

# Careers Newsletter

## What is a Midwife?



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You don't need to be married or even be a woman to be a midwife, but you do need to be fascinated by the miracle of birth. Midwives practice midwifery, the profession that provides care, education, advice, and support to women and their families during pregnancy, labour and birth. They also provide postnatal care to women and babies in the early weeks following birth.

### What skills and strengths are needed?

Midwives must be good communicators who can work as part of a team. They need to use initiative and take responsibility in emergencies, so being able to work under pressure in a stressful environment is key.

### What are the pathways?

You usually have to study midwifery at university as either a single degree or a double degree (usually combined with nursing). If you're already a registered nurse, you can become a midwife through postgraduate study.

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*"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit."*

— Aristotle, Ancient Greek philosopher and polymath.



## What is National Careers Week?

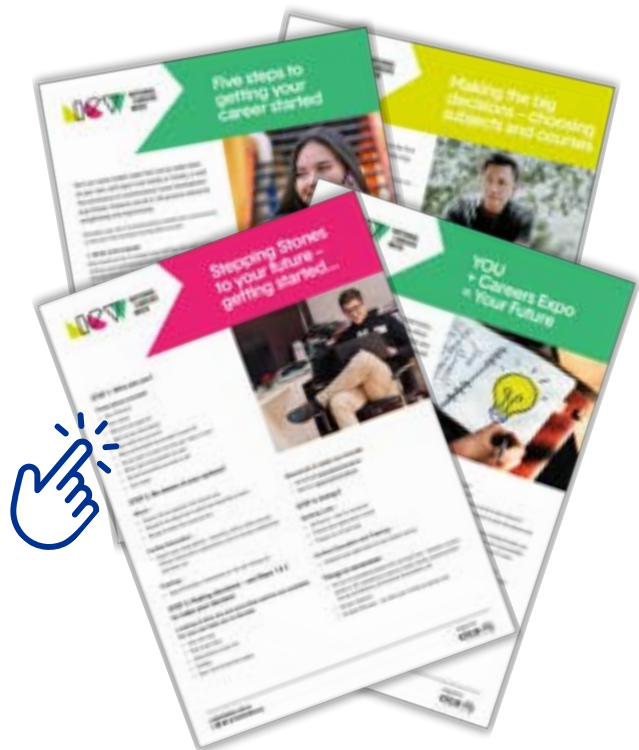
National Careers Week is an initiative of the [Career Industry Council of Australia](#). It celebrates careers, career development, career development services, and career development practitioners and promotes career development's economic, social and personal benefits.

## What is career development?

***Ultimately, career development is about much more than jobs – it is about how to live your life.***

Career development is a process of managing learning, work and leisure to progress through life. It includes gaining and using the skills and knowledge needed to plan and make informed decisions about education, training, and work. Everyday decisions and priorities affect career development. A positive approach to career development begins when you raise your aspirations, challenge stereotypes, broaden your horizons, stay open to learning, and get curious about careers!

National Careers Week is your one-stop shop for exploring career education, information and guidance. It connects you with fantastic [resources](#) and [events](#) to help you achieve your dream job, like these fact sheets:



Take charge of your future and invest in your career development. Participate in [National Careers Week](#) to help you on your journey towards a fulfilling career.



## Ever wonder about life after high school?

Whether you have a dream career in mind, or have no clue what to do, super charged with AI, Career Copilot can help you build a real career plan based on your skills, strengths and passions.

### Your journey starts here

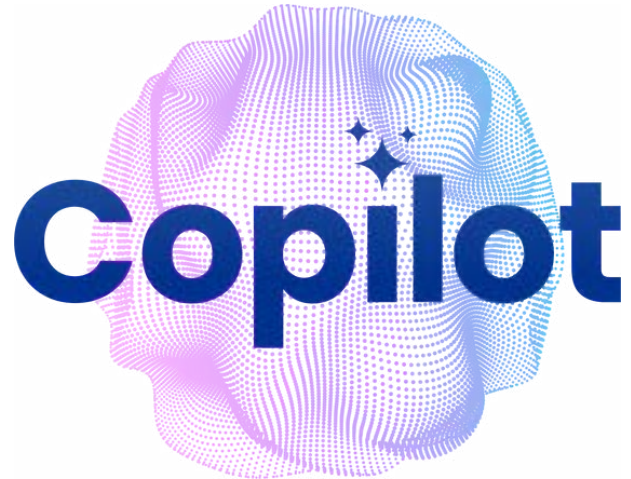
Kickstart your career discovery journey with an interactive and fun quiz to create an action plan to help you discover and develop a pathway to a career you're passionate about.



### Start planning your future

Getting into your dream career could be easier than you think with Career Copilot:

- **Discover:** Take our personality profiler to uncover your unique skills and strengths, so that we can match you with jobs you'll love.
- **Explore:** Learn more about careers matched to your unique strengths and forecasted skills.



- **Favourite:** Pick the occupation that interests you the most.
- **Plan:** Click 'activate plan' to get a step-by-step guide to reach your dream career.
- **Customise:** Add your own action items, explore and favourite post-school courses, and create your professional profile known as your 'wallet'.



Just log into your your Career Tools account to start planning!







It's no secret that Artificial Intelligence skills will be crucial for the future of work, study and life, which is why Year13 has teamed up with AI experts at Microsoft & KPMG to create **AI Amplified** - an e-learning program to teach you everything you need to know!

Whether you're a student or teacher, AI Amplified is your launchpad to learn the knowledge and skills you need to get started in just four modules:

**AI Unlocked:** Is an AI 101 that explores what AI is, and the basics of responsible and ethical use.

**Nail your job hunt:** Shows you how to use AI for professional development by curating the perfect resume or cover letter, and creating practice interview questions and responses.

**Ace your next assessment:** Delves into writing effective prompts so you can use AI as your study buddy for everything from creating thought starters, to proof reading your final product

**Organise your life:** Demonstrates how AI can help elevate your everyday, with things like budgeting, planning itineraries, and meal prep!

***Young women who complete AI Amplified can register their interest to attend a women in tech networking event at KPMG Sydney!***



**[Click here](#)** to start AI Amplified now!



# Will an Accounting Career Suit You?

*No matter how niche your passion, you can turn it into a profession with an accounting career.*

Thinking of building the next viral app, throwing the coolest music festivals, or changing the world with your own not-for-profit?

You can turn what you love into what you do every day, and our new **Guide to Accounting Careers** shows you how.

*Download your copy of our new guide to kickstart your career!*



## Discover:

- **Why accounting is your golden ticket:** Find out how an accounting career can set you up for living your best life.
- **The many faces of accounting:** Who knew there were so many cool types of accountants? Discover the role that screams 'you'!
- **Is accounting for you?:** Help to figure out if accounting is your calling.
- **From classroom to boardroom:** The steps to take from your school gates all the way to landing that coveted Chartered Accountant title.
- **Choosing the right course:** Not all accounting courses are created equal, so learn what to look out for.
- **Kickstart your career now:** Why wait? Ways to get a head start in the accounting world now!





## What is the Australian Signals Directorate?

The Australian Signals Directorate (ASD) is an Australian Government agency specialising in foreign signals intelligence and cyber security. It protects the safety and wellbeing of Australians by intercepting and analysing foreign communications on issues of national interest, including international terrorism and cybercrime, and countering cyber threats.



## Get the right skills by studying STEM

Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) school subjects open pathways to cybersecurity careers by honing your problem-solving, technical, analytical, and creative powers - essential for understanding and solving national security challenges.

## Bring your STEM skills to life

Test your skills with ASD-designed challenges. Access them any time for free on the [ASD puzzles and challenges page](#).

## Year 6 - 12 Girls' Programming Network

If you're interested in computers and technology and would like to meet other girls with these interests, this extra-curricular program might be for you.

## ASD CyberEXP

A free, self-paced interactive course for high school students to experience a cyber-security incident response operation.

## ASD Cyber Security and Robotics Work Experience Program

A week-long program for Year 11-12 (and high-achieving Year 10) students at the Australian Signals Directorate in Canberra. Interstate students are encouraged to apply and will receive assistance with transportation costs.

## Start your career at Australian Signals Directorate

ASD's apprenticeship and cadetship programs give you the opportunity to do unique and rewarding paid work while you get a tertiary qualification. Learn more about entry-level programs on ASD's [I'm starting my career page](#).



*In an industry that's expanding as rapidly as our need for connectivity, careers with the NBN are varied, valuable, and vital!*



*Discover career pathways with the NBN from post-school beginnings to potential university endeavors - with the added advantage of earning while you learn for some roles.*



Explore what it's like to be a Network Engineer and Field Technician in the [Year13 x NBN Network Engineer Virtual Work Experience](#). See how you can play a role in connecting the nation and crafting the digital pathways that drive businesses, education, and innovation.

Throughout the experience be immersed in:

- Network architecture that serves as the backbone of Australia's digital landscape.
- Strategic thinking behind network technology innovation roadmaps.
- Day-to-day adventures of connecting customers to the NBN.
- Art of troubleshooting as you learn to pinpoint and resolve faults, ensuring seamless connectivity.
- Upon completion, you'll receive a certificate to add to your resume.

Visit this [Virtual Work Experience](#) to see where a career with the NBN can take you!





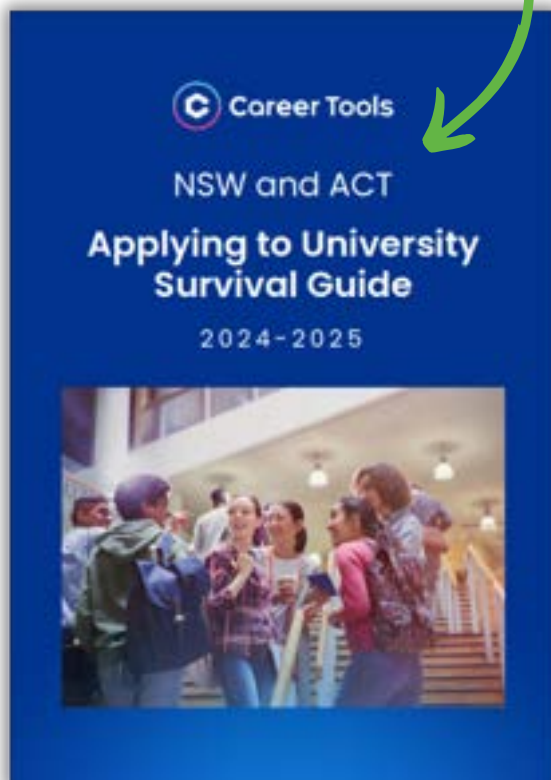


## UAC - Universities Admissions Centre for NSW and ACT institutions

Applications are open for applicants from NSW and ACT. IB and interstate students can apply from 1st August. Domestic applicants also unlock access to the:

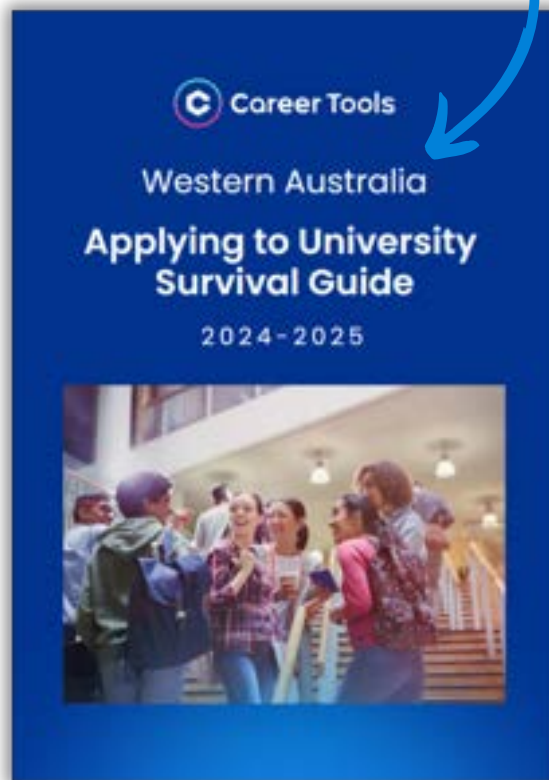
- [Educational Access Scheme](#)
- [Equity Scholarships](#)
- [Schools Recommendation Scheme](#)

So if you're interested in applying to a university in NSW or the ACT, download your interactive survival guide to get started.



## TISC - Tertiary Information Service Centre for WA institutions

Applications to Curtin University, Edith Cowan University (except for WA Academy of Performing Arts), Murdoch University and The University of Western Australia are open and must be made through TISC. Whether you're from WA or interstate, check prerequisites for each institution [here](#) and download your interactive survival guide for all the information you need to apply, including for the [Educational Access Scheme](#).





## BELL SHAKESPEARE.

*Interested in a career as a performer and attend school in a regional area? Audition for the John Bell Scholarship.*

### **John Bell Scholarship**

A life-changing opportunity for budding performers, three students from across Australia will spend one incredible week training with Bell Shakespeare in Sydney. Winners undertake acting masterclasses with Bell Shakespeare artists, observe rehearsals, receive specialist training, see live theatre, and more.

### **Eligibility**

Applicants must be 16 or older by 31 December 2024 and be enrolled in a regional high school full-time in 2024.

### **Selection**

Auditions are a 15-minute Workshop Audition with a Bell Shakespeare artist where students perform a prepared monologue from the [2024 monologue list](#). Auditions are in person and via Zoom.

### **Applications - open throughout Term 2**

Register for your audition by completing the [online registration form](#) and prepare using the [Tips For Auditionees](#). Students from CALD backgrounds are strongly encouraged to apply.



*Twelve students from across Australia will be selected to join the Company and go behind the scenes to discover how a working theatre company operates.*

### **Work Experience Program 28 October – 1 November 2024**

Students in Year 10 and 11 are invited to apply for Work Experience at Bell Shakespeare HQ in Sydney. The program provides insight into the entire process of making and producing theatre. Students learn about production, casting, design, rehearsals, marketing, box office, fundraising, education and administration. They see live theatre, explore backstage, undertake group projects, listen to panel discussions, interview staff and participate in practical workshops.

### **Applications close 30 June 2024, 11.59pm**

Students with interest in a range of theatremaking aspects are strongly encouraged to apply. Regional/interstate students may apply but incur their own travel and accommodation costs.



# UC Creative Competition

in partnership with Adobe

*Whether it is a school-related assignment, or a project you created in your own time, enter your work for an opportunity to win study grants towards a Faculty of Arts and Design degree, as well as a range of Adobe products and cash prizes!*

## Major prizes

- 12-month study grant towards a degree from the Faculty of Arts and Design plus \$500 cash.

## Runner up prizes

- Semester study grants towards a degree from the Faculty of Arts and Design.
- \$300 cash prize for each runner up category winner.
- 12-month Adobe student subscription.
- Mentoring session with an Adobe expert.
- Adobe merchandise apparel.
- Edii Maker2Market online experience.

## People's choice award

- Cash prize plus the esteemed title of People's Choice.

Need inspiration for your submission?  
Check out the previous galleries!  
[2021 Winners](#); [2022 Winners](#); [2023 Winners](#).



## UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA

The UC Creative Competition celebrates the creativity of Year 11 and 12 students from across the country. Participating students stand a chance to win a full year's tuition and semester study grants towards an Arts and Design degree at UC, and cash prizes for each competition category. Each work will be published in UC's competition gallery and open to voting for the annual People's Choice Award.

Submissions to this competition can be used to form part of the participating student's portfolio to gain entry into any of the Faculty of Arts and Design degrees. Learn more about [portfolio entry here](#).

## Key dates

- 1 May – Submissions open
- 25 September – Submissions close
- 23 October – Voting opens
- 6 November – Voting closes
- 13 November – Winners announced

Be sure to read the [participation guide](#) and full [terms and conditions](#) before you enter.



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!

### **Future Leaders Writing Prize**

Recognises talented young writers and encourages expressive writing. The winner receives \$1,000! Submissions can be on any topic, 800 to 1000 words.

- Open to: Year 11 and 12 students.
- Dates: now – 1st June 2024.



### **Future Leaders Photography Prize**

The Future Leaders Photography Prize recognises talented young photographers. Submit one digital photo on any theme. The award winner receives \$1000.

- Open to: Year 12 students.
- Dates: now – 1st June 2024.



### **Little Stories Big Ideas**

In 100 words or less, write your story incorporating the theme 'Tomorrow', then fill out the entry form and you're in! Enter as many times as you like, even anonymously.

- Open to: Year 7 –12 students.
- Dates: now – 38th June 2024.



### **Canvas Art Competition**

If you have a knack for drawing, painting or using creative digital mediums, you're invited to interpret the brief into an illustrated scene.

- Open to: Year 9 –12 students.
- Dates: now – 30th June 2024.

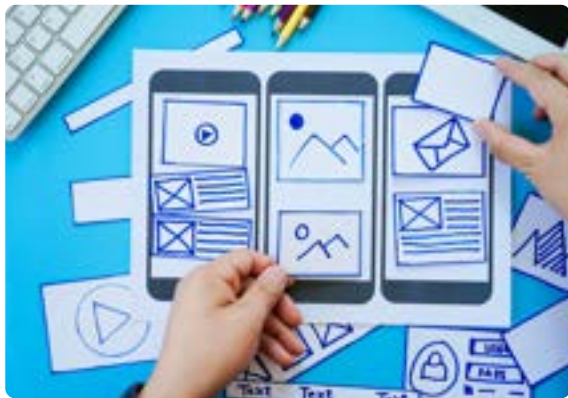


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### Creative Futures Design Competition

Collarts invites budding young creatives to enter their annual design competition, with the chance to win prizes to help you make your creative dream a reality.

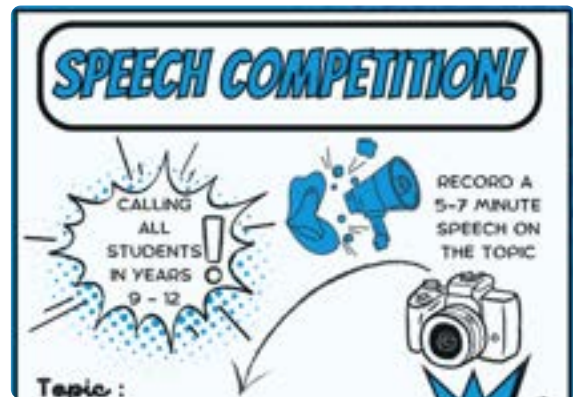
- Open to: Year 10 -12 students.
- Dates: now - 21st July 2024.



### Robert Menzies Speech Competition

Theme: 'That is the great work of migration, building a nation'. How has post-war immigration contributed to Australia's development and prosperity?

- Open to: Year 9 - 12 students.
- Dates: now - 14th July 2024.



### Mathematics and Statistics Competition

Use your creativity and problem-solving skills to make choices about how best to answer the research question you choose. Enter individually or as a team.

- Open to: Grade 5 -Year 12 students.
- Dates: now - 31st July 2024.



### Wool 4 School Design Competition

Create a unique design from 70% Merino wool. From fashion design to architecture, visual arts, and beyond - there are no limits to your area of design.

- Open to: Year 7 -12 students.
- Dates: now - 25th July 2024.

