

# **Careers News**

Term 4

31 October 2024

# Your choices create your future

## **Congratulations & good luck!**

Congratulations to our Year 12 students on completing their final week of school! Your dedication and perseverance have brought you to this milestone, and we couldn't be prouder. As you embark on the next chapter, we wish you the very best of luck in your upcoming exams. Remember to believe in yourselves and your abilities, as you've come so far already. Your hard work will undoubtedly pay off, and we can't wait to see the incredible achievements that lie ahead for each of you.

# **Upcoming Events**

# Defence Indigenous Pathways Information Session – Online

#### October 31, 2024

Would you like to learn more about careers for Indigenous personnel in the Australian Defence Force? With a wide range of exciting jobs on offer, and tailored programs, make the most of your potential, become a leader, and inspire your community.

Join us for an information session and speak with current serving members about opportunities in the Navy, Army, and Air Force.

#### Find out more

#### AIE Open Day, Adelaide

November 16, 2024

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation, film, and visual effects at the AIE Open Day.

AlE's Open Day is a great opportunity to meet our teachers, staff, and students. The day will cover everything you need to know about the:

- careers in games and VFX that we train students for.
- studios and industries that we work with.
- courses we offer from beginners to professional mastery, and.
- the software, skills, and knowledge we teach.

AIE's Open Day will also include presentations on entry requirements and how to apply. Find out how AIE can get you into a creative career.

#### Find out more

#### Flinders Medical Mystery Investigation Taster Day

#### November 26, 2024

Flinders University is inviting Year 12 students to participate in an exclusive and exciting Medical Mystery Investigation Event. You will get close-up opportunities and hands-on experiences in different areas of Medicine, Public Health, Medical Science, Laboratory Medicine, and Paramedicine, so that you can make the right decision regarding your future studies and career.

#### Plus:

- Follow a patient journey to discover their diagnosis to treatment.
- Tour the NEW Health and Medical Research Building
- Find out what it's like studying at Flinders
- Speak with current students
- Get your questions answered by lecturers, industry, academics, and researchers
- Join a Q&A panel session and learn about: possible pathways, prerequisites, career & job opportunities, business & industry connections, work experience, and much more.

Find out more

Careers website: www.samaritancareers.com.au FAITH • WISDOM • COMPASSION Character through community



#### Flinders Business Taster Day

#### November 26 to November 27

Flinders University is inviting Year 12 students to participate in an exclusive and exciting Business Event. You'll get close-up opportunities and hands-on experiences in different areas of Business, so that you can make the right decision regarding your future studies and career.

Plus:

- Participate in workshops in Accounting and Finance, Business Analytics and AI, Economics, Events Management & Tourism, Management & Leadership, Marketing, and Sports Management.
- Tour the Bedford Park Campus at Flinders University
- Find out what it's like studying at Flinders
- Speak with current students
- Get your questions answered by lecturers, academics, and researchers
- Join a Q&A panel session and learn about: possible pathways, prerequisites, career & job opportunities, business & industry connections, work experience, and much more
- And lunch will be provided!

#### Find out more

#### Flinders Law Taster Day

#### November 28

Flinders University is inviting Year 12 students to participate in an exclusive Law event: 'Reading your mind – Law and the next frontier'. Experience what it's like to study Law at Flinders University, how we balance traditional legal training with a future-focused curriculum with more support & placements. And most importantly, how you could make a difference to the world.

#### Plus:

- Tour the Flinders Campus
- · Find out what it's like studying at Flinders
- Speak with current students
- Get your questions answered
- Join a Q&A panel session and learn about: possible pathways, prerequisites, career & job opportunities, business & industry connections, work experience,

and much more

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#### Find out more

#### Flinders Criminology Taster Day

#### November 29

Flinders University is inviting Year 12 students to participate in an exclusive and exciting Criminology Event. You will get close-up opportunities and handson experiences in Criminology, so that you can make the right decision regarding your future studies and career.

Plus:

- Tour the Flinders City Campus
- Find out what it's like studying at Flinders
- Speak with current students
- Get your questions answered by lecturers, academics, and researchers
- Join a Q&A panel session and learn about: possible pathways, prerequisites, career & job opportunities, business & industry connections, work experience, and much more
- And lunch will be provided!

#### Find out more

#### AIE Online Campus Day

#### November 30

Discover the courses designed to get you started in game development, 3D animation, film, and visual effects at the AIE Online Campus Day. AIE will be running this event for students interested in studying online. You will be able to meet our teachers, explore how classes will run, course options, career pathways and see our amazing student work.

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- careers in games and VFX that we train students for.
- studios and industries that we work with.
- courses we offer from beginners to professional mastery.
- the software, skills, and knowledge we teach.

#### Find out more

#### ATAR Week at the Uni Hub

The Uni Hub's ATAR Week will be held from the 16-20 December, inviting Year 12 students to visit any of our five Uni Hub sites (including Port Augusta) for guidance, advice, and resources to help them navigate their next steps. Our experienced centre managers will be available throughout the week to offer support and discuss topics such as university applications, alternative pathways, and personal well-being.

#### Received your ATAR and need some advice?

Come and speak to the Uni Hub during ATAR Week!

#### 16-20 December 2024

Give us a call or come into one of our centres before our Christmas closure. Visit our website **unihubsg.org** to find your closest Uni Hub.



## **Scholarships**

#### Australian Rotary Health Indigenous Health Scholarship

Value: \$5,000 AUD

Open date: December 1, 2024

Closing date: February 21, 2025

Through the Indigenous Health Scholarships, Australian Rotary Health is supporting the next generation of Indigenous health care providers to achieve an education that will help them assist their communities.

#### Find out more

#### Playford Trust Lincoln College Residential Scholarship

Value: \$8,000 AUD

Open date: September 1, 2024

Closing date: January 17, 2025

The Playford Trust, in partnership with Lincoln College, offers a scholarship for a student enrolling at Lincoln College, a university residential college for students studying in Adelaide. The scholarship will provide financial support to a high-achieving and motivated South Australian student to make the most of their studies, achieve their potential and contribute to South Australia's knowledge, skills, and research base.

#### Find out more

# Women of STEM Australian Scholarships

Value: \$5,000 AUD per year

Open date: December 13, 2024

Closing date: February 7, 2025

The purpose of the Women of STEM Scholarships are to provide financial support to young women as they study a degree, in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics.

#### Find out more

#### Murdoch University Access Engineering Scholarship

Value: \$12,000 AUD

Open date: August 23, 2024

Closing date: February 28, 2025

The Murdoch University Access Engineering Scholarship seeks to widen participation and support students from underrepresented groups in a field of study that is becoming increasingly important and impactful for a sustainable future.

#### Find out more

#### AIQS Donald Napier Scholarships

Value: \$5,000 AUD

Open date: May 1, 2024

Closing date: October 31, 2024

AIQS offers several scholarships each year for Year 12 students who qualify for entry into a Quantity Surveying, Construction Economics, Construction Management (Economics) or other appropriate course at an AIQS accredited university in Australia.

There are four scholarships offered each year:

General (open to all people)

First Nations people (Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander)

Disadvantaged (financial, carer, medical condition or disability, regional or remote)

Diversity (including but not limited to race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, age, religion, marital status, language)

Find out more

## **Short Courses and Microcredentials**

When you're just starting out on your career journey, having qualifications on your resume can make all the difference. Short courses are a great way to add valuable skills and certifications to your resume without needing to commit to a full degree or diploma. They show employers that you're proactive, willing to learn, and capable of applying your skills in real-world situations. Whether you're looking for a part-time job, a career boost, or just want to expand your knowledge, short courses can help set you apart from the crowd.

Employers value skills that are practical and relevant, and short courses are a way to demonstrate that you have both. From First Aid to digital literacy, these qualifications not only give you knowledge but also offer you formal certifications that make you more employable. The following are examples of short courses you can take to give your resume a competitive edge.

#### First Aid and CPR

First Aid and CPR courses are highly regarded across many industries. Employers in areas like retail, hospitality, childcare, and even corporate offices appreciate employees who can respond calmly and appropriately in emergency situations. Having this certification shows that you're responsible and equipped to handle unexpected health and safety incidents.

How to put this on your resume

First Aid and CPR Certified

- Completed First Aid training (Provide First Aid and CPR) with St John Ambulance (2023)
- Gained skills in responding to workplace and public emergencies with confidence and care

#### Lifesaving and water safety

If you're interested in working at the beach, pools, or in outdoor recreation, a lifesaving qualification is a must-have. Courses in water safety and lifesaving demonstrate physical fitness, the ability to stay calm under pressure, and an awareness of public safety. It's a great qualification for anyone looking to work in surf lifesaving clubs, camps, or aquatic centres.

#### How to put this on your resume

Bronze Medallion (Lifesaving and Water Safety)

- Certified in surf and pool lifesaving techniques, including rescue and first aid
- Developed strong swimming skills and an ability to assess and respond to dangerous water conditions

#### **Refereeing or coaching**

For those involved in sports, taking a refereeing or coaching course can open doors to paid or volunteer opportunities in community sports. These courses show that you understand the rules of the game, have leadership abilities, and can manage a group effectively. Refereeing demonstrates decisionmaking under pressure.

#### How to put this on your resume

Level 1 Soccer Referee

- Qualified to referee junior and community soccer matches through Football UK (2023)
- Developed conflict resolution, rule enforcement, and leadership skills on the field

#### Workplace safety

Workplace safety courses are applicable in nearly any industry, from construction to retail. Courses like 'White Card' training, which is required for construction work, show that you understand the importance of health and safety regulations and that you can identify potential hazards.

How to put this on your resume

White Card Certification (Workplace Safety)

- Gained skills in identifying safety risks and enforcing safety protocols in the workplace
- Certified in WHS (Workplace Health and Safety) requirements for construction and trade environments

#### **Cooking courses**

Whether you're considering a role in hospitality or just love food, cooking courses can provide you with valuable kitchen skills. From basic cooking techniques to food safety, these courses demonstrate that you can work in a fast-paced, practical environment. Employers in the food industry will value your ability to prepare and handle food safely.

#### How to put this on your resume

**Basic Cooking Skills Certificate** 

- Gained experience in food preparation, kitchen safety, and customer service through college short course
- Developed an understanding of safe food handling and storage practices

#### What to do next

First, think about which areas you're interested in – do you want to work in hospitality, sports, technology, or the environment? Then, explore the short courses available in your area, either in-person or online. Many community centres, libraries, TAFEs, and online platforms like <u>Coursera</u> or <u>Udemy</u> offer accessible and affordable options. Once you've completed a course, make sure to add it to your resume concisely. Don't forget to mention the skills you gained and how these can be applied to the workplace.

#### Volunteering

Interested in volunteering but feeling nervous about putting yourself out there? You're not alone – many students want to make a difference but feel held back by shyness or social anxiety. The good news is that there are plenty of ways to volunteer that can work for everyone, including those who prefer quieter, less socially demanding roles.

Why consider volunteering?

- Build valuable skills for your future
- Become more confident
- Gain meaningful experience
- Meet like-minded people
- Make a difference in your community
- Discover new interests and talents

# Tips for overcoming volunteering anxiety

Here are some tips for introverts to help you feel more comfortable as you start your volunteering journey.

#### Start small

Begin with short-term or one-off volunteering opportunities rather than making a big commitment straight away – this way, you can test the waters without feeling overwhelmed.

#### Bring a friend

Many organisations welcome pairs or even small groups of volunteers. Having a familiar face nearby is a great way to help you feel more comfortable in a new environment.

#### Be honest about your comfort zone

We know it can be hard, but most volunteer coordinators appreciate knowing if you're introverted or anxious. If you tell them up-front, they can help match you with suitable roles and provide extra support when needed.

#### Choose familiar environments

Consider volunteering at places you already know, like your local library or school. Just like being with a friend, a familiar setting can also help reduce anxiety about the unknown.

#### Getting started

Taking the leap can be daunting, but these simple steps can help you begin your volunteering journey.

- 1. Research organisations in your area that interest you
- 2. Email rather than call if you prefer written communication
- Ask about available roles that don't require extensive social interaction
- Start with just a couple of hours a week and gradually increase your involvement as you feel more comfortable
- 5. Be honest about your stress levels so others can help when needed
- Remember, you can always step back if you need to – just make sure to give plenty of notice

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# CORRECTION CORRECTION SERVICES SERVICES

## TRAINEE CORRECTIONAL OFFICER



Government of South Australia Department for Correctional Services

#### **ABOUT THE ROLE**

Make a difference in reducing reoffending

and keeping the

community safe.

An exciting career

awaits.

Correctional Officers undertake a frontline role in the prison system.

They are responsible for a wide range of duties relating to the safety, security and welfare of prisoners in our care. They manage day-to-day issues and contribute to ongoing rehabilitation.

#### EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS AND BENEFITS

#### **Shift Work**

Correctional Officers are required to work eight-hour shifts over a 24 hour / 7-day rotating roster. Shift types include day, afternoon and night shifts

#### **Leave Entitlements**

Correctional Officers can get up to **six** weeks recreation leave per year (pro-rata for part time officers).

#### **TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**

After successfully being offered a position, the new recruit will begin a **12-week training course.** 

The initial **eight weeks of classroom-based training** which covers theoretical knowledge of Corrections.

Followed by **four-week period of in-service training** within a prison environment.



#### **PAY AND REMUNERATION**

**Training salary:** \$52,665 p.a. (CO1) plus superannuation.

**Qualified salary:** \$56,987 - \$64,931 p.a. (CO2) plus penalties and superannuation

Base salary and penalties can average **\$80,000 p.a.** <u>PLUS</u> Superannuation

#### RECRUITMENT SELECTION PROCESS

Application



**Psychometric Assessment** 



**Interview Process** 

Medical & Functional Assessment

Probity Screening

#### **APPLICATION SUBMISSION**

Two options to submit your application:



**Email to:** DCSTCORecruitment@sa.gov.au

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**Post to:** GPO BOX 1747 ADELAIDE SA 5001

# **Job Spotlight**

# **Esports Professional**

Esports professionals compete in organised video game competitions at a professional level. They train extensively, participate in tournaments, and often represent teams or organisations in various gaming leagues. While gaming for a living might sound like a dream, it requires incredible dedication, skill, and business knowledge to succeed. If you have exceptional gaming abilities, thrive under pressure, and are willing to put in the countless hours required to compete at the highest level, a career as an esports professional could be worth exploring.

#### What skills do I need as an esports professional?

- · Exceptional skills in your chosen game/s
- Quick reflexes and decision-making abilities
- · Strong strategic thinking and problem-solving skills
- Excellent communication skills
- Mental resilience and emotional control
- Time management and self-discipline
- Ability to perform under pressure
- Great teamwork skills
- Personal branding knowledge

#### What does the job involve?

- Training extensively in your chosen game/s
- Competing in tournaments and leagues
- Analysing gameplay footage and strategies
- Participating in team practice sessions
- Maintaining physical and mental fitness
- Engaging with fans through social media and streams
- Attending gaming events and conventions
- Working with coaches and team managers
- Meeting sponsor obligations and creating content

# What industries do esports professionals typically work in?

- Arts & Recreation Services
- Education & Training
- Professional, Scientific & Technical Services

#### What kind of lifestyle can I expect?

The lifestyle of an esports professional can be demanding and intense. Training schedules are rigorous, often requiring 8-12 hours of practice daily, including on weekends and holidays. Travel is common for tournaments and events. Income can vary significantly – while top players can earn substantial amounts through tournament winnings, sponsorships, and streaming, many players earn modest incomes, especially when starting out. The pressure to perform consistently can be intense, and work-life balance can be challenging during competitive seasons. However, many professionals find the opportunity to compete at the highest level extremely rewarding.

#### How to become an esports professional

Breaking into professional esports requires a combination of skill, dedication, and strategic career building. Here are some of the things you can do to get there:

- Master your chosen game and achieve high rankings in competitive play
- Build a following through streaming or content creation
- Join amateur teams and participate in local tournaments
- Network within the gaming community
- Consider joining university or collegiate esports programs
- Gain experience in smaller competitions before moving to larger tournaments
- Develop a personal brand and social media presence
- Consider having a backup career plan or education

Many successful esports professionals also maintain robust physical and mental health routines to sustain peak performance.

#### What can I do right now to work towards this career?

If you're in high school and interested in pursuing esports professionally, here are some steps you can take:

- Focus on excelling in one specific game or genre rather than playing many casually
- Balance gaming with study most university esports programs have minimum academic requirements
- Join your school's esports club or start one with the help of friends and teachers
- Enter amateur or local esports competitions to start building a name for yourself
- Study professional players' strategies and techniques and learn about the business side of esports

#### Where can I find more information?

You can learn more about professional esports through these organisations::

- Esports Integrity Commission
- Global Esports Federation
- <u>Australian Esports League</u>



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