

# Al-Taqwa Careers News

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## What is an Audiologist?

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Apprentice

An Audiologist is a health care professional who is involved in assessing, managing and rehabilitating hearing loss and balance disorders. According to the **Good Universities Guide – Audiologists test hearing and assess the nature of hearing disorders. They are responsible for the non-medical management and rehabilitation of hearing loss and associated disorders of communication.**

Audiology is a rapidly growing profession and qualified audiologists are in high demand both locally and internationally.

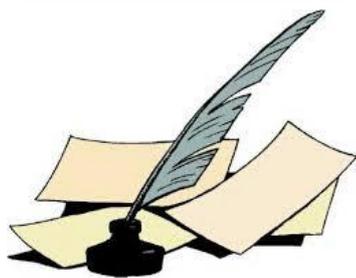
To become an audiologist, students usually have to complete a bachelor degree in linguistics, physics, psychology, special education, speech pathology, science, or a related discipline, followed by a graduate diploma and a Master's degree in audiology.

In Victoria, the Masters of Audiology is offered by [La Trobe University](#), and the [University of Melbourne](#)

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*I've learnt that people  
will forget what you said,  
people will forget what  
you did, but people will  
never forget how you  
made them feel*

*(Maya Angelou)*



## Medical Career Planning



**NSW Health** has compiled an extensive list of extremely useful **fact sheets** to assist students in making more informed career choices about the many careers in the **health industry**, and to ensure their career plans not only fulfil their personal aspirations but also align with the needs of the industry. Students keen on finding out more about **what the job is about, whether or not there is a shortage, etc.** are encouraged to browse the following link on NSW Health - [Medical Career Planning](#)

**NOTE:** While this is a NSW based site, it will give you a lot of general health careers information that is applicable to any state.

UCAT

## UCAT – Entry to Medicine in 2021

UCAT

Year 12 students planning to apply for any of the following university courses listed below, are reminded that registrations for the [UCAT \(University Clinical Aptitude Test\)](#) open on 2 March 2020 and close 11 May 2020. The testing dates will be from 1 July – 31 July 2020.

**Students are to note that the UMAT has been replaced by the UCAT from this year.**

In the meantime, students who are preparing for entry into any of these courses are encouraged to familiarise themselves with the **format of the test** at [UCAT Test Format](#) and the **practice tests and preparation material** provided at [UCAT Preparation](#)

<a href="#">The University of Adelaide</a>	Medicine, Dental Surgery, Oral Health
<a href="#">Curtin University</a>	Medicine
<a href="#">Monash University</a>	Medicine
<a href="#">The University of Newcastle / University of New England</a>	Joint Medical Program
<a href="#">The University of New South Wales</a>	Medicine
<a href="#">The University of Queensland</a>	Medicine (provisional entry), Dental Science
<a href="#">University of Tasmania</a>	Medicine
<a href="#">The University of Western Australia</a>	Medicine (Direct Pathway), Dental Medicine (Direct Pathway)
<a href="#">Western Sydney University</a>	Medicine
<a href="#">The University of Auckland</a>	Medicine
<a href="#">University of Otago</a>	Medicine, Dental Surgery



### Tax File Numbers

Any student will need a tax file number if he/she starts work (part-time and full-time) and all students planning on a tertiary education require one when they start.

Importantly, current Year 12 students are reminded that they will be requested to provide their Tax File Number (TFN) on enrolment to TAFE or university next year, so it is worthwhile getting an application submitted early!

Students must now apply for a TFN online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post office.

To apply and also to find out about participating Post Offices, visit [Apply for a TFN](#)



## Group of Eight Universities

The **Group of Eight (Go8)** is an association of leading Australian universities - comprehensive in general and professional education and distinguished by depth and breadth in research. The **Go8** universities continually aim to -

- enhance the contribution of its member universities to the nation's social, economic, cultural and environmental well-being and prosperity;
- extend the contribution of its member universities to the generation and preservation of the world's stock of knowledge;
- strengthen Australia's capacity to engage in and benefit from global developments, respond to global and local challenges;
- expand opportunities for Australian students, regardless of background, to participate in higher education of world class.

To find out more about the *Group of Eight Universities*, visit [Group of Eight Universities](#)

## Tuckwell Scholarship

Australian National University (ANU) launched the **Tuckwell Scholarship Program** in 2013. Receiving a Tuckwell Scholarship – valued at over \$21,700 per year for the length of an undergraduate degree - is not just about a students' intellect. It is also about their desire and determination to use their natural abilities to realise their full potential so that they can make a difference in the world. All up one could say, **this is no ordinary scholarship!**

Eligible students need to expect an ATAR of 95+ but students who have experienced disadvantage, or who have achieved significantly in other ways, may still be eligible.

Applications open on 4 March 2020 and close on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 3pm Find out more at [Tuckwell Scholarship](#) and [Applying for the Tuckwell Scholarship](#).





## Career as an Optometrist



The [Good Universities Guide - Optometrist](#) states that *Optometrists perform eye examinations to determine the presence of vision problems and other eye conditions and disease. They treat or manage these problems by prescribing glasses, contact lenses, optical aids, vision therapy, medication (in the form of eye drops) or referral to an eye surgeon when required.*

*Optometrists need to have a patient and caring manner; be able to carry out accurate and precise work, have good communication skills, and enjoy helping people.*

To become an optometrist a student usually has to study optometry at university. Alternatively, they can complete a degree in vision science or a relevant area at university, followed by a postgraduate qualification in optometry. Prerequisite subjects, or assumed knowledge, in one or more of English, mathematics, chemistry, biology and physics are normally required. Entry to postgraduate courses usually requires completion of an appropriate bachelor degree. A number of universities in Australia offer these degrees. Universities have different prerequisites, and some have flexible entry requirements.

**Optometry courses on offer in Australia include -**

INSTITUTION	COURSE	ENTRY REQUIREMENTS
<a href="#">Deakin University</a>	Bachelor of Vision Science/Master of Optometry	Units 3 and 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL.
	Master of Optometry	Completion of a Bachelor of Vision Science, or equivalent, with an emphasis on an adequate coverage of vision sciences
<a href="#">Flinders University</a>	Bachelor of Medical Science (Vision Science), Master of Optometry	Assumed knowledge of Maths Methods, Chemistry and Physics
<a href="#">Queensland University of Technology</a>	Bachelor of Vision Science/Master of Optometry	English/EAL, Maths Methods, Chemistry, Physics ATAR 99
<a href="#">University of Melbourne</a>	Doctor of Optometry	An undergraduate degree (or equivalent), and three subjects at second or third year level (or equivalent) in one or more relevant biological science disciplines
<a href="#">University of New South Wales</a>	Bachelor of Vision Science with a Master of Clinical Optometry	English/EAL, Maths Methods, Chemistry, Physics, an ATAR of 98+

## *The University of Melbourne Hansen Scholarship (Year 12s)*

The Hansen Scholarship is a flagship scholarship program at The University of Melbourne. From 2020, The Hansen Scholarship will be awarded to talented undergraduate students whose financial circumstances present a challenge to accessing a first-class education. Recipients will be awarded accommodation, an allowance, and financial and personal support.

Applications open on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2020 and close on 3<sup>rd</sup> of March at 3pm.

It is open to Australian citizens/domestic students and is valued at up to **\$108,000**.

There are approximated 20 scholarships on offer and benefits include:

- Rental/accommodation assistance
- A general allowance
- Fee assistance

For full details and links to the online application, go to

<https://scholarships.unimelb.edu.au/awards/hansen-scholarship>



### **OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS:**

There are many other scholarship available. Check out the following as a starting point and consider applying if you are eligible for them.

- <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/learning/Pages/student-scholarships.aspx>
- Dafydd Lewis Trust Scholarship - <https://www.dafyddlewis.com.au/>
- Doxa Cadetship Program - <https://doxa.org.au/>

There are many other options available for all year levels, so what are you waiting for?

## Steps to becoming an Australian Apprentice!

Apprenticeships are a great way to earn money while you learn your trade! They will give you skills for life and can open up a world of exciting work opportunities.

As the new school year begins, a new wave of students and young people will be thinking about what comes next. For many, this will be an apprenticeship or traineeship.

It is important to remember that there are many pathways to your dream job and that while it may seem a little bit daunting at times, you can break it down into four easy-to-understand steps:

### 1. Research

Researching your options is an important step to take before you start making career and training decisions. This will help you make up your mind about what industries and occupations you are interested in working in.

### 2. Preparation

Now that you've done your research and know which apprenticeship or traineeship you want to do; the next step is to prepare yourself for the job! Consider things like doing a pre-apprenticeship, having a look at wage information, and familiarising yourself with working conditions.

### 3. Job Hunting

There are many ways to find an apprenticeship or traineeship job. Think about contacting employers you already know, using job search sites or registering with a Group Training Organisation. Don't stick to just one method, try them all!

### 4. Sign Up

Every Australian Apprentice must be signed up into a formal training contract shortly after they are employed. To organise a sign up, the employer will need to contact an Australian Apprenticeship Support Network provider, also known as an Apprenticeship Network provider.

Using these steps as a guide, you can start your journey to becoming an Australian Apprentice today! If you would like to learn more about each step, plus heaps more useful information, visit [www.aapathways.com.au/steps](http://www.aapathways.com.au/steps).

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