

What to do if your UAI isn't high enough

Remember that the UAC 2008 Guide has this year's cut off scores and the scores may be different for you for 2008 entry.

AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

- **uniTEST-** ANU is offering an extra way into many undergraduate degrees through uniTEST, a test of aptitude for university study. If you have an UAI and would like to improve your chances for admission to ANU you can sit this 150 minute test for free on Monday 7 January 2008 at the ANU campus. No preparation is required. To take advantage of this opportunity you must register before 2 January 2008.

The test will not replace the UAI or Entrance Rank as the primary admission criterion but ANU may use it as an additional criterion to fill vacancies in selected degree programs. For example, **the test may be used to identify students with a higher UAI who have potential for admission to a program such as Law but do not have the necessary published UAI or Entrance Rank.** <http://www.anu.edu.au/sas/admission/admissiontest/index.php>

- **An Associate Degree** is a qualification delivered by **ANU College** and accredited by ANU. Students who successfully complete the Associate Degree will gain credit towards an ANU Bachelor Degree. To be eligible for entry, you must have completed Year 12 (or equivalent) or be aged 21 years or more and be an Australian citizen. ANU College Tel: 6125 5000 Email: associate.degree@anucollege.com.au
- **ANU Special Entry Programs** are available for Engineering and IT degrees. Up to 5 Maths Bonus points are given to students who have done well in Maths Methods or who have passed Specialist Maths. Students will be automatically assessed for the bonus points if they have registered their preference through UAC. <http://feit.anu.edu.au/it/>.

ANU Student Advisory Day Thursday 20th December 10am-3pm Melville Hall, ANU

UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA

- **The University of Canberra College "UC-START" Scheme.** You can enrol for two subjects of your chosen degree and if you pass, you are then able to continue as a normal student in that degree. As a guide, a UAI of 60 is required but if you can demonstrate a likelihood of success you may be accepted. Costs \$0 - \$2950 and FEE HELP is available. <http://www.canberra.edu.au/college/australian/uc-start>
- **The University of Canberra College "UC CONNECT" Scheme.** This is a one semester pathway program. You will study two preparation subjects focusing on the development of skills needed to study successfully at the university. As a guide, a UAI of 55 is expected or C average. Fees for UC Connect are \$0 - \$1030 and you may use FEE HELP. <http://www.canberra.edu.au/college/australian/uc-connect>

University of Canberra College Information sessions – Thursday evenings December 20th, January 10th, 17th, 24th 6pm. Building 22 Level B Room 19

CIT

- **Enrol in a course at CIT.** Many of these courses lead to a related degree course at university. You can buy the CIT handbook at newsagents or go to the CIT website. www.cit.act.edu.au. There are two types of courses.

"Postal Application" courses (due last October) may take late applications but apply NOW for any vacancies.

The "Direct enrolment" courses will be advertised in The Canberra Times on Saturday 19 January 2008. The advertisement will tell you the date, time and place for you to enrol.

- **Study Year 12 at CIT.** The ACT Year 12 (with awarding of a UAI) can be studied at CIT over one year. It is a Direct Enrolment course and will be advertised on Saturday 19th January. You must be 18 years of age to apply for this course

OTHER POSSIBILITIES

- **Make a direct approach to the university you wish to attend.** If a your' UAI' is not too far below what is required, it is always worthwhile speaking to the Admissions Officer or Faculty Head about entry in the final round of offers and even later. If vacancies still exist within a course there may be a chance of entry e.g. many students defer next year. A letter of recommendation from the college testifying to the student's potential to succeed at university is highly recommended.
- **Regional Universities.** You can still change your preferences with UAC for the Main Round of offers up until 4 January. Don't forget that regional universities often have lower UAI entry scores e.g. Charles Darwin Uni
- **Apply for mid year entry.** Apply through UAC from April to about the end of May for a July start at university.
- There are special entry procedures for **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students** – contact the tertiary institution directly.
- **Fee Paying Courses.** There are private colleges in the ACT which provide many different courses e.g. Australian Business Academy (not just Business) www.aba.edu.au , Australian International Hotel School www.aihs.edu.au , Academy of Interactive Entertainment www.aie.edu.au , ACT College of Natural Therapies www.actcollegeofnaturaltherapies.com.au , Australian Security Education and Consulting ph.02 62584753 and the Australian Institute of Fitness www.aif.edu.au . The UAI required for entry may be lower or not used but the costs can be considerably higher. However, the courses are often quicker to complete and FEE HELP may be available. Lake Tuggeranong College does not in any way endorse these colleges and is providing the information with the expectation that you will investigate the colleges and courses that you are interested in.
- Return to College and choose the appropriate Board of Senior Secondary Studies package e.g. repeat student, older student, mature age student. Complete a year of study and improve your UAI.

NB. Repeating Year 12 to gain entry to a highly competitive course may not be the best choice as some universities look at the student's UAIs from both years and the more recent one stands even if it is worse than the previous one. Generally if a student gets any university offer at all it is better to take it up than repeat Year 12.

The above alternative methods are a guide only. **Advice about them should be sought from each the tertiary institution.**

Realise that there are many worthwhile futures and possibilities that do not involve studying at university.