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UNIVERSITY PATHWAYS

VICTORIAN UNIVERSITY ENTRY PATHWAYS FOR STUDENTS IN THE VCE
VM OR NO SCORED VCE



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Introduction

This resource has been created for schools, teachers, career practitioners and most importantly students studying in the Victorian Certificate of Education Vocational Major (VCE VM) who may want to pathway into university. Included in this resource are all universities in Victoria, with the exception of The University of Melbourne (who do not have a pathway), and their pathways into university where no ATAR is required. Additionally, there are a number of interstate universities included as they either have locations within Victoria or are universities close to the border of Victoria.

This resource is a whole new addition from the 2023 booklet, as it was clear that universities have realised the potential for students coming from the VCE VM and no longer view the ATAR as the only way to enter into university. There are now literally hundreds of pathways into university around Australia for those who do not have an ATAR. This is an exciting result for our students!

This resource could be given to students in Year 10, 11 or 12 during subject selection, through careers teachers, and/or in the VCE VM study Work Related Skills Unit 1 and 2. Further, this resource could be given to leadership and parents as a way to highlight alternative pathways into university that do not require an ATAR.

Important considerations

When considering whether to pathway into university from the VCE VM or no scored ATAR it is important to consider that many of the universities in this resource spoke of both a special entry access scheme and a personal statement as part of their application process.

Special Entry Access Scheme

What is the Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS)?

If there have been circumstances that have affected your study, you should consider putting in an equity schemes & scholarships application. It is designed to make sure institutions get a sense of your full potential and it enables institutions to consider the circumstances you have experienced and their impact upon your studies when making selection decisions.

- It helps institutions understand your full potential by considering the circumstances you have experienced.
- It allows institutions to grant special consideration for course entry.
- It does not exempt you from meeting the institutional and course requirements.

Personal Statement

What is the VTAC Personal Statement?

The VTAC Personal Statement is available for applicants to provide to selection officers relevant information that is not collected as part of the VTAC course application. It allows you to provide information about your:

- Motivation for study
- Work experience
- Community experience
- Academic performance
- Languages other than English
- Other relevant information

You may outline any circumstances that have affected your academic performance in your VTAC Personal Statement; however, if you have experienced any circumstances of disadvantage you should also consider submitting the [Equity schemes \(SEAS\) and scholarships](#) application.

Australian Catholic University



Locations outside of Victoria and relevant to information:

- N.S.W – Blacktown

Admission Pathways

Current Year 12 or recently finished (under 21)

Foundation Studies

No ATAR required and guaranteed entry into a range of ACU undergraduate degrees if you achieve the entry score required for your degree. This fee-free program will prepare you for study at ACU by immersing you in university life while introducing you to a range of foundation units. While this program is currently only offered to domestic students at our Blacktown and Melbourne campuses, it will act as a pathway to degrees at any of our campuses.

You can explore the full list of courses available at ACU on our [course browser](#).

Entry requirements

To apply for this program for 2025, you must:

- not have an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) or not have achieved an adequate ATAR or equivalent for entry to ACU
- have completed Year 11 and be at least 18 years of age by the [census date](#)
- not have completed other eligible qualifications that meet the minimum entry requirements for entry to ACU.

Course commitment

The course is offered over three 10-week terms. Each term is followed by an exam week and a 2 week break week.

- FS Term 2: 18 hours of scheduled classes per week
- FS Term 3: 16 hours of scheduled classes per week
- FS Term 4: 11-13 hours of scheduled classes per week

Note: This course has been reviewed for 2026 entry. Please check for changes to delivery dates, information about accelerated program maps and entry requirements in August 2025.

Vocational education and training (VET) pathways

VET graduates from ACU education partners are eligible for credit and/or guaranteed entry to our undergraduate courses.

ACU list of partnership institutions include:

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- Box Hill Institute (Victoria)
- Canberra Institute of Technology (ACT)
- TAFE NSW
- TAFE QLD
- Private RTOs

Application

Get your application underway using the step-by-step guide below. You can check the following:

- Confirm if your VET or TAFE institution is an education partner - To see if your VET provider is one of our partners, you can search our [articulation database](#).
- See what courses you can apply for.
- Apply directly with ACU or through a relevant Tertiary Admissions Centre (TAC).

***Note:** You must have completed or be about to complete your VET qualification to be eligible for applying to articulate to ACU.*

Investigate selection ranks

If your VET provider is not formally partnered with ACU, you will need to apply through a TAC. As part of this application, your VET qualification will be assigned a selection rank. This scenario also applies in one of the following cases:

- You are a Year 12 applicant with a competency-based and graded AQF certificate III.
- You have completed or are completing a competency-based and graded AQF certificate IV.
- You have an AQF diploma and sub-degree study based on level, duration and grade point average.

***Note:** We currently only consider AQF certificate III studies for Year 12 applicants. This qualification can be given a selection rank separate from (but used in addition to) an ATAR or OP selection rank.*

Consider additional pathways

You can boost your application's chance of success by combining your VET qualification with evidence of work experience and/or by taking our Special Tertiary Admissions Test. For more information, visit the work experience pathways page.

[Find out more about the work experience pathway](#)

Charles Darwin University



Locations outside of Victoria and relevant to information:

- N.T - Danala | Education and Community Precinct in Darwin City & Casuarina

Pathway Courses

Courses dependant on student context

Tertiary Enabling Program (TEP)

Tertiary Enabling Program (TEP) is a free alternative pathway into university that can help you meet entry requirements for a range of undergraduate degrees while building your study skills and confidence. This program is for those that don't have an ATAR or meet entry requirements. TEP can be studied online, on campus, part-time, or full-time. Once you have completed TEP, you can apply for most undergraduate courses at CDU. You can go on to apply to study nursing, midwifery, education, law, psychology, engineering (additional preparatory studies in maths may be required), social work and more.

***Note:** From Semester 2 2025 delivery of this course will move from Casuarina campus to Danala | Education and Community Precinct in Darwin City.*

Duration

0.5 year/s full-time – 16 weeks

1 year/s part-time

Intake

Semester 1, Semester 2, Summer Semester

Important Dates

Entry requirements

To be eligible for the Tertiary Enabling Program (TEP):

- you must be 17 or over by the [census date](#) of the relevant semester.
- you must be an Australian or New Zealand citizen (residing in Australia), permanent resident or Humanitarian Visa holder.

Course outline

You will study key areas including:

- Foundations for Success
- Fundamentals of Academic Writing and Research
- Foundation Maths
- Bioscience
- Perspectives in Humanities.

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What will I study?

The Tertiary Enabling Program is a four unit program which is one semester long if undertaken full time. It consists of three core units and one elective which can be undertaken either on campus or externally studying online. Successful completion of the program prepares students to undertake tertiary study at Charles Darwin University.

Course structure

A candidate must successfully complete units totalling 40 credit points (cp) as detailed below. All units are valued at 10 credit points unless indicated.

Unit type	Credit Points	Specific requirements
Core Units (3 units)	30cp	Compulsory Core units totalling 30 credit points as detailed below. TEP021 Foundations for Success (unit title change 2022) TEP022 Fundamentals of Academic Writing and Research (title changed from 2025) TEP023 Foundation Maths
Specialist Elective (1 unit)	10cp	Specialist Elective unit totalling 10 credit points as detailed below. TEP025 Bioscience TEP026 Perspectives in Humanities (unit title change 2022)
	40cp	Total Credit Points

[Study plan options](#) available for students commencing Semester 1, Semester 2 and Summer Semester and Part-time.

How to apply

There are many ways to apply to CDU. The method you use depends on your course type, where you live and whether you are a new or returning student to CDU. Remember to apply early for your best chance at securing an offer to study with us.

Enabling courses

Applying for ZTEP01 at CDU is a simple online process.

Further Assistance

For information on applying and/or enrolling in this course please contact Charles Darwin University [Student Central](#) for assistance.

E: student.central@cdu.edu.au

T: 1800 061 963 (freecall)

FAQ's: [Ask CDU](#)

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First Nations Pathway Program

First Nations Pathways to University Programs help First Nations students get ready for university. You can choose a program that matches your interests, like health, arts, education, engineering, science, law, business, or accounting.

There is no fee for this program and if you live outside the Greater Darwin area, financial support will be provided for travel and accommodation.

You'll have First Nations mentors, tutors, and support services to help you succeed. Once you complete your program, you can get into a range of CDU courses with exit qualifications at Certificate, Diploma, or Degree level.

***Note:** From Semester 2 2025 delivery of this course will move from Casuarina campus to [Danala | Education and Community Precinct](#) in Darwin City.*

Duration

0.5 year/s full-time

Intake

Semester 1, Semester 2, Summer Semester

Important Dates

Entry requirements

Admission criteria

This course is only available for First Nations peoples who would like to pursue a career in health, teacher education, arts and humanities, or STEM.

To participate in this program, you must be 17 years or over and completed at least Year 10 or equivalent. If you are a mature person without completion of Year 10, you can still apply based on your skills and experience.

Students in the program will be supported through peer-to-peer learning and mentoring.

What You'll Learn: In this program, you'll explore both First Nations and Western ways of knowing, doing, and sharing knowledge. The program consists of two units:

- ZIP011 Exploring Diverse Ways of Knowing and Doing
- ZIP012 Communicating Diversity and Perspectives at University

ZIP011 explores key disciplinary ideas, so students are grouped according to their proposed discipline of study. ZIP012 provides students with academic literacy knowledge and skills to present these ideas as a written academic assignment. A collaborative learning approach

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draws on your own knowledge systems, experiences and language and explores how these can enhance formal academic knowledge frameworks.

You can complete the program in a four-week block or spread your study over two two-week blocks. If you live outside the Greater Darwin area, financial support for travel and accommodation is available.

A candidate must successfully complete units totalling 20 credit points (cp) as detailed below. All units are valued at 10 credit points unless otherwise indicated.

Unit type	Credit Points	Specific requirements
Core Units (2 units)	20cp	Two Core units totalling 20 credit points as detailed below. ZIP011 Exploring Diverse Ways of Knowing and Doing ZIP012 Communicating Diversity and Perspectives at University
	20cp	Total Credit Points

Study plan

To participate in this 4-week intensive program students will enrol in two interlinked units providing foundational skills and knowledge towards study in their chosen discipline. For example, students interested in Teacher Education studies will Explore First Nations issues in Education in ZIP011 and in ZIP012 they will learn skills to plan, research and write an essay about issues in Education.

Contact hours for each unit over the 4-week intensive will be between 50-60 hours with remaining hours being provided through supported online engagement.

Support and Mentoring: You will be supported throughout the program by a tutor who will help you with academic support and assessments, as well as a First Nations mentor to guide you through your transition to academic life and build a sense of belonging at CDU.

Outside the classroom, you'll participate in activities designed to connect you with fellow students, university staff, and the wider professional community.

Specialised Study Areas: The program allows you to choose a study area that aligns with your interests and career goals.

- **Health:** The program gives you an introduction to both clinical and non-clinical health careers. You will study two connected units; an academic skills unit and a health-specific

unit which introduces the different knowledge areas of health and wellbeing, health policy, health research and health management.

- **Teacher Education:** The program gives you an introduction to different teaching careers. You will study two connected units; an academic skills unit and a teacher education-specific unit which introduces some key aspects of becoming a registered teacher, Professional Standards for teachers, First Nations-led education programs and initiatives, embedding Indigenous ways of learning in classrooms and schools, and supporting students language development and social and emotional learning.
- **Arts and Humanities:** The program gives you the opportunity to work out what area of the arts and humanities you might be interested in and gives an introduction to relevant career opportunities. You will study two connected units; an academic skills unit and a general arts unit which gives students a taste of topics in creative art and storytelling, political science, history and social studies.
- **STEM:** The program gives you an introduction to environmental science or information technology careers. You will study two connected units an academic skills unit and a science and technology-specific unit which introduces the different knowledge areas of environmental management, information technology (IT), aviation - remote pilot (using drones), and applied science for Indigenous enterprises.
- **Engineering:** The engineering program is an intensive course designed to introduce students to the experience of studying engineering at CDU. You will study two connected units: an academic skills unit and an engineering-specific unit, which will provide the opportunity to learn about the role of engineers in society and the integration of Indigenous knowledge, engineering, and science. You will be mentored by First Nations people, expert academic staff and tutors during the course. They will help you grasp some of the fundamental concepts behind engineering and discuss career prospects in this field.
- **Business & Accounting:** This program supports you to be successful in your subsequent studies in the business and accounting fields. You will study two connected units; an academic skills unit and a business & accounting-specific unit which provides a broader understanding of the modern global business environment, ethical practices in business and accounting, budgeting, book-keeping, and personal taxes. The program will also introduce you to the higher education environment and expectations for study. The relationships built with other business & accounting students and lecturers will also provide a supportive network from the very first day of your studies.

This program offers a pathway to your next course and a valuable foundation for your university journey.

Next Steps: Upon completing ZIP011 and ZIP012, you have several options for your next course of study:

- Certificate II or III in your discipline area.
- If you have completed the NTCE or a Certificate III, you may enrol directly in a Diploma or Degree at CDU (subject to specific entry requirements).

- To qualify for a diploma or degree, you can complete two more enabling units from the TEP (Tertiary Enabling Program)
- TEP023 Foundation Maths
- TEP025 Bioscience or TEP024 Perspectives in Humanities.

How to apply

There are many ways to apply to CDU. The method you use depends on your course type, where you live and whether you are a new or returning student to CDU.

Remember to apply early for your best chance at securing an offer to study with us.

To apply for this program, fill in the details on the [application form](#).

Further Assistance

For information on applying and/or enrolling in this course please contact Barbara Baugh from our First Nations Student Support team.

Barbara is available to assist you, if you would like to discuss the program and/or the application process further. She can be contacted on (08) 8946 7421 or email barbara.baugh@cdu.edu.au.

There is also a [First Nations Pre-Law Program](#).

Undergraduate Certificates

Undergraduate Certificates can get you straight into university. There's no minimum ATAR requirement and you'll be one semester closer to a full degree with up to four subjects credited towards most bachelor's degrees.

What is an Undergraduate Certificate?

An Undergraduate Certificate is a short, entry-level university qualification. It is formally recognised by the Australian Government as part of what's known as the Australian Qualifications Framework.

An Undergraduate Certificate is made up of four individual subjects (also known as units). Undergraduate Certificates are available in a range of specialisations, such as health, teaching, science or arts and the units relate to that field.

On completing your Undergraduate Certificate, you can:

- add it to your resume
- use to gain entry and credit towards further study and get a head start in a related undergraduate degree.

There are 4 courses for you...

Undergraduate Certificate Introduction to Arts, Social Science and Languages (NASSL1 - 2025)

Duration: 0.5 year/s full-time

Location: Danala - Education and Community Precinct

Undergraduate Certificate Introduction to Environmental Science (NENV01 - 2025)

Duration: 0.5 year/s full-time

Location: Casuarina campus, Online

Undergraduate Certificate Introduction to Sustainable Business (NSBUS1 - 2025)

Duration: 0.5 year/s full-time

Location: Danala - Education and Community Precinct,
Online

Undergraduate Certificate Remote Educators (NRED01 - 2025)

Duration: 0.5 year/s full-time, 1 year/s part-time

Location: Online

Eligibility

CDU's Undergraduate Certificates are open to Australian and New Zealand citizens and permanent residents. They are also open to holders of Australian permanent humanitarian visas.

You must also meet one of the following requirements:

- Hold a Year 12 certificate of education
- Hold a Certificate III level or higher
- Have at least 0.5 year of full-time study (or equivalent) of a higher education degree/diploma.
- Hold overseas secondary or tertiary qualifications equivalent to the Australian qualifications.
- Achieve a Special Admissions Tertiary Admissions Test ([STAT](#)) Multiple Choice score of 125 or higher.
- Have successfully completed a recognised tertiary preparation course.
- Submit an acceptable [personal competencies statement](#) and/or employment experience.

How to apply

SATAC

The South Australian Tertiary Admission Centre (SATAC) is the application channel for residents of NT, NSW, ACT, SA, WA, QLD, VIC or TAS.

[Apply via SATAC](#)

Charles Sturt University



Locations outside of Victoria and relevant to information:

- N.S.W – Sydney

Admission Pathways

Getting into university without an ATAR and guaranteed entry schemes.

Charles Sturt Advantage (Early Offer)

With the Charles Sturt Advantage you can get a guaranteed spot in your course before you sit your final exams. Entry to the program is based on Year 11 results and soft skills – not your ATAR. Whether you're getting an ATAR or not, you can apply for the Charles Sturt Advantage if you meet the above requirements.

Entry requirements

You can apply for the Advantage if you are in Year 12, have completed Year 11 and are an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident or New Zealand citizen.

If you're successful you could receive a guaranteed offer. You'll then just need to complete your HSC (or equivalent) and meet any course requirements.

How to apply

1. Step 1

Before you apply

[Find your course\(s\)](#). You can preference three courses in your application.

You'll also need a pdf of your Year 11 results*.

2. Step 2

How to apply

In your application, you'll need to tell us three things:

- How a Charles Sturt degree will enable you to be a positive influence in your community.
- When you showed resilience during a difficult time.
- A time when you demonstrated empathy and why you took the actions you did.

3. Step 3

After you apply

- If you're successful, you'll get an offer in order of your preferences.

Note: *If you attend school in another state or territory, please upload a copy of your final Year 11 school report.*

Explore early offer courses

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You can apply for more than 50 undergraduate courses through the Charles Sturt Advantage. And you have the flexibility of studying on campus or online.

Undergraduate Certificates

Gain a university qualification in as little as 14 weeks of full-time study.

CSU undergraduate certificates are short qualifications that set you up for your next step – in uni study or at work. Start the journey to your bachelor's degree or enhance your skill set in as little as 14 weeks of full-time study.

What is an undergraduate certificate?

It's the ideal qualification if you want to take your first step into university, upskill in your career or learn about something you're passionate about. You can choose to study anything from agriculture to business. Education to health. Psychology to IT.

How it works

You complete four subjects. These give you foundational knowledge in your area of interest. You can study your undergraduate certificate online. Some courses also have an on-campus component where you get practical experience with the same equipment used in the workplace. Study full-time over 14 weeks or part-time for six months.

Move on to your bachelor's

When you graduate with an undergraduate certificate, you can apply to study a related bachelor's degree. You'll receive credit for the subjects you completed in your certificate. That means you can graduate from your bachelor's sooner.

Choose an undergraduate certificate in...

- Agricultural Studies
- Arabic Grammar
- Arabic Language
- Border Security
- Business
- Creative Writing
- Criminal Justice
- Early Childhood Education
- Emergency Management
- Environmental Studies
- Exercise Studies
- Foot Health
- Geospatial Science
- Health Studies
- Horticultural Studies
- Information Technology
- International Customs Law
- International Trade
- Islamic Studies
- Psychological Studies
- Science
- Theology
- Trade and Customs

Charles Sturt Direct Entry Program

For those aged 19 years and wanting to enter a university degree. CSU fully-funded (travel, accommodation, and meals for the duration of your stay), five-day intensive program is

designed to equip you with the skills and confidence to embark on your tertiary education journey.

During the program, you'll explore various career opportunities and study pathways in a supportive and inclusive environment on one of our welcoming campuses. Successfully complete the intensive program and you'll get direct entry into one of our relevant degrees. If you're not successful, that's no problem. We can get you started with a [university preparation course](#).

Courses offered after successful completion of the Charles Sturt Direct Entry Program

- Faculty of Business, Justice and Behavioural Science
- Faculty of Science and Health

Eligibility criteria

- Applicants must be 19 years or over at time of attendance or have completed Year 12 study (or equivalent) prior to 2025.
- Applicants must also fit into **at least one** of the following categories:
 - Live in regional and remote Australia.
 - Be from low socioeconomic status (low SES) backgrounds.
 - Identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander.
- Current Year 12 students are ineligible to apply.
- Not limited to NSW residents. Applicants from outside of NSW and ACT enrolling in on-campus study may be eligible to attend an on-campus event. An online program will be provided for those residents outside the Charles Sturt University campuses footprint planning to study online.

Elite Athletes and Performers

If you're an emerging or professional sportsperson or performer, coach or referee, our [Elite Athlete and Performer Program](#) can support you to excel in your studies – and your discipline. Benefits include special consideration for admission, scholarships, tailored study plans and flexible exam arrangements. [Submit this form \[PDF\]](#) with your uni application.

Connections - First Nations Direct Entry Program

If you're thinking about study, you can join us for one of our five-day Connections direct entry programs. Each year we offer a range of Connections programs for school leavers, people thinking about a career change or progression, people upskilling from a vocational qualification, or those returning to study after a break.

Successfully complete a Connections program, and you'll be guaranteed entry into many of our bachelor's degrees.

Courses offered after successful completion of Connections:

Faculty of Science and Health	Faculty of Arts and Education	Faculty of Business, Justice and Behavioural Science
• Associate Degree in Farm Production • Bachelor of Agricultural Business Management • Bachelor of Agricultural Science • Bachelor of Agriculture • Bachelor of Environmental Science and Management (Aquatic Ecosystems) • Bachelor of Environmental Science and Management (Climate and Sustainability) • Bachelor of Environmental Science and Management (Ecology and Conservation) • Bachelor of Environmental Science and Management (Parks, Recreation and Heritage) • Bachelor of Equine Science (with specialisation) • Bachelor of Exercise and Sports Science • Bachelor of Food Science and Nutrition • Bachelor of Health and Medical Science • Bachelor of Health Science (Mental Health) • Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science (Pathology) • Bachelor of Nursing	• Bachelor of Educational Studies as a pathway into: ◦ Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood and Primary) ◦ Bachelor of Education (K-12) ◦ Bachelor of Education (Technology and Applied Studies) • Bachelor of Arts • Bachelor of Communication • Bachelor of Communication (Advertising and Public Relations) • Bachelor of Communication (Digital Media Production) • Bachelor of Communication (Journalism) • Bachelor of Communication (Theatre Media) • Bachelor of Human Services • Bachelor of Information Studies • Bachelor of Liberal Studies (Arts) • Bachelor of Social Work	• Bachelor of Accounting • Bachelor of Business (with specialisations) • Bachelor of Business Studies • Bachelor of Computer Science (with specialisations) • Bachelor of Criminal Justice • Bachelor of Engineering (Civil)(Honours) • Bachelor of Information Technology (with specialisations) • Bachelor of Laws • Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Criminal Justice • Bachelor of Public Safety & Security • Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology) • Bachelor of Technology (Civil)/Master of Engineering (Civil)

• Bachelor of Occupational Therapy • Bachelor of Oral Health (Therapy and Hygiene) • Bachelor of Paramedicine • Bachelor of Physiotherapy • Bachelor of Podiatric Medicine • Bachelor of Science • Bachelor of Veterinary Technology • Bachelor of Viticulture • Bachelor of Wine Business • Bachelor of Wine Science		
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If you successfully complete the program, you'll receive an offer to study with us.

Contact

Renee Page, Program Coordinator at firstnations@csu.edu.au.

Early offer School Recommendation Scheme (SRS)

SRS is an early offer program. We look at your Year 11 results and your school's rating of your abilities in different areas of study as well as your personal aptitudes. If you're successful, you could receive an offer before you sit your HSC.

You could get an unconditional offer, based on your SRS application, you do not need an ATAR for unconditional offers.

Your UAC SRS application

Apply for your preferred courses via UAC. You'll receive a UAC application number and PIN. You can then log in to your account and complete the SRS application. And it automatically links to your chosen courses, so when you hit submit, there's nothing else for you to do.

[Find out more](#)

Enabling courses

Two enabling courses to get you ready to study an undergraduate degree.

1. Access Charles Sturt Entry

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Free to domestic students, this course gets you up to speed with the skills you need to study at university: academic writing, foundational maths and critical thinking. The [Access Charles Sturt Entry](#) course is ideal if you didn't do Year 12, if you have a TAFE Cert 2 or if it's a few years since you did any formal learning. When you complete the course you'll get entry into the Undergraduate Certificate in University Preparation or a range of other undergraduate certificates.

[Find out more](#)

2. Undergraduate Certificate in University Preparation

No ATAR needed, instead relevant life experience or a TAFE certificate (3 or 4) or have been in the workplace, or you have completed the Access Charles Sturt Entry enabling course,

Develop academic skills and choose subjects across the disciplines of science, maths, writing and history to match your future study goals. Complete this course to get guaranteed entry into a wide range of Charles Sturt bachelor's degrees and undergraduate certificates – with credit towards your course so you have a head start.

[Sign up](#) for all the latest enabling course info and application dates.

Completion of the Undergraduate Certificate in University Preparation will provide entry into the following courses:

- Faculty of Arts and Education
- Faculty of Business, Justice and Behavioural Sciences
- Faculty of Science and Health

***Note:** click on the courses on the website to see a more detailed outline of the courses available.*

The Guaranteed Entry list represents those Charles Sturt Undergraduate courses which are conditionally offered to students prior to their completion of the Undergraduate Certificate in University Preparation. When successful completion is evidenced, the conditional offer becomes a guaranteed offer.

Students seeking entry to undergraduate courses which are not listed here can apply directly to their preferred course. Their offer will be considered on merit and consider their results (Grade Point Average) in the Undergraduate Certificate in University Preparation, as well as any relevant evidence of other prior learning or professional experience, and a recommendation from the Course Director (Manager, Enabling and Transition).

TAFE to uni pathways

Build on your qualifications

TAFE or VET qualification

- [credit for your previous study.](#)
- guaranteed entry into lots of our courses.

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[Download our guides](#)

How does it work?

We'll assess your prior qualifications, experience and career goals to find the perfect pathway to get you where you want to go. Here are just some of the pathways you could access if you have one of the following qualifications.*

Any Certificate III or above

- Pathway - Guaranteed entry into most of our [bachelor's degrees](#).
- Career options - a [bachelor's](#) degree, [agriculture](#), [business](#), [educational studies](#), [healthcare](#), [IT](#) or [science](#)?

Certificate III or IV in Education Support or School-Based Education Support

- Pathway - 12 months of credit toward a [Bachelor of Educational Studies](#).
- Career options - After finishing your Bachelor of Educational Studies, you'll need eight more subject credits to complete our accelerated [Master of Teaching \(Primary\)](#) or [Master of Teaching \(Secondary\)](#) to [become a qualified teacher](#). Apply for a conditional approval to teach and start earning while you study.

Application

To be considered for a TAFE/VET admission pathway, all you need to do is [apply for your chosen course](#) – and supply the original transcripts of your previous qualifications. We'll then assess your eligibility.

Check out [more info](#).

Deakin University



Entry Pathways

Discover your pathway to university

No ATAR or transitioning from TAFE

Associate degree pathways

Deakin University associate degrees offer an alternative way to university study. You'll get a guaranteed pathway into select Deakin bachelor degrees.

Guaranteed pathways into Deakin degrees

The [Associate Degree of Arts](#) and [Associate Degree of Education](#) offer guaranteed entry into select Deakin undergraduate courses.

Who's it for?

- recent Year 12 students with an ATAR below 50
- recent Year 12 students with no ATAR (also known as unscored VCE)
- recent Year 12 students who have not met the minimum English requirement
- recent Victorian Certificate of Education Vocational Major (VCE VM) students with no ATAR and/or have not met the minimum English requirement
- applicants re-entering education after a break from school.

Associate Degree of Education

Complete core units from the Bachelor of Education (Primary).

[Discover the Associate Degree of Education](#)

Associate Degree of Arts

You'll complete units from the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Criminology, depending on your chosen specialisation.

[Discover the Associate Degree of Arts](#)

Once you complete your associate degree, you'll have several options, including guaranteed entry with up to 16 credit points (two years) course credit into:

- [Bachelor of Arts](#) (Associate Degree of Arts general stream students)
- [Bachelor of Criminology](#) (Associate Degree of Arts criminology stream students)
- [Bachelor of Education \(Primary\)](#) (Associate Degree of Education students).*

If you complete the Associate Degree of Arts, you can also apply to transition, with some credit, into bachelor degrees in a range of study areas, including communication, psychology, health science, nursing, commerce, management or science (including marine biology).

How to apply

Find all you need to know about applying for an associate degree. We'll step you through the application process with our easy-to-follow guidelines.

[Learn how to apply](#)

Deakin College.

Guaranteed pathway

Deakin College provides a guaranteed pathway, all graduates from Deakin College transition directly to a second year bachelor degree at Deakin.

Are you an international student?

Deakin College provides international students with a guaranteed pathway to study at Deakin University.

[Browse courses](#)

English language pathways

Deakin University English Language Institute (DUELI) offers a range of pathway programs to develop your English language skills and prepares you for study at Deakin College and Deakin University.

[Browse English language courses](#)

Explore our courses

Deakin College provides an alternative pathway to university in popular study areas, including health sciences, business, design, information technology and more. As a Deakin College graduate, students receive guaranteed entry into a second-year bachelor degree at Deakin.

[Find your ultimate course and learn how to apply](#)

Foundation program

The Foundation program is a Year 12 equivalent program that prepares international students for further study at Deakin College or Deakin University.

[Learn more](#)

TAFE

By earning a qualification through our TAFE partners or using recognition of prior learning, you can reduce both the length and cost of your degree.

Pathways from TAFE

By studying certain courses with our TAFE partners, you can earn credit towards your Deakin degree.

Deakin University TAFE partners

- [Bendigo TAFE](#)
- [Box Hill Institute](#)
- [Chisholm Institute](#)
- [Kangan Institute](#)
- [South West TAFE](#)
- [TAFE NSW](#)
- [The Gordon](#)

Guaranteed recognition of prior learning

Deakin offers guaranteed recognition of prior learning (RPL) for eligible TAFE qualifications, as well as Deakin's associate degrees and Deakin College qualifications. Use the [pathways finder tool](#)

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Pathways from other TAFEs or RTOs

Graduates of other institutions are welcome to apply at Deakin University. Many students who have completed a diploma or advanced diploma will be eligible for credit.

[Learn more about recognition of prior learning](#)

Federation University

Alternative entry - Pathways to higher education



No ATAR or entrance requirements.

Federation Access Studies program (FAST)

Course overview

FAST is a single semester course designed to teach you how to study effectively, including how to write for academic purposes, research, use university systems and how to apply all of these skills to your study. When you successfully complete FAST, you will be ready to undertake degree level study at Federation University.

FAST also offers an elective maths course for students who want to study an Engineering degree. Successful completion of the Introduction to Technical Maths course satisfies the entry requirements to apply for an Engineering degree.

When you have successfully completed FAST you are guaranteed a place in one of Federation University's undergraduate degrees.

***Note:** IT requirements. To do this course you'll need a fast and reliable computer and access to high-speed internet. Expect to use about 5GB of data per month for every unit you're doing. Find out more about the [minimum IT requirements](#)*

Contact hours

On-campus students can expect to be engaged in the following number of contact hours:
Full-time = 13 hours per week. Part-time = 7 hours per week.

In addition to classes, Higher Education study requires independent study. As a guide, students should allow 10 hours a week per subject including class contact hours, independent study, and completion of assessment tasks.

Online students may study entirely online without attending classes. Online times are available each week for regular access to staff. As a guide, students should allow 10 hours a week per subject including contact with staff, independent study, and completion of assessment tasks. If you intend to enrol in FAST as an online student alongside full-time work and/or carer responsibilities we encourage studying part time.

Year 1

Semester 1

<u>Understanding University Learning</u>	<u>Introduction to Tertiary Studies</u>	<u>Academic Writing</u>
15 credit points	15 credit points	15 credit points
ATSGC1369	FASTP1011	FASTP1015

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Elective

Entry requirements (non-year 12)

Admission criteria for applicants with a Higher Education Study

All applicants that have not met the English and Maths pre-requisites through Year 12 results will be required to complete a literacy and numeracy test to determine their eligibility for admission. In order to qualify for entry into FAST for Engineering, applicants need to complete the Technical Maths entry test.

Applicants must be 18 years of age at commencement or have completed Year 12 or equivalent.

Application

How you apply will depend on your current situation – school leaver, tertiary background or life experience – and whether you’re also applying for courses at other institutions. Visit our [how to apply](#) page to find out more.

VTAC application

Yes

VTAC code

3701810081, 3701810931, 3701811871, 3701812021 - Berwick (on campus)

3700710081, 3700710931, 3700711871, 3700711881, 3700712011 - Gippsland (on campus)

3700510081, 3700510931, 3700511871, 3700512011, 3700512021, 3700512031 - Mt Helen (on campus)

3700810081, 3700810931 - Online

Direct application

Yes

Federation University code

FS0

Alternative pathways

Satisfactory completion of FAST will guarantee entry into a wide range of Federation University Australia Higher Education courses at degree level. Graduates may receive credit for one university level first year subject (unit) for particular degrees.

Please contact Federation University for further information regarding eligible courses and to discuss your study pathway.

- Below requirements relate specifically to TAFE Gippsland students.
TAFE students who hold a Diploma (enter uni 2nd year) may take 2 FAST courses concurrent with their Diploma if they wish and if they apply for FAST will be accepted (no need to do entry tests).
- TAFE students who hold a Cert IV (enter uni 1st year) may take 2 FAST courses concurrent with their Cert IV if they wish and if they apply for FAST will be accepted (no need to do entry tests).
- TAFE students who hold a Cert III may take 2 FAST courses on completion of their Cert III if they wish and if they apply for FAST they will need to do entry tests.

- MEM40119 Certificate IV in Engineering for students whose destination Course is the EG8 Bachelor of Engineering have guaranteed entry into FAST.

From TAFE to undergraduate

If you don't meet the entry requirements for your course, use a TAFE qualification as a stepping-stone.

Pathway ideas

Courses and credit points

This table lists the most popular TAFE-to-higher-ed pathways and gives you an idea of the credit points awarded. Course you're considering not there? See if it's in our [course finder](#) and do a [credit search](#).

Note: Most undergraduate units (subjects) are worth 15 credit points. A one-year, full-time study load is equal to 120 credit points.

Federation TAFE qualification	Federation University degree	Credit points
Certificate IV in Training and Assessment (plus any industry qualification at Certificate III or above)	Associate Degree of Vocational Education and Training Additional entry requirements apply (industry experience)	120
Certificate IV in Training and Assessment (plus any industry qualification at Certificate III or above plus Diploma of VET TAE50111 or TAE50116) Diploma of VET Practice	Associate Degree of Vocational Education and Training Additional entry requirements apply (industry experience)	150
Diploma of Community Services Diploma of Alcohol and Other Drugs		
Diploma of Mental Health Diploma of Youth Work	Bachelor of Community and Human Services	120
Diploma of Nursing	Bachelor of Nursing	120
Diploma of Justice	Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice	120
Advanced Diploma of Justice	Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice	180
Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care	Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood and Primary)	90

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Federation TAFE qualification	Federation University degree	Credit points
Diploma of Project Management	Bachelor of Business Additional entry requirements apply	120
Diploma of Business Administration	Bachelor of Business Additional entry requirements apply	120
Diploma of Leadership and Management	Bachelor of Professional Accounting	60
Advanced Diploma of Leadership and Management	Bachelor of Professional Accounting	120
Advanced Diploma of Leadership and Management	Bachelor of Business Additional entry requirements apply	180
Advanced Diploma of Management (Human Resource Management)	Bachelor of Business Additional entry requirements apply	180
Diploma of Accounting	Bachelor of Professional Accounting	120
Advanced Diploma of Accounting	Bachelor of Professional Accounting	180
Diploma of Information Technology	Bachelor of Information Technology Bachelor of Information Technology (Big Data Analytics) Bachelor of Information Technology (Business Information Systems) Bachelor of Information Technology (Networking and Security) Bachelor of Information Technology (Software Development)	120
	Bachelor of Information Technology (Professional Practice) Stream is subject to additional entry requirements (competitive entry)	60
Diploma of Digital Media Technologies		90

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Federation TAFE qualification	Federation University degree	Credit points
	<u>Bachelor of Information Technology</u> <u>Bachelor of Information Technology (Big Data Analytics)</u> <u>Bachelor of Information Technology (Business Information Systems)</u> <u>Bachelor of Information Technology (Networking and Security)</u> <u>Bachelor of Information Technology (Software Development)</u>	
	<u>Bachelor of Information Technology (Professional Practice)</u> Stream is subject to additional entry requirements (competitive entry)	30
Diploma of Conservation and Land Management	<u>Bachelor of Environmental and Conservation Science</u>	120
<u>Diploma of Engineering (Technical)</u>	<u>Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical) (Honours)</u> <u>Bachelor of Engineering (Mining) (Honours)</u> <u>Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) (Honours)</u> <u>Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical and Information Engineering) (Honours)</u>	60
Diploma of Sport <u>Diploma of Business</u>	<u>Bachelor of Health Science (Honours)</u>	30
Diploma of Sport <u>Diploma of Business</u>	<u>Bachelor of Business</u>	120

La Trobe University



University Pathways & Entry Programs

Current Year 12 or recently finished (within 2 years).

Foundation Studies

A program equivalent to Year 12 and prepares you for entry into first year degree studies.

FOUNDATION STUDIES			
COURSE TITLE	<u>Business, IT & Humanities</u>	<u>Engineering & Computer Science</u>	<u>Health & Life Sciences</u>
DURATION	8 months	8 months	8 months
INTAKE DATES	February, June & October	February & June	February & June
CAMPUS LOCATION	Melbourne & Sydney	Melbourne	Melbourne
DEGREE PATHWAY <i>Gain direct entry into 1st year of:</i>	Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Health Sciences Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Biomedicine Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Computer Science Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Health Sciences Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Global Studies Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Psychological Science Bachelor of Creative Arts Bachelor of Criminology Bachelor of Criminology/Bachelor of Psychological Science	Bachelor of Computer Science Bachelor of Civil Engineering (Honours) Bachelor of Science (Mathematics)	Bachelor of Agriculture Bachelor of Animal and Veterinary Biosciences Bachelor of Biological Sciences Bachelor of Biomedicine Bachelor of Dental Science (Honours) (Bendigo campus only) Bachelor of Exercise Science (Bendigo campus only) Bachelor of Food and Nutrition Bachelor of Health Science Bachelor of Health Science (Medical Classification) /

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	Bachelor of Cybersecurity/Bachelor of Commerce Bachelor of Digital Business Bachelor of Finance Bachelor of International Business Bachelor of Accounting Bachelor of Accounting/Master of Financial Analysis Bachelor of Business (multiple majors) Bachelor of Business Analytics Bachelor of Commerce Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Information Technology Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics Bachelor of Outdoor and Sustainability Education Bachelor of Education (Primary) Bachelor of Education (Secondary) Bachelor of Early Childhood and Primary Education Bachelor of Laws (Honours) Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Arts Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Biomedicine		Bachelor of Health Information Management Bachelor of Nursing (pre-registration) Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours) Bachelor of Oral Health Science Bachelor of Paramedic Practice with Honours (Bendigo campus only) Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours) (Bendigo campus only) Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours) Bachelor of Podiatry (Honours) Bachelor of Prosthetics and Orthotics (Honours) Bachelor of Psychological Science Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Social Work (Honours) Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Honours) Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science
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	Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Commerce Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Criminology Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Global Studies Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Media and Communication Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics Bachelor of Media and Communication		Bachelor of Sport Coaching and Development Bachelor of Wildlife and Conservation Biology
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*Entry requirements may be subject to quotas and additional criteria for entry in some courses. See the relevant course page for more information.

TAFE/VET (Cert III or IV)

With a VET or TAFE pathway, you can complete a certificate at a TAFE or VET, and then transfer into a range of Bachelor's degrees at La Trobe.

Benefits

- Get guaranteed or direct entry into a range of courses.
- Smaller class sizes for an easier transition into university studies.
- Gain a Vocational Education qualification, in addition to your completed course at La Trobe.
- Receive credit for studies completed during your TAFE studies.

Choose a partner institution to view eligible courses

It's important to note that certain pathways may have additional requirements or restrictions that impact your admission, any advanced standing awarded, and progression within your preferred degree at La Trobe.

If you're interested in a VET or TAFE course as a pathway into La Trobe, make sure to check with us to find out if there are any additional requirements.

[Use credit calculator to estimate your learnings with our partners](#)

Current partners

- [Bendigo TAFE](#)
- [Box Hill Institute](#)
- [Carlton College of Sport](#)
- [Chisholm Institute](#)
- [Goulburn Ovens Institute of TAFE \(GO TAFE\)](#)
- [Institute of Health and Nursing Australia \(IHNA\)](#)
- [Melbourne Polytechnic \(formerly NMIT\)](#)
- [TAFE NSW \(formerly Riverina TAFE\)](#)
- [Southern Cross Education Institute \(SCEI\)](#)
- [Sports Education and Development Australia \(SEDA\)](#)
- [Sunraysia Institute of TAFE \(Suni TAFE\)](#)
- [Victorian Institute of Technology \(VIT\)](#)
- [Wodonga Institute of TAFE](#)

How to apply

Check with our partner institutions on how to apply for the VET component of your chosen pathway. You'll usually complete this process via VTAC or directly with the partner institution.

Once you've enrolled at TAFE, you can apply [directly to La Trobe University](#) or [through VTAC](#) for your preferred course at La Trobe.

Tertiary Preparation Program – TPP

If you don't have an ATAR, haven't completed Year 12 or completed it some time ago, the Tertiary Preparation Program (TPP) unlocks access to courses.

Getting Started with TPP

The Tertiary Preparation Program (TPP) is a 100% online and free program designed to help you with returning to study. You'll complete a series of micro-units of study across a broad

range of subject areas to build your academic skills and learner confidence to succeed in your studies, while unlocking a pathway into a course

*You'll be able to apply for all undergraduate courses, except:

- Bachelor of Dental Science (Honours), (Regional Entry), Bendigo
- Bachelor of Dental Science (Honours), Bendigo
- Bachelor of Biomedical Science (Medical), Bendigo
- Bachelor of Biomedical Science (Medical), Albury-Wodonga

***Note:** You'll also need to meet any other requirements for entry such as prerequisites or additional entry criteria (e.g. completion of the CASPer test for teaching courses).*

What you'll study

Twelve micro-units spanning various subjects. Each micro-unit requires approximately 8-10 hours of independent study per week during a six-week term at La Trobe. While most TPP students opt for three micro-units per term to meet Centrelink study requirements, you have the flexibility to set your own pace and take fewer subjects.

Depending on the study plan you choose, you'll study a series of micro-units designed to build your learning skills. Topics include:

- Academic culture, writing and presentations
- Thinking mathematically and mathematical communication
- Critical reasoning and inquiry
- World-changing ideas in science

Foundation

The full program, TPP Foundation, will provide all the skills you need for success in your future studies. However, if you have completed high school in the last five years, you may request an expedited study (six micro units: [TPP Intermediate](#)).

If you have completed Year 10, have taken a break from studying, finished high school in another country, or are looking to access the full program, this path is for you.

- 12 micro-units: three micro-units per term, over four terms ([TPP Foundation – On Line](#))

Eligibility

There are some selection guidelines for entry into the program. You must:

- Be over 18 years of age by 31 December in the year prior to commencing in the program (or 17 if you have completed year 12).
- Be an Australian or New Zealand Citizen, or Permanent Australian Resident.
- Have a readiness to learn.
- Have completed a minimum of year 10 secondary school studies or equivalent (please contact the Course Coordinator if you have not completed Year 10 and wish to apply), and
- If English is your second language:
 - Have an English entry level IELTS score of a minimum of 6 across all bands, or equivalent.

Monash University

Entry pathways for domestic students



If you don't meet the requirements for direct undergraduate entry, consider these options.

Pathways Overview

This table provides information on pathway options available for Monash University undergraduate courses (single degrees only). In all cases, you'll need to satisfy the English language requirements and prerequisites for the course in which you're seeking admission. It's recommended that you choose pathway content related to the course. Detailed course prerequisite information is available from the Monash course guides or at monash.edu/study

Tertiary Studies

The Diploma of Tertiary Studies (DoTS) provides an alternative entry pathway that is equivalent to the first year of a university undergraduate course if you didn't get the ATAR score you expected, or you're looking to pathway to university as a TAFE graduate.

The Diploma of Tertiary Studies is a one year program. When you apply for DoTS, you will select a preferred stream. You'll have the flexibility to choose a stream that interests you from business, education or nursing. The stream you choose forms the first year of your course, and determines which Monash course you'll progress to.

Alongside six first-year units in the stream of your choice, you'll complete two introductory tertiary units. The first unit will introduce you to what it's like to study at university. The second unit varies depending on your prior studies. If you don't have the mathematics prerequisites for your desired Monash course, you'll have the opportunity to gain the required level of mathematics as your second unit. If you already meet the mathematics prerequisites, you'll take a unit in understanding knowledge and its contexts, which will help you to identify, compare and discuss different approaches to knowledge.

On successful completion of DoTS you can receive up to one year of credit towards a range of courses in business, business administration, education or nursing. In addition to the destination courses, you can apply for entry into other Monash courses through VTAC after successfully completing DoTS. Make sure that you've met the prerequisites for your chosen course. Admission into your course will be based on your academic performance and meeting the course prerequisites. All your study is at university level so if you progress to a bachelor's degree course you'll be eligible to apply for credit for prior study. The amount of credit granted will be at the discretion of the relevant faculty and will not automatically allow for progression into the second year of your preferred course.

Business stream

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In business you'll be introduced to a range of core business disciplines and the impact they have on multi-discipline decision making in organisations spanning the business, professional and public policy communities.

Students who pass all eight units in the Business stream and achieve a minimum weighted average mark of 55% (Bachelor of Business) and 50% (Bachelor of Business Administration) in DoTS will be eligible to receive up to one year credit into the following Business destination courses at Monash:

- [Bachelor of Business Administration](#)
- [Bachelor of Business](#)

Education

In education you'll be introduced to studies about learning and educational inquiry, and build a foundation for the skills and knowledge required to practise as a teacher/educator in a range of educational settings, from early years to secondary schools.

Students who pass all eight units in the Education stream and achieve a minimum weighted average mark of 60% in DoTS will be eligible to receive up to one year credit into the following Education destination courses at Monash:

- [Bachelor of Education \(Honours\) in Early Childhood and Primary Education](#)
- [Bachelor of Education \(Honours\) in Primary Education](#)
- [Bachelor of Education \(Honours\) in Primary and Secondary Health and Physical Education](#)
- [Bachelor of Education \(Honours\) in Secondary Health and Physical Education](#)

You are required to achieve the standard in a [situational judgement test](#) prior to gaining admission to the Bachelor of Education (Honours). Once enrolled in the BEd(Hons), students will be required to achieve the standard in the Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education Students.

Nursing

In nursing you'll be introduced to nursing and healthcare as a profession. You'll study foundation knowledge in human bioscience, nursing and midwifery, health assessment and professional practice.

Students who pass all eight units in the Nursing stream and achieve a minimum weighted average mark of 55% in DoTS will be eligible to receive up to one year of credit into the [Bachelor of Nursing](#) course at Peninsula campus.

You need to satisfy the following entrance requirements to be considered for entry to this course.

Minimum Entry Requirements (Domestic students)

Qualifications

Note: A VTAC Personal Statement is recommended for current Year 12 applicants and is compulsory for non-Year-12 applicants. The Personal Statement should outline why the applicant is applying for the Diploma of Tertiary Studies (in a particular stream, e.g.

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Business, Education or Nursing), and provide evidence to demonstrate their motivation to study and their relevant work experience and/or community involvement.

Prerequisites

All applicants must satisfy the following prerequisites or their [equivalents](#).

	English	Maths	Sciences/Other
Australian VCE subjects	Education stream: Unit 3 & 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL. Business stream: Units 3 & 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or 25 in English other than EAL. Nursing stream: Units 3 & 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or 25 in English other than EAL.	N/A	N/A
IB	At least 4 in English SL or 3 in English HL or 5 in English B SL or 4 in English B HL	N/A	N/A

Alternative qualifications and prerequisites

If you don't have an ATAR, you may use alternative qualifications such as a graded VET Certificate IV, Diploma or Advanced Diploma course to demonstrate that you meet the minimum entry requirements. Applications are made via VTAC and applicants must complete and submit a [VTAC Personal Statement](#) detailing relevant work experience, community involvement and evidence of how they have fulfilled the equivalent of the [English units](#).

For other domestic and international qualification entry requirements and scores for this course use the [study credit and admissions eligibility search](#).

English requirements

Applicants must also meet the [English language requirements](#).

For those with [Bachelor of Nursing](#) as a destination degree, please see the additional English language proficiency requirements

University entrance requirements

[Minimum entrance requirements](#) for admission to Monash University Australia.

Course Structure

This course consists of two foundation units and discipline units within the area of study corresponding to your chosen field.

A. Foundation knowledge

B. Specialist discipline knowledge

Higher Education

The Diploma of Higher Education (DoHE) provides an alternative entry pathway into a range of undergraduate courses in Education, Learning Design and Technology, Science and Arts. DoHE might suit you if you completed Year 12 but didn't quite meet the entry requirements for your dream course, if you're returning to study or would benefit from additional learning support.

DoHE lets you begin studying towards your Monash degree from day one. Equivalent to the first year of university undergraduate study, it provides a pathway to selected undergraduate courses and support to ensure you achieve your academic goals. It's delivered from our Clayton campus, so you'll be able to access support from the Faculty of Science, the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Education.

When you apply for DoHE, you will select either the Education, Learning Design and Technology, Arts or Science stream. These streams provide a direct pathway into specified Monash courses.

The two foundation units will provide you with the knowledge and skills necessary to be an independent learner who can succeed at university studies. The units are:

- Learning in a university context
- Knowledge and context or a mathematics units

If you don't have the mathematics prerequisites for your desired Monash course, you'll have the opportunity to gain the required level of mathematics via the foundation units. If you already meet the mathematics prerequisites, you'll take a unit in understanding knowledge and its contexts, which will help you to identify, compare and discuss different approaches to knowledge.

You will complete six specialist discipline knowledge units. These units will introduce you to the fundamentals of your chosen stream and will ensure you have the knowledge and skills necessary to take the next step in your higher education studies.

Students who pass all eight units in their selected stream with a minimum weighted average mark of 60% in DoHE will be eligible to receive up to one year of credit into a range of Education, Arts or Science destination courses.

In addition to the guaranteed pathways, you can apply for entry into other Monash courses through VTAC after successfully completing DoHE. Make sure that you've met the prerequisites for your chosen course. Admission into your course will be based on your academic performance and meeting the course prerequisites. All your study is at university level so if you progress to a bachelor's degree course you'll be eligible to apply for credit for prior study. The amount of credit granted will be at the discretion of the relevant faculty and will not automatically allow for progression into the second year of your preferred course.

When you apply for DoHE, you will select a preferred stream - Education, Science, Arts or Learning Design and Technology. The stream you choose forms the first year of your course, and determines which Monash course you'll progress to. All streams are delivered at the

Clayton campus. Learning Design and Technology stream requires travel to Caulfield campus for some core units.

Education

In the Education stream you will build a foundation in the professional skills and knowledge required to practise as a teacher/educator in a range of educational and school settings. This stream provides a direct pathway into second year of the Bachelor of Education (Honours) in Primary and Secondary Education and up to one year of credit into a range of Education double degree courses.

Students who pass all eight units in the Education stream and achieve a minimum weighted average mark of 60% in DoHE will be eligible to receive up to one year of credit into a range of Education destination courses.

Education destination courses include:

- [Bachelor of Education \(Honours\) in Primary and Secondary Education](#)
- [Bachelor of Education \(Honours\) in Primary and Secondary Inclusive and Special Education](#)
- [Bachelor of Education \(Honours\) and Bachelor of Arts](#)
- [Bachelor of Education \(Honours\) and Bachelor of Business](#)
- [Bachelor of Education \(Honours\) and Bachelor of Science](#)

You are required to achieve the standard in a [situational judgement test](#) prior to gaining admission to the Bachelor of Education (Honours). Once enrolled in the BEd(Hons), you will be required to achieve the standard in the Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education Students.

Science

In science you will be introduced to a broad range of science fields by completing a sequence of study in two of the following areas: biological science, chemistry, earth, atmosphere and environment, mathematics and physics. This will allow you to gain a foundation in key scientific principles while determining your future major area of study.

Students who pass all eight units in the Science stream and achieve a minimum weighted average mark of 60% in DoHE will be eligible to receive up to one year of credit into a range of Science destination courses.

Science destination courses include:

- [Bachelor of Science](#)
- [Bachelor of Education \(Honours\) and Bachelor of Science](#)

Learning design and technology

In learning design and technology, you will explore and develop skills in learning theory, educational technologies, media and teamwork to create engaging and impactful educational experiences for learners of all ages. Learning designers work around the world in universities, businesses, government, educational technology companies, schools and not-for-profit organisations.

Students who pass all eight units in the Learning Design and Technology stream and achieve a minimum weighted average mark of 60% in DoHE will be eligible to receive up to one year of credit into the [Bachelor of Learning Design and Technology](#) at the Clayton campus.

Arts

In arts, you will have the opportunity to undertake a broad range of core and specialist units from your preferred undergraduate degree including: art and social science, criminology, international relations and media communication. Through these units you will be given the opportunity to develop your knowledge and you will be challenged to think critically and constructively about the world around you.

Students who pass all eight units in their first and only attempt with a minimum WAM of 60% in the relevant Arts stream will be eligible for direct admission to their chosen course and receive up to one year of credit subject to meeting any corequisites or pre-requisites:

- [Bachelor of Arts](#)
- [Bachelor of Criminology](#)
- [Bachelor of International Relations](#)
- [Bachelor of Media Communication](#)

You need to satisfy the following entrance requirements to be considered for entry to this course.

Minimum Entry Requirements (Domestic students)

Qualifications

***Note:** A VTAC Personal Statement is recommended for current Year 12 applicants and is compulsory for non-Year-12 applicants. The Personal Statement should outline why the applicant is applying for the Diploma of Higher Education (in a particular stream, e.g. Education or Science), and provide evidence to demonstrate their motivation to study and their relevant work experience and/or community involvement.*

Prerequisites

All applicants must satisfy the following prerequisites or their [equivalents](#).

	English	Maths	Sciences/Other
Australian VCE subjects	Education stream: Units 3 & 4: a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or 25 in English other than EAL.Arts stream Learning Design and Technology stream Science stream: Units 3 & 4: a study score of at least 25 in English (EAL) or 25 in English other than EAL	N/A	N/A
IB	At least 4 in English SL or 3 in English HL or 5 in English B SL or 4 in English B HL	N/A	N/A

Alternative qualifications and prerequisites

If you don't have an ATAR, you may use alternative qualifications such as a graded VET Certificate IV, Diploma or Advanced Diploma course to demonstrate that you meet the minimum entry requirements. Applications are made via VTAC and applicants must

complete and submit a [VTAC Personal Statement](#) detailing relevant work experience, community involvement and evidence of how they have fulfilled the equivalent of the [English units](#).

For other domestic and international qualification entry requirements and scores for this course use the [study credit and admissions eligibility search](#).

English requirements

Applicants must also meet the [English language requirements](#).

University entrance requirements

[Minimum entrance requirements](#) for admission to Monash University Australia.

[Monash College Diplomas](#)

Diploma programs offer both domestic and international students guaranteed entry into Monash University for a range of related undergraduate degrees. All you need to do is complete the Diploma with the required entry score.

Domestic students have two options - enter into first year after completing Part 1, or into second year after completing Part 2. Domestic diploma students are eligible for a [guaranteed Commonwealth Supported Place \(CSP\)](#) when they commence their study at Monash University.

Diplomas provide a pathway into the first or second year of a Monash University undergraduate degree. There are eight diplomas leading to undergraduate degrees at the following faculties:

- Art, Design and Architecture
- Arts
- Business and Economics
- Education (selected double degrees only)
- Engineering
- Information Technology
- Science

Diplomas at a glance

What you can study Arts, business, education, engineering, IT and science (Docklands)
Art and design (Docklands)

How long?	Part 1: 9 months* Part 2: 4 - 12 months* Part 2 (Engineering stream): 12 months *Depending on program and start date
Maximum duration of course	Part 1 and 2: 6 trimesters, except for Diploma of Engineering with 7 trimesters and Diploma of Art and Design Part 2.1 with 5 trimesters Part 2: 4 trimesters, except for Diploma of Engineering with 5 trimesters and Diploma of Art and Design Part 2.1 with 3 trimesters

Class structure	Tutorials and lectures (+ laboratory practicals for engineering, IT and science)
Contact hours	5–7 hours per unit, per week
Study model	Trimester
Start dates	February, June and October
Double degrees	Yes – selected degrees only
International locations	Jakarta International College, Indonesia Universal College Bangladesh, Bangladesh Universal College Lanka, Sri Lanka Tianhua College, China

Fast track to second year

In part 2 of your diploma, you'll study the same subjects as first year university students. Some people use this as a fast track, completing first year in 8 months.*

How diplomas work

The Monash College diploma is in two parts. You can start in part 1 or part 2, depending on your academic results.

	Part 1	Part 2
Who should enter?	Australian Year 11 or equivalent	Australian Year 12 or equivalent
How long?	9 months	9 months*
		*Engineering Part 2 Engineering stream is 12 months
What happens when you finish?	International students can commence part 2. Domestic students can start first year at Monash University, subject to faculty entry requirements.	You can start second year at Monash University, subject to faculty entry requirements.

Admissions Transparency

Monash College admits students from a range of educational pathways into its diplomas. Although an ATAR and an OP (Queensland) score is published for each diploma, students can also be admitted based on previous higher education or vocational education (complete or incomplete) or Yr 11 study. Details on specific entry requirements and pre-requisites are available from the [Academic entry requirements](#) page.

To get a better understanding of admissions at Monash College, [see the admissions information here](#).

The table gives an indication of the likely peer cohort for new students at Monash College overall and by course. It provides data for students that commenced study in Australia and passed the census date in 2016.

Indigenous pathways and entry schemes

A range of [pathways and entry schemes](#) to support Indigenous Australians who wish to undertake university studies at Monash.

MIAP and INAP

Duration: 6 - 12 Months (Depending on what you study)

Intake: Trimester 1 intake (February), Trimester 2 intake (June)

Location: Monash University - Clayton campus

The Monash Indigenous Access Program (MIAP) is a scholarship-funded bridging program designed to prepare students for entry into a variety of undergraduate degrees at Monash University. The Indigenous Non-Award Pathway (INAP) is the part-time version of MIAP.

These pathways are specifically designed to support Indigenous Australians in making a successful transition to university study. The program develops skills that enable success in a university environment.

MIAP is a full-time program that is ABSTUDY-approved. Whereas INAP is part-time and therefore you cannot receive ABSTUDY while enrolled in INAP.

You can apply if you:

- Haven't completed Year 12
- Graduated on a non-ATAR pathway
- Received an ATAR under 50
- Have not studied at university
- Are mature aged without previous study experience

On completion of this program, students are directly admitted into the first year of their destination degree of choice.

How to apply

Please download the following [Monash Indigenous Pathways application form](#).

Once you have submitted the application form, you will be invited to an interview with the William Cooper Institute.

Contact us

Please contact us at the William Cooper Institute for more assistance via:

Email: wci-study@monash.edu

Phone: 03 9902 4972

Single units

You can apply to [study single units](#) if you don't meet minimum academic entry requirements for the degree you want to do. Once you've completed two university units, you can apply for a large range of undergraduate courses.

TAFE qualifications

A graded Australian TAFE qualification provides an excellent pathway to many Monash courses. If you have successfully completed a certificate IV, diploma, or the first year of an advanced diploma, this may help you enter university. If you gain a place at Monash, you may be eligible for some [credit](#) towards your course for any graded TAFE studies you have completed.

Pathways

Pathways usually begin with a diploma or advanced diploma and eventually lead you to an undergraduate degree. Depending on the courses involved in the pathway, progressing to an undergraduate can take between six months and two years.

Guaranteed Pathways

Guaranteed Pathways gives you the option to preference pathway packages when you apply to RMIT. This means you will be able to secure your place in your dream course by completing your vocational studies (otherwise known as TAFE) first and graduate with two internationally-recognised RMIT qualifications.

Pathway Finder tool to find the right guaranteed pathway to your degree. Look for the Guaranteed Pathways symbol.

Find Guaranteed Pathways

All RMIT pathways allow students to gain credit towards and entry into a higher level of study. Guaranteed Pathways (or packaged pathways) allow you to enrol in both the initial qualification and the bachelor degree at the same time, securing your place in the bachelor degree. Guaranteed Pathways eliminate the need to apply for the bachelor degree after finishing the initial qualification.

There are five levels to find the guaranteed pathway

1. Interest Area

Choose one of the following areas of interest to view your course options:

• Architecture • Art • Aviation • Biomedical Science • Building • Business • Communication • Design • Education • Engineering	• Environment • Fashion • Health • Information Technology • Law • Media • Property • Psychology • Science • Social and Community
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2. Study level

Select a preferred level of study.

Higher education

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[Vocational \(TAFE\)](#)

[See all courses](#)

3. Course options

Filter courses by study level:

Higher education

Vocational (TAFE)

[See all courses](#)

4. Pathways Options

 **Guaranteed Pathway**

Look for this symbol to choose a Guaranteed Pathway

> [Learn more about Guaranteed Pathways](#)

There are two types of pathways Guaranteed and Other.

What is the difference between Guaranteed Pathways and Other Pathways?

Guaranteed Pathways allow you to secure your place in your goal degree when you enrol in the initial level of study, while other pathways require you to apply to your goal degree after successfully completing your initial qualification.

Other Pathways example

Pathway B
2.5 years*

- Certificate IV in Screen and Media 0.5 year
- Diploma of Music (Sound Production) 1 year
- Advanced Diploma of Music (Sound Production) 1 year

[Show pathway details](#)

Guaranteed Pathway example

Pathway D
3 years*

- Diploma of Business 1 year
- Bachelor of Business 2 years

[Show pathway details](#)

 **Guaranteed Pathway** 

RMIT offers many [TAFE courses](#) to take on your way to the pathway of your choice

[RMIT Foundation Studies](#)

RMIT Foundation Studies is a standard streamed Foundation program. It has been designed to prepare you for success at university. This course is a direct pathway to degree courses at RMIT University.

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RMIT University's Foundation Studies course is designed to give international students the skills you need to be university ready. Students who successfully complete Foundation Studies and meet the appropriate prerequisites are eligible to pathway into an RMIT University first-year undergraduate program or its equivalent. Foundation Studies is delivered by RMIT UP at our City Campus in Melbourne, Australia.

Foundation Studies is delivered face-to-face on campus and includes a live online component. Our delivery mode recognises the importance of preparing students for new ways of learning and working for the future.

Focused discipline streams

RMIT's [Foundation Studies](#) has tailored streams for you to choose from:

- Art, Design and Architecture
- Business
- Communication and Social Context
- Engineering and Science
- Health
- Information Technology (IT)

[View Foundation Studies Course Information](#)

Swinburne University of Technology



Pathways to University

You'll start with a certificate or diploma which, once successfully completed, help you to meet the entry criteria for a related bachelor degree.

Depending on how closely your completed study matches your destination degree, you may also receive academic credit that allows you to complete your degree sooner.

Fee-Free UniReady Program

Fee-Free UniReady is a government-funded 18-week course designed to give you a supportive pathway into a range of Swinburne bachelor degrees – no ATAR or previous study experience required.

Delivered on campus and online, you'll develop essential academic skills including:

- Academic writing and communication
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Digital literacy and research
- Mathematics for university

Visit our [Fee-Free UniReady information page](#).

What degrees can I enter?

On successful completion, students can enter the Bachelor degrees below.

Direct entry

- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Business
- Bachelor of Health Sciences
- Bachelor of Information and Communication Technology
- Bachelor of Science

What is the commitment?

Fee-Free UniReady has a total length of 18 weeks (one semester).

Weekly hours

Total estimated study hours each week – 12 hours

Face-to-face learning on-campus (optional) or online - 18 hours

Supported or self-guided online study

Who can apply?

You're eligible for the Fee-Free UniReady course if you:

- are an Australian or New Zealand citizen, a Permanent Resident of Australia, or a Humanitarian or Pacific Engagement visa holder
- live in Victoria for the duration of your study
- are 17 years or older

TAFE pathways to a degree

You can use your completed TAFE studies – such as a diploma, advanced diploma or some certificates – to meet the entry requirements of a bachelor degree. In many cases, your completed TAFE studies will also give you academic credit that can take time off the duration of your bachelor degree. The exact amount of academic credit you receive will depend on how closely your TAFE studies match your destination degree.

To view all your options from a TAFE diploma or certificate to a Swinburne degree, explore the [Pathway Planner](#).

Many Swinburne courses provide pathways that allow you to move through qualification levels, with completed study (to a required standard) considered as an entry requirement to your next qualification. Many of our diplomas, advanced diplomas and some certificates provide a pathway to an undergraduate degree.

You might also be eligible for [academic credit](#) if you've completed any previous study, which could help you reach your study goals sooner.

If you have a destination course in mind, use our Pathway Planner tool to explore your pathway options.

Example:

I want to study the following course

Bachelor of Education (Primary)

What are my options?

Showing all pathways to study the Bachelor of Education (Primary)

Pathway course	Maximum credit	
Bachelor of Education Studies	8 units	View credit details
Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care (CHC50121)	6 units	View credit details
Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care (CHC50113)	6 units	View credit details
Diploma of Teacher Education Preparation (22602VIC)	3 units	View credit details
Diploma of Teacher Education Preparation (22451VIC)	3 units	View credit details

University of Divinity

Future Students Pathways

The University of Divinity does not use ATAR's to gain entry, they will accept the VCE VM as an alternative to the VCE. The university is guided by their [Admissions Policy](#)



Courses

The following minimum academic standards for a handful of undergraduate awards:

Award type	Minimum academic standards for admission
Undergraduate Certificate	Australian Year 12 or equivalent, or probationary admission
Diploma	Australian Year 12 or equivalent, or probationary admission
Advanced Diploma	Australian Year 12 or equivalent
Bachelor	Australian Year 12 or equivalent
Graduate Certificate	AQF Level 7 qualification or at least 5 years of relevant professional experience
Graduate Diploma	AQF Level 7 qualification
Masters (by coursework)	AQF Level 7 qualification
Masters (by research)	a) AQF Level 7 qualification of 4 years with Honours or a Graduate Diploma b) a research essay or thesis of at least 12000 words graded at 70%
Doctorate	a) AQF Level 7 qualification of 4 years with Honours or a Graduate Diploma b) a research essay or thesis of at least 12000 words graded at 75%

Depending on the VCE VM results, you can enter the following:

- [Undergraduate Certificate in Divinity](#)
- [Diploma in Ministry](#)
- [Diploma in Theology](#)
- [Advanced Diploma in Philosophy](#)
- [Advanced Diploma in Theology and Ministry](#)

Victoria University

Pathways to VU

Didn't meet the entry requirements for your preferred course, or you're not ready to commit to a full degree program.

By successfully completing a pathway course, you'll gain entry into the next level of study. Many pathway courses even allow you to earn credit towards a qualification.



VU Pathways

- Arts, community & humanities pathways
- Building, engineering & science pathways
- Business pathways
- Education & early childhood pathways
- Health, biomedicine & nursing pathways
- IT, cyber security & data science pathways
- Law, justice & legal practice pathways
- Sport & exercise science pathways
- Pathways into VU from our partners

What are pathways?

'Pathways' allow you to build on your learning and progress between study levels. They can link courses with similar learning, for example a nursing diploma to a nursing degree. Or they may help you to access tertiary education by teaching you foundational study skills.

Often, pathways connect our TAFE certificates and diplomas to our bachelor degrees.

Completing a diploma may gain you direct entry into the second semester or second year of the related degree. Pathways are offered between VU courses and also [via external institutes](#) who have partnered with us to create links from their courses to ours.

Foundation courses

Foundation courses prepare you for university if you left school early, didn't get the exam results you wanted, or as an international student you need to get ready for Australian study. They offer entry into bachelor's degrees and diplomas without credit.

Foundations at VU

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VU Early Entry

VU Early Entry program is for Year 11 or 12 students to enhanced uni entry.

How to apply

If you are a Year 11 or 12 student studying VCE, VCE Vocational Major, Unsourced VCE or an International Baccalaureate in Victoria, you are eligible for VU Early Entry.

1. Prepare your application

When you apply, you'll answer questions about who you are – tell us what makes you unique! For more tips, read our guide below.

2. Submit your application

Submit your application and you'll hear back from us within 7 days.

Apply

3. Apply to VU

You will need to include your desired VU course as your highest eligible preference on your VTAC preference list, or apply directly if it is an apply-direct course.

As part of the application, you'll be asked to tell us a little about yourself by answering the following questions:

- Why do you want to study at VU?
- How do you contribute to your community, school or family?
- Who inspires you to succeed?
- How would studying at VU help you to make a difference in the world?

We are looking for applicants who embody the values of Victoria University: progressive, forward-thinking, inclusive and bold! We recommend trying to incorporate these values into your responses.

Allow yourself at least 20 minutes to write your responses.

What VU courses am I eligible to apply for as a VCE Vocational Major or Unsourced VCE student?

VCE Vocational Major and Unsourced VCE students are eligible to apply for VU TAFE courses. Many of our TAFE courses have pathways into our bachelor courses.

Some VU TAFE courses can be applied for through VTAC. If a VU TAFE course is listed in VTAC, you must apply through VTAC. For others, you will need to apply through the relevant [course page](#).

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) for TAFE courses

Through Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), you may receive credit for your past study and experience, reducing the time it takes to complete your course.

You can apply to have credit transferred for units you've completed elsewhere, or you can apply to have your learning, life, and work experience considered.

Additionally, if new requirements are introduced to your existing TAFE qualification, we can assess your professional skills against these through Recognition of Current Competency (RCC).

***Note:** This information is for Australian citizens and permanent residents, New Zealand citizens and permanent Australian humanitarian visa holders.*

Explore course requirements

Visit your course page and navigate to 'Course structure' to find the units and credit points required to complete the qualification.

Open the 'Units' section and click on the items to read the descriptions to determine if you have completed the unit previously, or if you have equivalent knowledge gained at work or through other learning. If so, write down the unit name and code to use in your application.

[Find your course](#)