

# Careers Newsletter

## What is a Speech Pathologist?



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Speech pathologists work with people of all ages who have trouble understanding and talking with other others. They might work with patients to improve their reading and spelling, and teach them how to use technology or other ways to improve their communication skills. Speech pathologists also help people who have trouble swallowing, which can make eating and drinking difficult.

### What skills and strengths are needed?

- Good listening and interpersonal skills
- Enjoy language and communication
- Able to inspire confidence and cooperation
- Enjoy working with people
- A patient and tactful approach to people's problems

### What are the pathways?

Speech pathologists must be university educated either through an accredited Bachelor or Master's degree.

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*“Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.”*

— Malcolm X  
African American revolutionary, Muslim minister, and activist



***There's still time to apply for the UNE Early Entry Program!***

**UNE Early Entry Program**

The UNE direct Early Entry program uses your school's recommendation to guarantee you a course offer, whether or not you're expecting to receive an ATAR.

Round 2 applications are open until 14 October, so there's still time to apply.

The free, direct online application takes about ten minutes to complete and does not require UAC/QTAC application.

Round 2 offers are released on 15 November, and if required, include a place in UNE residential college accommodation.

Visit **UNE Early Entry** for a list of eligible courses and to apply.

**Discover UNE Scholarships for Commencing Students**

If you apply for UNE Early Entry, you can also apply for a range of scholarships to help you throughout your studies.

There are scholarships for students:

- who have achieved high academic results
- who come from rural areas
- studying specific degrees
- in disadvantaged groups
- who excel at sport; and/or
- who live in a residential college.

Molly Northcott- a Carole and Stan Droder Scholarship Recipient, and Mollie Jackson- a Commonwealth Accommodation Scholarship Recipient, speak about their positive experiences as UNE students, and give you their tips for your scholarship applications in the video below.



Scholarship applications open 18 September, so explore which ones you may be eligible for, at **Scholarships for Commencing Students**.



**We invite career advisors to the 10th annual Melbourne International Games Week this October, an event dedicated to showcasing the diverse pathways within the video game sector.**

**Melbourne International Games Week Career Symposium: 3rd & 4th of October.**

As the games industry continues to expand and evolve, it presents an abundance of career opportunities for the next generation. While games are created to provide entertainment, they have created a brand-new industry with new jobs being created daily. From game design and programming to marketing and eSports management, the potential career paths are vast and varied.

Kicking off International Games Week, the Career Symposium is THE one-stop shop for exploring these opportunities firsthand. It's practically a live FAQ forum where students and Career Advisors can find out everything, they need to know about video game careers!



Gain insights into the latest trends and developments in game technology, understand the skills and qualifications required, and discover educational pathways and programs tailored for aspiring students. The event's schedule includes dedicated sessions on career mapping, featuring real success stories from professionals in the industry.

Most importantly, this is a perfect opportunity for students to network with professionals who have already paved their way in the industry and pick up important tips for their own journey. The full program for the event will be released in August, but it's guaranteed to be a diverse schedule that caters to game lovers, budding professionals and Career Advisors alike.

Don't miss this opportunity to help your students kick-start their pathway into a career they'll genuinely love. Book your place at the 2024 Melbourne International Games Week Career Symposium at [gamesweek.melbourne](https://gamesweek.melbourne) now.



## *Start planning if you're Years 9, 10, or 11 and you want to study medicine!*

It takes years of dedication and full-time study to become a doctor so, you need to take a long view when planning your medical pathway, starting in high school. The earlier you start your research and begin immersing yourself in the medical world, the better!

### **School Subjects**

Prerequisite subjects are ones you must study in order to be considered for a course. For medicine, they are often English, Chemistry, Maths and sometimes other sciences. While biology isn't necessarily a prerequisite, studying it at school will help in your first couple of years of medicine as it's the foundation to most of your learning.

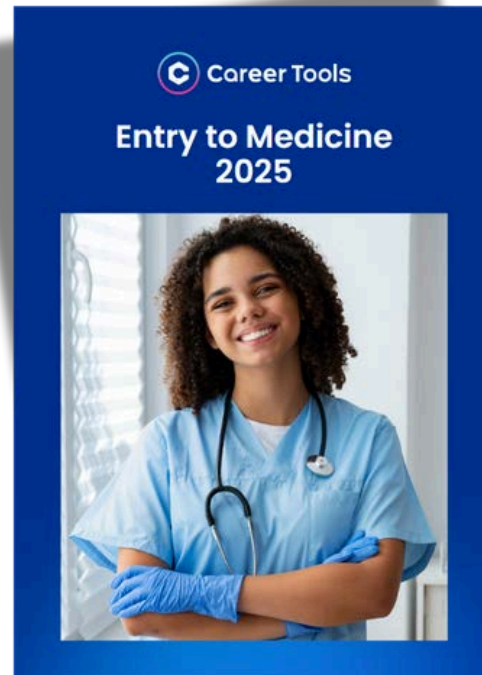
### **University Entry**

If you're really serious about getting into medicine, consider applying for courses Australia-wide. Universities have different entry requirements that can be complicated, so keep track of your progress through the application stages for each one you apply to.

Entry from school is extremely competitive and is generally dependent upon your:

- school results/ATAR,
- test scores/UCAT result, and
- an interview process/MMI.

One reason entry to medicine is so competitive is because the number of applicants always exceeds the number of course places available. This means achieving the minimum entry requirements doesn't guarantee you'll get a course offer.



### **Getting Started**

Our **Entry to Medicine Guide** is the ideal place to start your research. It covers information about:

- the characteristics of medical doctors
- researching your options
- planning your pathway
- applying to courses
- the UCAT
- links to every Australian university's undergraduate medical programs
- plus much more!

You can download it by clicking the image above.

### **Work Experience**

Pursue work experience or volunteering opportunities as they're the most realistic way to judge if this career path will suit you. Getting work experience in the medical industry can be tricky, so persevere.



# 2024 STEM Challenges

*Participate in fun and hands-on weekly challenges on a range of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics topics in October!*



Australian  
National  
University

The competition is organised by the Australian National University (ANU). Registration is essential and will stay open throughout the activity period. The challenges run from 1 - 29 October 2024.

## How it works

- Every Tuesday, challenges are released by email and will be published on the website. You then have the remainder of the week to complete each challenge(s), with answers/photos due on Sunday of the same week.
- Each challenge draws on a different element of STEM and may require you to take photos, answer questions or build/design something to complete it.
- Each week, there will be multiple challenges with different STEM topics released, so you can choose to do one or all of them.

- Only one submission per challenge will be accepted and counted for each participant.
- Each week, the submissions will be judged by a panel of ANU staff.
- Winners are announced on the Tuesday following the submission deadline and will be notified by email and will on ANU's social media pages.

## Prizes

- Winners receive a Winner's Certificate and a prize pack.
- All registrants who submit at least one challenge over the 4 weeks of challenges will also receive a printable online Certificate of Participation from the Australian National University.

**[Click here to register!](#)**



*Do you know a bright Year 8 girl who needs a helping hand to reach her potential? A Harding Miller scholarship could change her life!*



**Apply Now!**

**2025 Harding Miller Scholarships Applications**

**Applications close at 11.59pm on 18 September 2024**

Application Link:

[hardingmillereducationfoundation.org.au](https://hardingmillereducationfoundation.org.au)



## About the Harding Miller Scholarship

The Harding Miller Education Foundation offers life-changing scholarships to young women in Australian public high schools. Applicants must be in Year 8 in 2024 to apply. Each scholarship is valued at \$20,000 over four years from Years 9-12 and provides critical resources and support to enable scholars to not only finish high school, but to reach their academic potential and build direct pathways to tertiary education.

## Who can apply?

The Harding Miller Education Foundation's mission is to bridge the long-term societal gap of opportunity for girls in Australian public high schools.

Girls currently in year 8 and entering year 9 in 2025 are eligible to apply. They must also:

- Experience socio-economic hardship
- Be motivated to achieve
- Have high academic potential

## Apply Now!

Applications close on 18 September for one of the most supportive scholarships available to metropolitan, rural, and regional girls, offering \$20,000 worth of tools and resources. The Harding Miller Scholarships have offered lifechanging opportunities to girls since 2016, with over 1250 scholarship recipients being supported from every State and Territory in Australia. Please [click here](#) to access the application.





It might be hard to believe, but Christmas is just over 4 months away, and what's the first thing everyone thinks of when they hear Christmas? Busy shopping centres. And what do busy shopping centres mean? Demand for Christmas casual employees!

Many retail stores are already taking applications for Christmas casuals including:

- [Kmart](#)
- [Pandora](#)
- [Aesop](#)
- [Peter Alexander](#)
- [David Jones](#)
- [Portmans](#)
- [Jay Jays](#)
- [Smiggle](#)

So even though Christmas might still seem a long way away, if you're in the market for a bit of work over the holiday season, it's go time for applications.

## 1. Have your resume ready

Have your resume ready to go. You'll be applying online and in person so have a couple of printed copies on hand. Don't wait until your favourite stores start advertising before you update your resume because it might take longer than you realise and you could miss your chance.

## 2. Keep an eye out for advertisements

Most large retailers recruit through their websites, but it's still worthwhile keeping an eye out for advertisements in shop windows. Check online job boards and ask your family and friends to let you know if they hear about jobs becoming available, as they might even be able to put in a good word for you.

## 3. Don't be picky with hours

The reality of being a Christmas casual is that you will be working while everyone else is enjoying a break. The upside is that you can earn 'penalty rates' which means you are paid a higher hourly rate than usual.

## 4. Be ready to learn quickly

Christmas casuals are brought in to cover a busy period so you need to pick up the role quickly if you want to keep getting shifts. That doesn't mean you should take shortcuts, but the faster you learn, the better.

## 5. Don't limit yourself

Just because you've never worked in retail before doesn't mean you shouldn't apply for a position, and the same rule applies to other common Christmas casual jobs. Don't narrow your options out of fear of trying something new.





## 2025 Storyfest Writing Competitions Now Open!

### Storyfest National Novella Writing Competition

- Write a novella of between 8,000 and 20,000 words.
- Have it judged by an expert panel.
- Winners from each State are flown to the Gold Coast to enjoy Storyfest in April 2025 and will also receive a cash prize!

### Somerset National Poetry Prize

- Write a poem of no more than 50 lines.
- The winner in each category receives \$300 plus flights to the Gold Coast to attend the Somerset Storyfest in April 2025!

Both competitions are open to ALL current secondary students who are Australian citizens or permanent residents attending school in Australia, and under 19 years of age as of the competition closing date of Friday 6 December 2024.

*Three wonderful opportunities for serious student writers, encouraging you in your literary growth - and there are some fantastic prizes on offer!*

### Be a Storyfest Youth Ambassador

Applications are open to students with an interest in storytelling and community service. This unique opportunity includes participating in Australia's premier youth writer's festival. You will get to pitch your ideas and feedback in order to make our festival and activations better than ever.

#### **Your role**

- Provide feedback on Storyfest events.
- Participate in promotional activities.
- Be involved in the development of new ideas to make Storyfest great.

#### **Benefits**

- Acknowledged as Youth Ambassador on the Storyfest website.
- Community service hours.
- Written reference.
- Get a behind the scenes look at Storyfest.
- VIP guest at the Literary Long Table.

#### **Eligibility**

Applications are open to all secondary school students who demonstrate initiative and attention to detail and are prepared to give up time to regularly volunteer.





Get involved in these extra-curricular challenges and competitions to pursue your passions, build your skills, and develop your portfolio. All are free (unless otherwise stated), and many offer amazing prizes!

### ACMF National Songwriting Competition

Get inspired, get creative, and put pen to paper to enter your original song. There are some amazing prizes to be won from a pool of \$30,000!

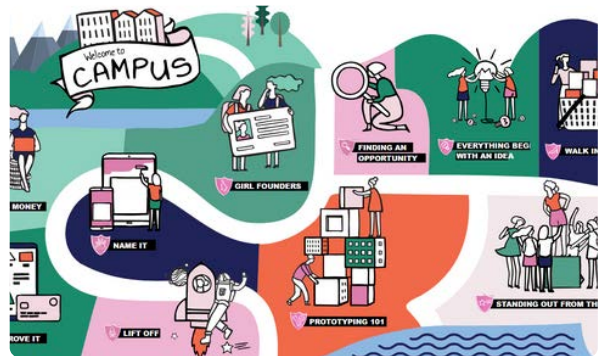
- Open to: Students in all year levels
- Dates: Closes 16 September 2024



### Enterprising Girl of the Year

Complete all 10 eLearning modules and you could be at Parliament House on 9 October pitching your idea to innovative leaders, plus more cool prizes!

- Open to: school-aged girls
- Dates: closes 20 September 2024



### The KSP Poetry Competition

Entries must be original and unpublished. All poetry styles and themes are acceptable; maximum 50 line count.

- Open to: 10-17 year-olds
- Dates: Closes 2.00pm AWST, 25.09.24



### Bell Shakespeare Festival

Make a short film about or inspired by Shakespeare that also reflects your school or community.

- Open to: Students in all year levels
- Dates: Closes 27 September 2024

# BELL SHAKESPEARE SHORTS FESTIVAL