VTAC Application Information Night
What is VTAC?

VTAC  Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre

- is the body that processes the tertiary applications, Scholarships & SEAS applications
- is not a government body
- is a non-profit organization
- scales VCE Study Scores & calculates the ATAR

VCAA  Victorian Curriculum & Assessment Authority

- designs VCE Curriculum & Assessment
- provides VTAC with VCE Study Scores
Resources
Resources for parents & students


Blog for everyone [http://vtacmedia.wordpress.com](http://vtacmedia.wordpress.com)

Facebook – preferred method for parents and students [Facebook.com/vtacguide](http://Facebook.com/vtacguide)

Twitter - [@vtacguide](http://@vtacguide)
Resources: VTAC website

VTAC account login
Mid-year applications are closed. You can login below to view your application.

- View your mid-year application
- View your mid-year offers

Account login

Search for Courses
CourseSearch for 2015 courses will be available from Wednesday, 16 July
For mid-year courses:

Mid-year CourseSearch
Resources – VTAC CourseSearch
Course types through VTAC

VET courses
• Certificate II
• Certificate III
• Certificate IV
• Diploma
• Advanced Diploma

Higher Education courses
• Undergraduate
  • Advanced Diploma
  • Associate Degrees
  • Bachelor
• Masters
  • Graduate entry teaching
Types of Courses

CSP   Commonwealth Supported Places
     Course codes end in 1    e.g. 1400514301 (CSP)
     Deakin University – Health Science

Full Fee  Course codes end in 2
            Payment is required up front
            (Some type 2 courses available for admission into degree courses at TAFE
            but majority are for courses at Independent Tertiary Colleges)
            Example Elly Lukas Beauty Therapy College 9600196052 (DFP)
            (Domestic Fee Place)

International Fee courses – end in 3 e.g. 1400514303 (IFP)

TAFE Courses – majority are government funded and end in 4

Useful web site http://www.goingtouni.gov.au
How to use the VTAC Guide

• Important dates & fees – p 1 - 2
• Relevant Information pp 5 - 66
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• Course Information pp 115 – 538
• An index of major study areas pp 542 - 557
What to consider when reading the course entry

• Course types through VTAC
  • Course codes and fees
  • Applicant groups
• Selection data table
• Selection criteria table
• Prerequisites
• Selection requirements
• Additional considerations
• Enrolment considerations
## Australian Catholic University

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- Bachelor of Nursing: 3 years minimum duration

**About the course:** With increased emphasis on national and state health priorities, ACU nursing graduates will be well-prepared to meet the health needs of the community. Graduates will be proactive and adaptable, competent, safe and ethical clinicians, creative and critical thinkers and independent lifelong learners. Learner-centred approaches, including inquiry and situation-based learning, will enhance students learning experience and readiness for the workplace. Clinical experience in public and private health care settings across the health care spectrum forms an integral part of the course. Students will choose a clinical nursing speciality in their final semester. Career opportunities exist in the field of registered nurse in a range of private, public and community environments.

**Additional information:** Graduates are eligible to apply for registration as a registered nurse with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

**Major studies:** Nursing.
### Selection data table

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Prerequisites:
- **Y12**: Minimum ATAR of 85.00. Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL); and a study score of at least 20 in one of English other than EAL or Literature, and satisfactory completion of any Science.
- **NY12**: As for Year 12 or equivalent.

Selection requirements:
- **VTAC Personal Statement (Y12-Some, NY12-All)**: Year 12 applicants with relevant work experience must include this information on the VTAC Personal Statement. All other applicants must complete the VTAC Personal Statement detailing their motivation for wanting to do the course.
- **STAT (Y12-Some, NY12-Some)**: Applicants who have not undertaken any formal study for three or more years must sit STAT Multiple Choice.
  
  Current year 12 students are not eligible to sit STAT.

Additional considerations:
- **SEAS**: Applicants who have experienced educational disadvantage are encouraged to submit a SEAS application.
- **Subject Bonus**: A study score of 25 in one but no more than two of Chemistry, any English, Geography, any Mathematics or Physics equals 3 aggregate points per study. Overall maximum of 9 points.
Understanding the application processes

Courses, Special consideration (SEAS)
Scholarships, VTAC Personal Statement
Application Procedure

1. Students must register for a VTAC ID by logging on to www.vtac.edu.au
2. Students answer a number of questions …VTAC ID will be given
3. Students will be asked to select their own Pin number
4. Students log into VTAC User Account to apply for courses (using VTAC ID and Pin)
Top Tips for Registration

- Only register once
- Use date of birth & name (same as VASS details)
- Personal email address
- Australian address
- Four digit pin
- Ensure register as a CY12
Registration as a VTAC User

Once registered an individual can:

- apply for courses
- apply for scholarships
- book admissions tests
- change personal details
- change PIN
- access messages from VTAC
- view ATAR (current Victorian Y12 only)
Registration – are you a current year 12?

• Students need to verify:
• their identification as a current year 12

Are you currently studying the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE, any unit level), Victorian Baccalaureate (VB), a standard interstate Australian year 12, or the International Baccalaureate (IB) in Australia or New Zealand?

- [ ] Yes, studying VCE, VB, or standard interstate Australian year 12
- [ ] Yes, studying IB in Australia or New Zealand
- [ ] No
The VTAC User account

VTAC User Account

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Welcome to your VTAC user account. This is where you will apply for courses, monitor information about your application progress, and receive offer advice. On this screen you can view/change your personal details. If you need to view/amend other information, use the navigation bar at the top of the screen.

Applications

You can:

Make a course application
Make a Scholarship application
Make a STAT/ALSET booking
Course application

Can list up to 12 courses/institutions

Preference order – always list them in the order you want

Course preferences

• To add course preferences: Select institution and/or course or type in the course code.

• To move a course on the preference list use the up/down buttons.

• To delete a course use the x button.
After you apply for courses

Applicants can:

- view or change course application
- pay the fees
- apply for SEAS
- complete & submit the VTAC Personal Statement
- print document cover sheet (personalised)
- view your offers
VTAC Personal Statement

Should only be completed if required by the course

- Selection Requirements
- Additional Consideration

- If not required by the course, the course is not required to consider the information
Preference and permissions

Can be changed and updated

Deadline: 14 Jan 2015

Information release

VTAC first and some second round offers are published in Melbourne daily and some regional newspapers.

1. Do you want to have your offer(s) published in the newspapers?  yes  no

VTAC offers a supplementary round after round 2. If you have not received an offer by the end of round 2, you can have your application details sent to courses not on your preference list which still have vacancies. (You can opt out of this process at any time.)

2. Do you want to participate in the supplementary offer process?  yes  no

The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) has asked VTAC whether your contact details can be used by them to contact you if you are not on the electoral roll.

3. Do you want VTAC to pass on your details to the VEC?  yes  no
Payment

Payment is online via debit or credit card or PayPal.

Processing fees:
- $28.00 timely
- $93.00 late
- $119.00 very late

Activation of application

Your application has been successfully submitted.

Your application receipt details are:
- Name on application: Suzanne Connelly
- VTAC ID: 43000065G
- This application was submitted on: 18/07/2013 15:28:35
- VTAC application transaction number: 315548

An application receipt page will be emailed to the address registered with VTAC.

Your VTAC course processing fee must be fully paid for your application details to be passed onto institutions for selection consideration.

The current amount due for your course application is: $41.00 AUD (inc. GST)

You can either:
- Pay now by pressing proceed to payment.
- Pay later (by exiting without payment). Payment can be made at a later date. Your application is not passed onto institutions until payment is received by VTAC.
Special entry access schemes (SEAS)

• Allows consideration for disadvantage that has affected education
• Consideration granted depends on:
  • Level of disadvantage
  • Impact
  • Supporting evidence
• Does not guarantee an offer
• Quality not quantity is the key
• Every student should apply for Category 1 (it’s a tick)
SEAS categories

There are five categories within SEAS. Not all institutions recognise all categories:

- Category 1: Personal information and location*
- Category 2: Difficult circumstances
- Category 3: Disadvantaged financial background
- Category 4: Disability or medical condition
- Category 5: La Trobe University SALT, Victoria University PPP
Key Messages

Impact on Education

Evidence is the key

Short-term disadvantage

Long-term disadvantage

Evidence is the key
Impact statements and Statements of Support

• Book medical appointments now

• Impact statements in own words
  • Be honest
  • Describe the situation
  • Describe the impact on education

• Statements of support
  • Personal and linked to impact
  • Generic disadvantage everyone
  • Complete statements

Last minute rush for SEAS use the VCAA process

Family members cannot write statements of support
Electronic Evidence

Can only be collected if:

• The CRN belongs to the person claiming
• The student’s name is on the Benefit statement
• If the number provided is not the student’s, Centrelink will not release information.
Paper evidence

If the document provided is not the student’s, they must detail the relationship to person on statement.

If your name is included as a dependent, you must detail your relationship.

[Image of a Centrelink family assistance statement]
Top tips for evidence

• **Statement of support**
  • Timeline of condition or circumstance
  • Knowledgeable comments about the condition or circumstance
  • Must support and reinforce the circumstances
  • Comments on how the condition of circumstance has affected the student’s educational performance

• **Impact statement**
  • Honest, heartfelt, unscripted
Scholarships through VTAC

Encourage all to apply

Not just academic

Merit
Access
Equity
Commonwealth

Hundreds of scholarships. One application.

Don’t miss your chance to apply for the hundreds of scholarships offered by the institutions listed in the VTAC Guide. The VTAC Scholarship Application lets you apply for a huge range of scholarships with just one application – whatever your course preferences.

For more information visit http://vtac.edu.au/scholarships

Applications close 5pm Friday 17 October 2014

No application, no chance!
Scholarships not through VTAC

• Apply directly to institutions
• Keep checking, new ones are available continually
• Further information at www.vtac.edu.au/coursesandinstitutions
Scaling and the ATAR
The ATAR

- **Is not a score**
- **Is not out of 100, it is a rank between 0.00 and 99.95**
  - An ATAR of 75.00 means in the top 25% of the Year 12 age group.
  - Very few courses select only on the ATAR.
Calculating the ATAR

- **Primary 4:**
  English plus three other permissible scorable studies
  
  \[+\]

- **5\textsuperscript{th} and/or 6\textsuperscript{th} increment**

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2013 ATAR: 94.80
ATAR release to Victorian students

• VCE ATAR released at 7am Monday 15 December 2014
  • SMS
  • Internet
  • Mail delivery beginning next day
Things to consider for change of preference

Selection requirements

Can the course be added?

Additional considerations

Last year’s selection data
Change of preference

• Change of Preference closes: 12noon Monday 22 December

• Mrs Connolly available for three days 15, 16 & 17 December …appointment compulsory
Offer rounds

19 January & 5 February

- Offers are conditional to:
  - meeting eligibility requirements
  - providing full and correct information
  - attending enrolment

- After receiving an offer, applicants are still eligible for offers to higher preferences

- Didn’t receive an offer in Round 1? Still eligible in other rounds
Negotiated offers

• Available after Round 1 offers are made

• Can be used to apply for courses:
  • Lower than the preference already offered
  • Not included on preference list

• Apply through VTAC User Account
# Negotiated offer status

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| • While ‘Pending’ applicants can remove or submit another request for a different course.  
• Users can only have one negotiated offer request ‘Pending’ at any one time. | • Offered a place in that course in the next round of offers.  
• Overrides all preferences listed on course application. | • Won’t be offered from that course you will not be offered a place in that course.  
• Permitted to submit another request for a different course.  
• Wait to be considered for higher preferences. |
Supplementary offers

• For applicants who have given permission and:
  • Not received an offer

• Great last chance option

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2. Do you want to participate in the supplementary offer process?  

   [ ] yes  [ ] no
Important Dates

Course Applications finalised by end of Term 3

7 October 5pm          SEAS applications
17 October 5pm          Scholarships close
15 December 7am         VCE Results & ATAR
22 December             Change of Preference closes
19 January 2015          First Round Offers
5 February 2015          Second Round Offers
February 2015            Supplementary Offers
And finally…

For students
- Be realistic about choices
- The ATAR is simply ONE tool
- Other factors are considered
- It doesn’t determine who an individual is!!
- Applying interstate
- GAP year
- Deferring
- Don’t panic!

For parents
- Changing preferences can be dangerous
- Enrolling is a lot of responsibility
- Don’t offer to enrol…it’s a day you will never get back
- Be realistic
Good luck to the class of 2014