VU FORUM REVAMPED, NOW ‘VU IN FOCUS’

In response to feedback from VU Forum attendees, we have revamped the format and renamed it ‘VU in Focus’. Instead of a single event, we will now hold four smaller, discipline-specific events on-campus, so you can see our facilities and get a stronger feel for VU and what we can offer. While you are welcome to attend all four events, we understand this may not be possible, so encourage you take the opportunity to explore a campus you have not visited before. Each event will start at 9.30am and run until the early afternoon at the campus most relevant to the specific discipline. See the calendar of events below for VU in Focus event dates and locations.

VICTORIA POLYTECHNIC

In December, Victoria University proudly unveiled our new TAFE division, Victoria Polytechnic.

The new entity will provide specialist delivery of National Training Package qualifications and state-based programs, from Certificate I through to apprenticeships and traineeships, diplomas and graduate certificates.

The University’s Vice President of Vocational Education, Grant Dreher, said he is focused on big picture growth for industry and support for the next generation of skilled workers that will, in turn, support growth in the west of Melbourne. “The distinct courses at VPoly will prepare students for the workplace and provide pathways into higher education programs if that is where their ambitions lie,” Mr Dreher said.

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iPAB IS BACK!

After last year’s record number of entries and hundreds of inspiring business ideas, VU’s ‘I Plan a Business’ (iPAB) competition is back in 2016.

The competition is an ideal opportunity for Year 10 and 11 business students to engage with essential elements of the curriculum by applying their entrepreneurial skills and planning their own business or social enterprise.

Finalists will compete for a chance to win $500 cash and other great prizes. The competition is open now until Friday 1 July 2016. Students may enter as individuals or groups of up to four. Entry is free.

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MARK YOUR DIARY

16 APRIL ACN Nursing and Health Expo
19 APRIL VU in Focus: Arts and Education, Footscray Park
5-8 MAY VCE and Careers Expo, Caulfield Racecourse
20 MAY VU in Focus: Health and Biomedicine, St Albans
21 JULY VU in Focus: Sport and Exercise Science, Engineering and Science, Footscray Park
12 SEPTEMBER VU in Focus: Law and Business, City Queen
28 AUGUST Open Day
DISCIPLINE IN PROFILE: HEALTH AND BIOMEDICINE

Our range of health and biomedicine courses will ignite your passions and lead to a successful future. From nursing and osteopathy to paramedicine, our health and allied health-related courses are held in high regard around Australia and the world.

VU has carved a niche in the osteopathy and dermal therapy sectors, being one of very few universities in Australia offering these accredited courses.

We will give you hands-on experience while you learn through scenario-based assessments and clinical placements. Our world-class facilities include hospital prac rooms and lifelike mannequin technology.

CAREER OUTCOMES
Our health and biomedicine courses can lead to a wide range of careers, including:

- nurse
- midwife
- paramedic
- osteopath
- dermal therapist
- allied health professional
- clinical researcher
- beauty therapist
- community care worker

WORKPLACE LEARNING
Clinical and practical learning is an important part of all of our Health and Biomedicine courses. They are compulsory for accredited courses in dietetics, midwifery, nursing, osteopathy and paramedicine.

Our clinics and simulation laboratories provide opportunities to practice new skills in a safe environment, while work placements provide confidence and an industry edge.

Find out more at vu.edu.au/work-ready

HEALTH AND BIOMEDICINE COURSES
Below is a small sample of our Health and Biomedicine courses.

Bachelor of Nursing
Prerequisites: VCE or equivalent with a study score of at least 25 in English (any), or 30 in EAL; and satisfactory completion of any mathematics.

Bachelor of Health Science (Paramedic)
Prerequisites: VCE or equivalent with a study score of at least 20 in English (any), or 25 in EAL.

Bachelor of Biomedicine
Prerequisites: VCE or equivalent with a study score of at least 25 in English (any), or 30 in EAL; and at least 25 in any two of biology, chemistry, mathematics (any) or physics.

Master of Public Health (Global Nutrition and Active Living)
Prerequisites: Undergraduate degree in nutrition, health sciences, biosciences, community development, sports and science, or a related discipline.

OSTEO ON THE MOVE
Osteopath, Paul Hermann, used his studies as a springboard to open his own clinic and work as an international consultant.

“I chose osteopathy at VU because I believed it was the best program with the best location – central CBD.

The best part about my course was the lecturers. They had a wide range of experiences and backgrounds, which enhanced the spectrum of learning substantially. The VU student-run osteopathy clinic is also fantastic grounding for moving into private practice.

I now run two successful multidisciplinary clinics with nearly 40 staff. I have lectured throughout the world several times and Australia. I worked at the Beach Volleyball World Championships in Holland and will be doing more consulting work overseas this year.

VU gave me the knowledge, experience and motivation to continue my studies and to go to the next level in my career.”

Paul Hermann, Bachelor of Clinical Science (now Bachelor of Health Science), Master of Health Science (Osteopathy)
ACN NURSING AND HEALTH EXPO
Visit us at the 2016 Australian College of Nursing (ACN) Nursing and Health Expo, on Saturday 16 April at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre.
VU will be an exhibitor at the expo, which offers a great opportunity for any students considering a career in the nursing or health professions to connect with a range of health organisations.

GOVERNANCE IN SCHOOLS - WORKSHOP
VU invites you to attend the workshop, ‘School councils and boards – principles for principals: Making relationships work for better schools’.

SHARING VICTORIES WITH OUR SPORTING PARTNERS
VU is again right behind our elite sporting partners, the Western Bulldogs in the AFL and the Melbourne Vixens in the ANZ Championship, as they prepare for victory in their 2016 seasons. VU students enjoy access to various benefits through these partnerships, including membership offers, such as a free three-game membership with the Bulldogs and a two-for-one deal for a Vixens match, and the ability to win VIP experiences.

REAL MADRID FOOTBALL CLINICS
Aspiring young soccer stars again have the opportunity to train under the expert guidance of Real Madrid Foundation technical coaches in 2016.

In partnership with Real Madrid Foundation, VU will host the clinics in March and April at the Maribyrnong Sports Academy. It follows the successful clinics held in 2015, and is part of a wider partnership with Real Madrid Graduate School Universidad Europea.

The unique soccer programme is for players 7 to 17 years of age to play and learn football techniques under the same football training methodology used in Real Madrid’s training headquarters in Spain.

Coaches will fly directly from Spain to head the clinics, which will take place during the weeks of 28 March and 4 April at Maribyrnong Sports Academy. All participants will receive an official Adidas Real Madrid playing kit.
Find out more, and register at frmclinicsmelbourne.com

BACHELOR OF NURSING
Nursing offers a lifelong and stimulating career that is recognised worldwide. Nurses are highly skilled health care professionals with scientific knowledge and skills. VU’s three-year Bachelor of Nursing qualifies graduates to register with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) as a Registered Nurse. With professional accreditation, state-of-the-art learning environments and practical placement opportunities in over 200 clinical venues, this course opens up a world of opportunity.

BACHELOR OF MIDWIFERY/BACHELOR OF NURSING
From 2017, VU will offer the Bachelor of Midwifery/Bachelor of Nursing double degree. Informed by feedback from our industry partners, it will address current challenges in maternity care. Increasing rates of health conditions such as mental health disorders, diabetes and obesity, have also increased the complexity of care for women. Graduates will possess a broad set of skills, preparing them to for work as both a midwife and a nurse in metropolitan, regional and rural health agencies.

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Vu supports students with disabilities and has a range of services and resources to help them complete their studies and participate in all aspects of university life. For more information visit vu.edu.au/disability.
Victoria University’s I Plan a Business (iPAB) competition gives Year 10 and 11 business students the opportunity to come up with an innovative idea for a company or social enterprise and submit a great business plan for the chance to win $500 and other awesome prizes.

**CONDITIONS**

- you must be a Year 10 or 11 student in Victoria
- you can enter as a group of two, three or four, or as an individual
- your entry must comply with the iPAB 2016 guidelines.

For more information and to enter the competition, visit vu.edu.au/ipab

Competition closes Friday 1 July 2016.