Do you want to change careers or upgrade your qualifications? Now is the time!

Consider studying at RMIT Hamilton and join our growing number of bachelor, short course and post graduate students. This special edition of the 2008 e-news features a number of opportunities to study, provided by your local university.

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REAL ESTATE COURSES
Places limited and filling fast!

Real Estate

Course in Property (Agents’ Representatives) and Certificate IV in Property (Real Estate Agency Practice)
RMIT University is offering two new real estate programs in Hamilton from 2008.

Both provide the knowledge and skills required by law to practise in Australia, with the convenience of being delivered in Hamilton through face-to-face learning.

If you are interested in starting an exciting career in real estate as an agent or agent's representative, apply now to secure your place. Hurry, as places are limited and are going fast!

For more information about this course, please contact Marilyn Lyons, Learning Centre Coordinator on 5572 0502 or email marilyn.lyons@rmit.edu.au

Nursing and Midwifery

Graduate Certificate in Gerontology
The Graduate Certificate in Gerontology is a distance education program with coursework and information available online to enable you to pace yourself to complete the course at times that suit you.

Gerontology has become an exceedingly popular area of study due to an ageing population with many career opportunities available within the Aged Care Nursing sector.

Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing
The Graduate Diploma in Mental Health Nursing is a mixed mode distance education program, involving both online and face-to-face delivery of the program.

The need for qualified Mental Health Nurses has been identified in this region. The successful completion of this course would give you the skills and knowledge required for a successful career in this field.

For more information about this course, please contact Kerry McMullan on 5572 0551 or kerry.mcmullan@rmit.edu.au

Education

Master of Education
The Master of Education and Master of Arts by Research is normally awarded for a thesis or project based on original research that contributes to knowledge in the area investigated.

Research Degrees by Project combine a traditional research methodology and skill base with a contemporary understanding of organisations and professional practice in the workplace.

Key characteristics of the by-Project mode include industry partnership, collaboration, research linked to action, positive change for the organisation and individual, and action learning/action research approaches within a project framework.

For more information contact David Forrest, Program Manager, on 9925 4920 or email david.forrest@rmit.edu.au

Nursing and Midwifery

Graduate Certificate in Laboratory Health, Safety and Environmental Management Systems
The Graduate Certificate in Laboratory Health, Safety and Environmental Management Systems program is a specialist qualification for graduates from professions including human resources, legal staff, laboratory/facilities managers, scientists and architects. The specific hazards likely to be identified in laboratories include some chemical hazards, and specific biological hazards.

The new qualification has been developed in response to the Australian biotechnology and other industries identifying a training requirement for laboratory workers and supervisors who must meet health, safety and environmental regulatory standards in quite specialised areas.

The program may be delivered in a number of ways including: classroom, flexible delivery (for example Saturday classes), workplace, independent research and study, or any combination of the above. Where possible, participants will be exposed to real work environments, examples and case studies.
The RMIT JD is a versatile qualification for those seeking admission to the legal profession or for professionals who want to enhance their current career options. RMIT's close connection to industry, the use of innovative online teaching methods and the incorporation of practice-based face-to-face sessions all contribute to offer students a flexible way to study law.

Students can determine their own study load each semester. In addition to units taught in the program online the program also provides the rich experience of face-to-face workshops, mock tribunals, moot court activities and mock negotiation activities across four of the units of the program.

The RMIT JD is accredited with the Council of Legal Education of Victoria and recognised as being a law program which can lead to legal practice. After graduating from the JD, students are able to pursue legal practice through the completion of an Articles of Clerkship with a law firm or a Practical Training Course.

For more information about the support and facilities available to students in Hamilton, please contact Bernadette Delahunty on bernadette.delahunty@rmit.edu.au or phone 5572 0500 or email Bernadette.delahunty@rmit.edu.au.

For details of income support for this program see http://www.rmit.edu.au/browse;ID=6bohy46vjk9

This course has three enrolment intakes during 2008; 15 February, 27 June and 31 August. For more information see www.open.edu.au/wps/portal

Information Sessions

RMIT University Postgraduate Expo
7 February 2008, 4.30pm
RMIT Storey Hall, 336 Swanston Street (near La Trobe St corner), Melbourne
The Expo will provide general information, a return to study workshop, assistance with applications, and more.

MBA Information Evenings
Thursday 24 January 2008, 6.00pm
Graduate School of Business, Level 11, 239 Bourke Street, Melbourne

Further Online and Distance Education Courses
Find details at http://www.rmit.edu.au/programs/types/distance

Local Facilities to aid Study

What is available to me locally if I study through RMIT?
If you choose to study a course through RMIT University, the facilities at RMIT University in Hamilton will be made available to you, giving you help and support throughout your studies.

RMIT students in Hamilton have access to computers, study rooms and the student lounge twenty four hours per day, seven days per week. The modern facilities are fully supported by the Administration team and the Information Technology Officer who are available to assist students five days a week during business hours.

Hamilton students have the ability to tap into a rich academic and research culture on site, through interaction with other university students and staff – which is not available to students when studying at home alone. Students also have direct access to their tutors in Melbourne via an internal phone line and video conferencing technology, which helps to bridge the gap students sometimes find when studying online or via distance education.

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