

# TRANSITION EDUCATION


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UNIVERSITY**  
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“I arrived in Australia when I was eight and picked up English quickly, but my writing and reading skills needed developing. VU’s courses in Vocational Preparation helped me succeed in Year 11 and 12 and prepared me for tertiary study.

I’m a volunteer tutor with young Sudanese people, and recently participated in the Miss South Sudan competition which gave me so much confidence.

My big dream is to one day work for the United Nations.”

**ACHOL AROS** – CERTIFICATE I IN VOCATIONAL PREPARATION,  
CERTIFICATE IV IN LIBERAL ARTS

# TRANSITION EDUCATION

## Transition Education helps widen education and employment opportunities for traditionally under-represented groups.

A Transition Education course at Victoria University (VU) can lead directly into employment or other VU courses, from trade-based certificates through to higher education degrees. So whether you want to become a bricklayer, business owner or research scientist, we make it easier for you to realise your potential and succeed.

At VU we ensure our learning environment and course content is suited to your needs by offering specific programs for young people, mature-age students, Indigenous Australians, migrants and refugees, and students with special needs.

If you need to improve your English skills or literacy to access work or further study opportunities, we can help you. We are one of the largest providers of English as a Second Language (ESL) education in Melbourne.

We offer the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (Intermediate and Senior) and the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE), as well as courses to prepare you for tertiary studies.

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### WHY CHOOSE VU?

Whether you are an early school leaver, returning to study after a break, or wanting to improve your English, literacy and numeracy skills, VU will help you get where you want to go.

We are experts in language, literacy and learning education with a long history of helping students, migrants and refugees achieve success in study, work and community integration.

VU is one of the largest providers of ESL education in Melbourne, and offer courses at the University's campuses in Sunshine, Footscray, Werribee and St Albans.

Our connections provide you with learning opportunities in real educational, business and community settings – improving your employability and giving you greater confidence in daily life.

### WE'RE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU

Our Language and Learning team offers a range of face-to-face support services to help you succeed. From writing, general study and assessment skills, to online resources and peer mentoring, we will be here for you.

Our Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (Intermediate and Senior) and the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) offer you a gateway to employment or university study.

For more information on VU's range of services including counselling, disability, Indigenous and study support, visit [vu.edu.au/student-support](http://vu.edu.au/student-support)

### TRANSITION EDUCATION COURSE AREAS

- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- ESL (Employment/Professional)
- ESL (Further Study)
- General Education for Adults
- Mumgu-Dhal Tyama-Tiyt (Indigenous Foundation Studies)
- Spoken and Written English
- Tertiary Preparation
- Transition Education
- Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (Intermediate and Senior)
- Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE).

For detailed information about all Transition Education courses visit [vu.edu.au/transition-education](http://vu.edu.au/transition-education)

# INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS

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At Victoria University we teach you how to succeed in study, work and everyday life. Our approach to learning combines theory with practice – practical training in workplaces and the community helps you to apply your knowledge, improving your employability and self-confidence.

VU graduates are known for their practical experience and learning outside the classroom. We have many opportunities for students to participate in industry or community projects. For example, our Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) students undertake a 40-hour work placement in retail and office settings. This allows them to develop their workplace communication skills, make realistic plans about work and gain local experience.

Your future career can benefit from workplace learning because you can graduate with the relevant, up-to-date skills and knowledge that employers are looking for. Our practical courses give you the advantage of graduating work-ready.

Find out more about workplace learning at [vu.edu.au/work-ready](http://vu.edu.au/work-ready)

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I plan to study hair and beauty, I’m particularly interested in doing a make-up course. I feel like I can do it now, I have that extra self-confidence.”

**ANTONELLA INNOCCA – CERTIFICATE I IN WORK EDUCATION**

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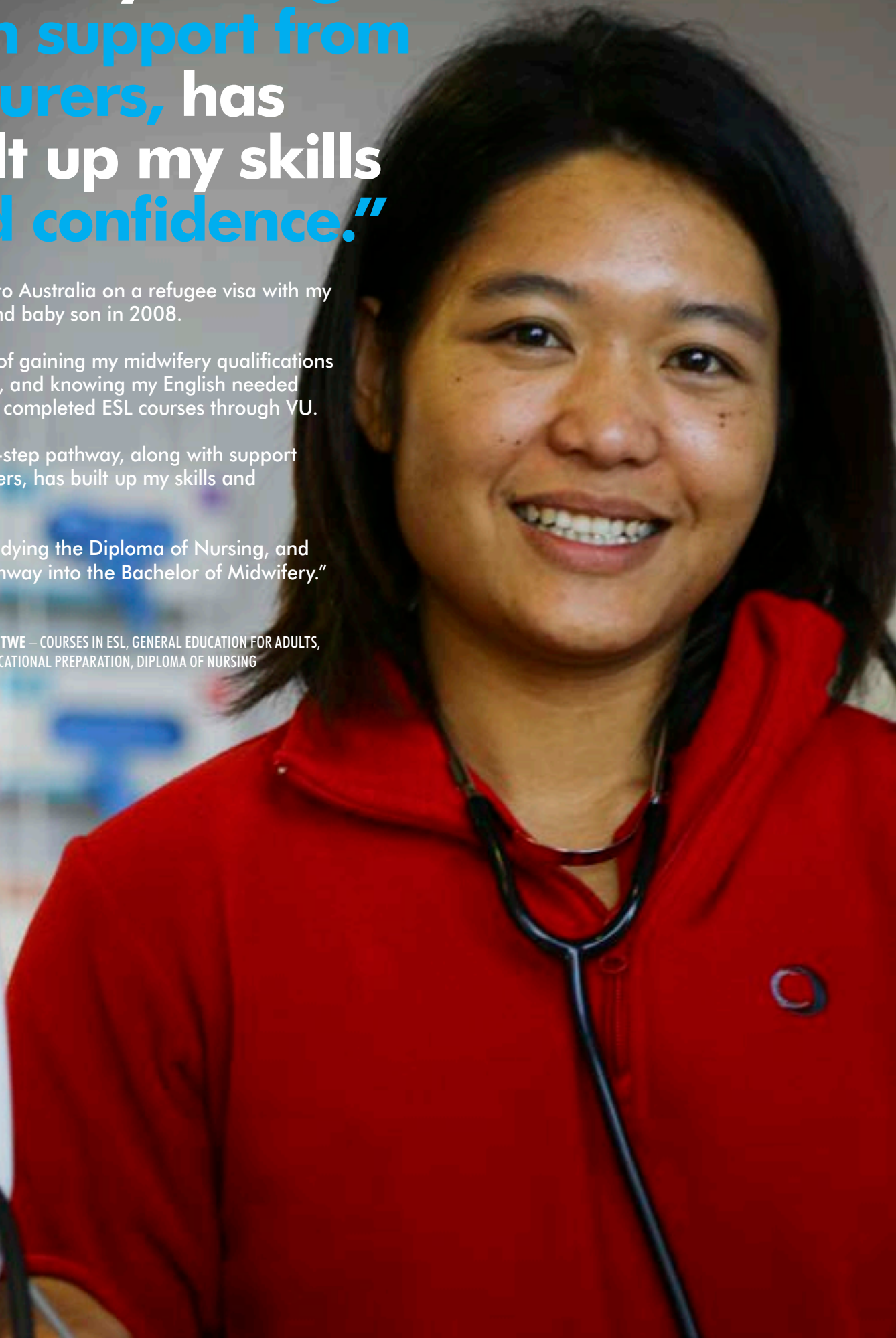
“I migrated to Australia on a refugee visa with my husband and baby son in 2008.

I dreamed of gaining my midwifery qualifications in Australia, and knowing my English needed work, I first completed ESL courses through YU.

My step-by-step pathway, along with support from lecturers, has built up my skills and confidence.

I’m now studying the Diploma of Nursing, and plan to pathway into the Bachelor of Midwifery.”

**ROSE MOO SANHTWE** – COURSES IN ESL, GENERAL EDUCATION FOR ADULTS, TERTIARY AND VOCATIONAL PREPARATION, DIPLOMA OF NURSING



# FLEXIBILITY

## THE VU MODEL OF TERTIARY EDUCATION

The VU Model provides opportunities for students from a wide range of backgrounds to achieve success on their own terms.

The VU model features work-integrated learning options, tailored learning support, plus flexible pathways and various entry and exit points between a tailored range of courses, including:

- largely accessible Bachelor degrees aimed at students who may be unsure about which study specialisations to follow, or require additional support while transitioning from vocational education
- specialist/professional degrees
- vocational education programs
- undergraduate degrees across a wide range of subject areas
- industry-relevant postgraduate programs.

## CHOOSE YOUR PATHWAY

Victoria University is one of the few institutions in Australia to offer both vocational training (TAFE) and higher education.

Whether you are returning to study or didn't receive the ATAR to get into your chosen degree, there are many options to turn your career dreams into reality.

Our study pathways connect courses between vocational training and higher education, including postgraduate studies. Students can start their education journey at certificate level and proceed to a diploma, degree or PhD, exiting the pathway when they achieve their immediate study goal, and re-entering if and when they choose to further their studies.

Pathways are designed to suit all types of students whether you are just out of secondary school, are looking for career advancement, want to develop your skills, are seeking a career change or looking for personal development.

[vu.edu.au/pathways](http://vu.edu.au/pathways)

## SAMPLE PATHWAYS

Below are three examples of our many Transition Education pathways to give you an idea of how they work.

### ENGLISH AS AN ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE PATHWAY



### EDUCATION PATHWAY



### HEALTH PATHWAY



## ACCESS FOR EVERYONE

Victoria University is renowned for providing educational opportunities for a wide range of students of all ages, cultures, and socioeconomic and educational backgrounds. With flexible entry and exit points into our courses, academic and personal support, and one of the broadest range of scholarships of any university in Australia, we can help you succeed.

## CREDIT FOR SKILLS AND PAST STUDY

We are committed to recognising previous studies and the life and work experiences that students bring with them when they decide to study with us. Students can receive credit by matching their previous experiences and studies with the skills and knowledge covered in course units, allowing them to complete their studies sooner.

## FROM DIPLOMA TO DEGREE

We offer a streamlined pathway from some one-year diplomas straight into the second year of a bachelor degree, with full credit for the first year of the degree.

[vu.edu.au/dip-into-degree](http://vu.edu.au/dip-into-degree)

## SCHOLARSHIPS

### UNDERGRADUATE

We offer the most comprehensive suite of undergraduate student scholarships of any university in Victoria.

[vu.edu.au/scholarships](http://vu.edu.au/scholarships)

### POSTGRADUATE COURSEWORK SCHOLARSHIPS

Visit our website for Victoria University and externally-funded postgraduate scholarships.

[vu.edu.au/scholarships](http://vu.edu.au/scholarships)  
[researchscholarships@vu.edu.au](mailto:researchscholarships@vu.edu.au)

### POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

We offer many living stipend scholarship programs for postgraduate research students.

[vu.edu.au/research-scholarships](http://vu.edu.au/research-scholarships)  
[gradresearch@vu.edu.au](mailto:gradresearch@vu.edu.au)

## EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

We offer a range of special entry schemes for applicants who have been unable to reach their full educational potential or who may have restricted access to the courses of their choice because of their life circumstances.


[vu.edu.au/access](http://vu.edu.au/access)  
**03 9919 6100**

We aim to ensure that students with a disability or medical condition are able to actively participate in all aspects of University life.

[vu.edu.au/disability](http://vu.edu.au/disability)  
[disability@vu.edu.au](mailto:disability@vu.edu.au)  
**03 9919 5400**

We encourage Indigenous Australians to apply for any of our courses. Our Moondani Balluk Academic Unit provides Indigenous students with support services.

[vu.edu.au/moondani-balluk](http://vu.edu.au/moondani-balluk)  
[moondani.balluk@vu.edu.au](mailto:moondani.balluk@vu.edu.au)  
**03 9919 2836**



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I felt really proud when I graduated, and it gave me confidence to do more study.

Cabinet making comes so naturally to me, I’ve never experienced anything like it.

My advice to others is to have a look at all the opportunities at VU. Go for it – just ask for help and take your time, you’ll get there.”

**BENJAMIN GRIFFITH** – CERTIFICATE I IN WORK EDUCATION,  
CERTIFICATE II IN FURNITURE MAKING



# OUR FOCUS

Transition Education focuses on:

- young people and early school leavers
- adult and community education
- school partnerships
- foundation courses (including English as a second language)
- local and international community links
- pathways and guaranteed places.

## RETENTION AND SUCCESS

Transition Education staff at VU are leading the implementation of a University-wide student retention and success strategy, working in collaboration with colleges, Student Life, research institutes and other agencies to help keep students at university once they start.

## COLLABORATIVE LEARNING AND TEACHING

We also play a major role in partnerships with VU colleges and the University's Centre for Collaborative Learning and Teaching around academic learning development and success. The aim is to develop best practices for learning and teaching.

## SPECIALISATIONS AND EXPERTISE

Transition Education works across the University in these areas:

- School/University partnerships
- Early university programs
- Youth services
- Community partnerships
- Course delivery
- Student retention services
- Pre-tertiary curriculum design.

## CELEBRATING CULTURAL DIVERSITY

Transition Education students gain confidence and pride in their own backgrounds and cultures, while providing the wider student population with an appreciation of the variety of the more than 90 cultures we have at VU.

Victoria University received the highest rating of five stars for cultural diversity by the *Good Universities Guide*. Our students feel privileged to learn in a setting that has such a rich representation of cultures.



# FACILITIES

Victoria University has three campuses in Melbourne's CBD and five across the western suburbs; our small campus in Sydney is for international students. All campuses are easily accessible by public transport.

Transition Education is offered at campuses in four convenient locations: Sunshine, Footscray, Werribee and St Albans.

## CLASSROOMS OF THE FUTURE

Victoria University's classrooms are being transformed into creative and technology-rich environments.

The multi-platform learning space at our Footscray Nicholson Campus – known as the Terrain Room – is one of a growing number of the University's rejuvenated physical spaces that have transformed classrooms, libraries and lecture theatres into creative learning and teaching environments.

## LIBRARIES

Our campus libraries are known as 'learning commons' – integrated hubs that offer career advice, learning and IT support as well as academic resources in a relaxed, lounge-like setting. Our learning commons' provide students with access to photocopying, computing and printing facilities, electronic and print resources, and a comprehensive information skills training program.

[vu.edu.au/library](http://vu.edu.au/library)

## FOOD AND CAFÉS

Our three city campuses have easy access to cafes and food outlets. All other campuses have on-campus cafes and food outlets for students, staff and the wider community.

## COMPUTER FACILITIES

We have nearly 4000 computers spread across our campuses and in all campus libraries. PCs and Apple Macs are provided in teaching laboratories and open access facilities. A central IT helpdesk is available to answer all queries and provide assistance.

Students have access to a rich collection of online resources, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. These include databases or material housed within the library, student email, e-learning content for courses, student software packages and innovative social networking tools.

[vu.edu.au/student-tools](http://vu.edu.au/student-tools)

## SPORT AND FITNESS

Our sport services and facilities include:

- sport clubs, campus sport programs and representative sport opportunities
- quality fitness centres at Footscray Park, St Albans and Werribee Campuses
- a heated 25-metre swimming pool at Footscray Park Campus
- multi-purpose sports halls at Melton, Footscray Park and Footscray Nicholson Campuses
- tennis courts at Werribee, Footscray Park and St Albans Campuses.

[vu.edu.au/sport](http://vu.edu.au/sport)

## CHILDCARE

We operate multi-purpose childcare centres at Footscray Park Campus **03 9919 4578**, Footscray Nicholson Campus **03 9919 8698** and Werribee Campus **03 9919 8098**.

## ACCOMMODATION

We own and operate a range of student accommodation, including Victoria Place, a modern apartment complex, and Student Village, a vibrant living environment for approximately 500 students located near Highpoint Shopping Centre and about 2 km from our Footscray Park Campus.

[vu.edu.au/residences](http://vu.edu.au/residences)

## HOUSING SERVICES

Our Student Housing Service provides free advice and assistance to students looking for housing as well as general tenancy advice.

[housing@vu.edu.au](mailto:housing@vu.edu.au)



# FEES AND ASSISTANCE

The fees you pay for your Transition Education course will depend on a number of factors, including:

- the course that you enrol in
- when you commence the course
- your age
- your prior qualifications
- your citizenship status.

You may be eligible for a government subsidy as well as a concession to help with your fees. The University also offers eligible students the option to pay their fees by instalments.

## STUDENT LOANS

We may be able to assist you with study costs through our student loan scheme.

[vu.edu.au/student-loans](http://vu.edu.au/student-loans)

## FINANCIAL ADVICE

Our professional, trained staff offer free financial advice on study-related and living costs. Information about tax, government assistance, debt, household expenses, budgeting, financial planning and student loans is also available.

[vu.edu.au/financial-advice](http://vu.edu.au/financial-advice)

## HOW TO APPLY

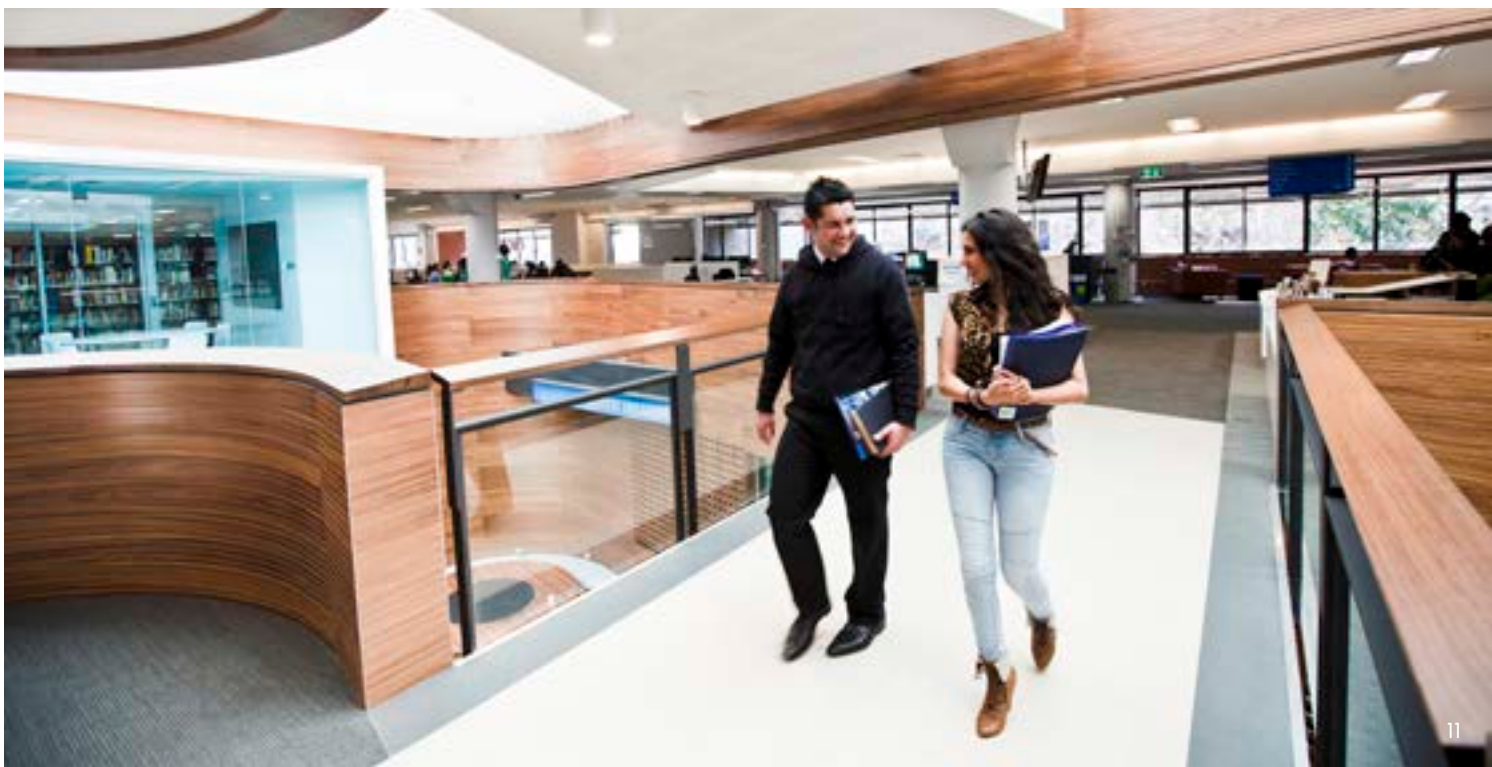
You can complete the direct entry application form on our website or for assistance contact the University directly by phoning our Student Contact Centre on **03 9919 6100** or posting a question via the ASKVU Question Tab at [vu.edu.au/askvu](http://vu.edu.au/askvu)

[vu.edu.au/apply](http://vu.edu.au/apply)

## PREREQUISITES

All courses have prerequisites that you need to meet before you can enrol. Apart from your age, these might include:

- an English language assessment to ensure you are enrolling in an appropriate course for your skills
- your potential and motivation for employment
- your ability to complete the course
- your basic literacy and numeracy skills
- some other assessment as determined by the University.



# WANT TO KNOW MORE?

## COURSE INFORMATION

Phone **+61 3 9919 6100** or **1300 VIC UNI**  
Email **student.recruitment@vu.edu.au**  
**vu.edu.au/courses**

The Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC) website provides information on courses and how to apply for them.

**vtac.edu.au**

## VU OPEN DAY

Come to VU Open Day at Footscray Park Campus on Sunday 24 August 2014, 10am – 4pm

**vu.edu.au/openday**

## POSTGRADUATE COURSEWORK AND RESEARCH

**vu.edu.au/postgraduate**

## COURSES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

**vu.edu.au/courses/international**

## QUESTIONS?

Ask us a question by visiting **vu.edu.au/gotovu**

ASKVU gives answers to common questions on anything from admission to graduation, including applications, enrolment, fees, exams and all other aspects of student life.

**askvu.vu.edu.au**

## CAREER ADVICE

Email **student.recruitment@vu.edu.au**



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