path to achieving your educational and professional goals.

Less academic pressure

- Pursuing a single degree generally involves a more manageable academic workload compared to a double degree. You'll focus on one major subject area, which allows for a balanced study schedule and reduces the stress of juggling two different sets of coursework.

What to consider

Choosing between a single and double degree depends on your career goals, interests, and academic strengths. Here are a few things to consider:

- **Interest & passion:** Are you passionate about one specific field, or do you have multiple interests you want to explore? A single degree might be best if you want to specialise deeply in one area, while a double degree is ideal if you want to combine different fields and be more of a jack-of-all trades.
- **Career goals:** Think about your long-term career goals. If you need expertise in two areas to achieve your career aspirations, a double degree could be beneficial. For more focused career paths, a single degree might be more than enough.
- **Workload & time:** Double degrees involve a heavier workload and longer study time. Consider if you're ready for the commitment, if you want to study for a longer period, and if you can balance it with other responsibilities.
- **Tuition cost:** Consider your financial situation, and which route would suit you better in the long run. Double degrees are inherently more expensive than studying a single degree, due to the longer time as well as increased coursework and resources. While they may be more expensive upfront, double degrees cost less than studying the same two degrees separately as single programs one after the other.

Apprenticeships & Traineeships

Why do people want to get an apprenticeship?

If you're not 100% sure what you want to do once school is over, but don't think university is the answer, you might want to consider an apprenticeship. But what are some of the reasons why you might want to do an apprenticeship? What are the benefits?

The changing nature of careers

Careers look different to how they used to – once upon a time you picked university, a trade, or a job, and that was pretty much it for the rest of your working life. Now, tradies get degrees in management, professionals take short courses to round out their qualifications, and around 39% of students work and study at the same time.

Apprenticeships and traineeships are great because you generally don't need a lot of skills or knowledge when you start, and you'll get quality on-the-job training as well as classroom-based training. Plus, you'll be earning an income all along the way.

That way, when you finish, you'll have all the skills you need to work independently, as well as a formal qualification to prove how awesome you are.

Skilling Australia Foundation found in 2019 that VET graduates had:

- Higher starting salaries – \$56k vs \$54k for university grads
- A higher rate of employment – 78% vs 68% for university grads
- Apprentices had a graduate employment rate of 92%

What's the difference between an apprenticeship and traineeship?

The main difference is usually the industry – apprenticeships tend to be for more technical trades, while trainees might learn business skills or job-

specific skills they need before they can be fully employed. Traineeships are also generally shorter than apprenticeships.

Finding an apprenticeship might be easier than you think

It's easy to find apprenticeships if you know what to look for. Most people think of electrical or plumbing trades, but there are a huge number of things you can do with an apprenticeship or traineeship, and you can even get one in the military.

- Finding a traineeship or apprenticeship can be a great choice – here's why:
- You'll enjoy satisfying and practical work, and in many trades, you'll avoid being stuck behind a desk.
- Get paid while you learn and start living in the 'real world' sooner.
- You'll probably have a job before you finish, and if you do move employers, you'll have recognisable skills that make you more employable.
- You generally don't need great marks to get started.

There are also usually a range of incentives for businesses to take on trainees and apprentices, which means more are available and there will be lots of support to make sure you finish your training.

Here's how to search for an apprenticeship or traineeship

Let people know you're looking. Tell your teachers, friends, or parents (and their friends). Word of mouth is still a great way to get a job. Search job sites. Simply googling apprenticeships or traineeships in your area will give you a good start. You might also like to try searching popular job sites like SEEK. Look at government websites. The Australian government has a website built especially for apprentices and trainees to look for opportunities, including support options and other handy info: [Australian Apprentices](#)

Work Experience

Grandshake Virtual Work Experiences

Grandshake offers a ton of awesome Virtual Work Experience programs for young people across Australia aged 14-19. These programs are a great way to get a taste of your dream career, all from your own home. And they help you learn some valuable skills along the way as well.

The programs run all year, during school and the holidays, so you can sign up to start at any time. The programs typically run for four weeks, with a 2–4-hour commitment per week. Best of all, they're totally free.

[Find out more](#)

Job Spotlight

Pharmacist

A Pharmacist's job is to prep and provide over-the-counter drugs and fill prescriptions, provide advice about the best medications and treatments for minor ailments, as well as guiding customers on how to safely take medicines. If you pay attention to detail, have great communication skills and a caring personality, this could be an excellent career to consider.

What skills do I need as a pharmacist?

- Problem solving
- Meticulous & thorough
- Great in teams
- Approachable & trustworthy
- Excellent time management
- Empathetic & understanding
- Can multitask effectively
- Fantastic people skills

What does the job involve?

- Receiving, checking and filling prescriptions
- Advising patients on dosage, side effects and other important information
- Determining appropriate medication for a patient's situation
- Partaking in ongoing care and monitoring of patients
- Supervising Pharmacy Technicians and Assistants
- Conducting research into the development of new medicines
- Working with other professionals to refine manufacturing techniques
- Developing standards for medicine used in pharmaceuticals

What kind of lifestyle can I expect?

As a pharmacist, you can expect a uniform lifestyle with part-time opportunities on the lower side. Only about 27% of pharmacists work part-time, so it might not be as flexible as other jobs. For those working full-time, the average is about 43 hours per week, which aligns with typical work hours in most professions. You'll spend most of your time indoors, whether in pharmacies, labs, hospitals, or offices. While many pharmacists work in these traditional settings, there are also diverse roles available. You could find yourself in a lab developing new medicines, collaborating with chemists and engineers on medicine manufacturing, or working in advocacy and

community education, making a real impact behind and beyond the pharmacy counter.

How to become a pharmacist

To become a pharmacist, you need to follow a series of important steps, as it's a bit more of an involved career with some strict requirements.

First, you'll need to complete high school with a focus on science subjects like Biology and Chemistry, as well as Math. After high school, you should pursue a Bachelor's degree in a related field, such as a Bachelor of Biological Sciences, Bachelor of Chemistry, or Bachelor of Health Sciences. Some pharmacy schools also accept students with other majors if they have taken the required science courses.

If you want to go straight into pharmacy, you could elect to choose a Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) outright. Not sure about the difference between a Bachelor's degree, Master's, and Doctorate, or where Honours fits into all that?

Once you have your undergraduate degree, you could then apply to a Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program, which typically takes about four years to complete.

After finishing study, if you want to be a pharmacist in Australia, you'll need to apply for provisional registration with the Pharmacy Board of Australia (PharmBA). Then, you'll be required to complete a year-long internship with a registered pharmacist.

During that internship, you'll need to do approved supervised practice (minimum 1,575 hours). Then, there's a board registration examination you'll have to pass before you finally apply for and are granted general registration and become a licensed pharmacist.



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