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A visit to the Sunshine Coast Careers Expo is one of the best ways of collecting the information you require to make that important decision on what careers, study or employment directions you will take in the future.

If you cannot decide on what study to take up, consider your options - can I defer, can I get into my first preference via another pathway, can I improve my grades so I can get into my first preference or take a gap year and go overseas and/or work? If you have more than one career goal in mind, it may be beneficial for you to complete a form for each.

**This worksheet will aid you in asking the right questions to get you where you want to go!**

**Complete what you can below and take this with you to the Sunshine Coast Careers Expo to speak with exhibitors.**

**Career Choice:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. What level of training course or study program do you need to complete in order to commence your career in this field?

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2. Are there any alternative pathways to get into this career?

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3. How much credit can you get from previous studies?

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4. Which organisations or institutions offer courses for this career area?

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5. Are there any pre-requisites required for this course e.g.: chemistry or biology?

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6. If you do not have the necessary pre-requisites, is it possible to do a bridging course?

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7. Where are these organisations located e.g.: local, elsewhere in Queensland, interstate or overseas?

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8. What modes of study options are available e.g.: full time, part time, online, distance learning?

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9. How do different institutions compare? Compare TAFE to private providers or compare different universities offering the same study program.

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10. How long will it take to complete the course? What is the institutions policy on deferment?

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11. What is the name of the qualification when you complete the course eg: Certificate, Diploma, Bachelor degree or postgraduate diploma or other?

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12. How much will the course cost in total?

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13. Are there any other associated costs eg: books, equipment, lab materials?

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14. What fee support is available? Are scholarships available and if so, how do you apply?

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When are the cut off dates for scholarship submission?

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15. What are the employment prospects after completing the course?

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16. What is the average salary in the first year working in your chosen career?

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Other study related questions you may like to give some thought to are:

### **Enrolling**

How do I enroll in a program? Do I have to apply through QTAC and what is the cutoff date? Are there any other entry requirements e.g.: submission of a portfolio for art degrees, or are there auditions (usually for music or drama programs) and what are the deadlines for these?

### **Living expenses**

If you must move away from home to study, what are your options?

Residential colleges – how do you apply, cost associated.

Rental accommodation – share with friends, cost of rental properties (rent and bond), utility costs (phone, electricity etc.), food and travel costs.

### **Student Services**

What type of student services are available at each institution, is there assistance with finding accommodation and/or work, what social clubs are available and what other type of support services are available. What are the benefits of student union membership?

As you can see, there are almost endless possibilities and opportunities, but it is up to you to make the best choice for your future! Good Luck!