

EDUCATION




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MELBOURNE AUSTRALIA



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Education is the cornerstone of society – without education, you can’t do anything. I want to continue to drive positive change through more student engagement.”

BRODEN BORG – BACHELOR OF EDUCATION

At Victoria University our aim is to help everyone who wants to create a better world through education.

Do you have a qualification, but have never taught? Are you interested in becoming an early childhood educator, a primary or secondary school teacher, a youth worker or instructor of English as a second language? Would you like to pursue vocational and work-based education?

We are here to support your learning journey – whether you are a first-time student, are making a new life in our community, are an experienced worker or a career changer.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Victoria University's College of Education supports learners from diverse backgrounds.

We embrace this diversity, providing opportunity for learning through flexible pathways as well as partnerships and programs that have an emphasis on workplace and community placement.

VU is one of the few dual-sector universities offering courses in education, so you can study at a vocational education (TAFE), degree or postgraduate level.

Our courses span early childhood, youth work, teacher education and human services.

Most College of Education courses are delivered at Footscray Park and St Albans Campuses, but many are offered at other VU sites. We also offer classes at the Hume Global Learning Centre, Broadmeadows, as part of VU Learning Link.

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POSTGRADUATE EDUCATION

Victoria University is one of just a handful of Australian universities to receive a five-star rating from the Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations for our facilities and infrastructure to support postgraduate students.

You can pursue postgraduate studies in early childhood, primary, secondary and tertiary teaching; education; youth services management; and Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL).

Undertaking postgraduate study will broaden your career opportunities and sharpen your skills – through coursework, research, or a combination of both. Our approachable and nurturing staff will be there to support you every step of the way.

VU researchers conduct meaningful projects that focus on social transformation and inclusion that benefit the community. Our world-class research and practice improves education experiences and outcomes for all students.

All this equates to an excellent foundation for your professional development and advancement.

vu.edu.au/postgraduate-study

EDUCATION COURSE AREAS

At Victoria University, courses are offered across a range of education specialisations, at vocational training (TAFE), undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Our range of specialisations includes:

- Alcohol and Other Drugs
- Children's Services
- Early Childhood Education
- Early Childhood Education and Care
- Early Childhood/Primary
- Early Childhood Teaching
- Education
- Educational Learning and Leadership
- Education Studies
- Education Support
- Education (VET)
- Kyinandoo
- Outside School Hours Care
- Primary Teaching
- Secondary Education
- Sport and Recreation Management
- Tertiary Education
- TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)
- Training and Assessment
- VET Secondary Teaching
- Vocational Education and Training
- Youth Services Management
- Youth Studies
- Youth Work

For detailed information about all education courses visit vu.edu.au/education

INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS

Victoria University's College of Education places central importance on community partnerships, professional practice and learning from social practice.

Our partner network includes schools, community organisations, government and universities – particularly in Melbourne's north and west, but also overseas. We have a unique relationship with the University of Texas (El Paso), which has been recognised for innovation in international education.

This means that everything you learn with us has direct links to the real world. We look at what's happening out there, and bring these observations back to the classroom.

Our partnerships also give you access to workplace learning environments where you have the chance to experience different teaching styles.

EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

Every year, the College of Education offers a range of exciting options for professional experience, such as:

- teaching in rural/remote locations, including the Northern Territory
- overseas study tours in Malaysia, China, East Timor and more
- sporting, literacy and leadership programs with sporting organisations including the Western Bulldogs
- mentoring school students in university-ready skills
- creative art projects.

VU has over 900 partnerships with a broad range of organisations across Victoria and beyond.

Find out more about education experience at vu.edu.au/education-placements

LEARN FROM THE BEST

Some of Australia's most esteemed professionals impart their knowledge and experience as Victoria University lecturers.

College of Education Senior Lecturer Dr Mark Vicars was recently awarded the Australian Learning and Teaching Council Citation for his outstanding contribution to student learning for "teaching approaches that motivate, inspire and support socially disadvantaged and culturally diverse students to overcome barriers to learning, and experience and attain success."

"What I love about VU is that not only is it flexible and innovative, I find the demographic of students here very interesting to teach. Often for new arrivals, the Aboriginal stories are relatable to their own experiences of displacement. I tell my students to go out and change the world."

GARY FOLEY – LECTURER

Gary Foley is a renowned Aboriginal activist, writer, historian and performer. He is completing his PhD at VU in Aboriginal political history, while teaching at our Moondani Balluk Academic Unit.

vu.edu.au/moondani-balluk



A woman with short, styled hair, wearing a leopard print coat over a black top and a long, white, fringed scarf, stands on a green lawn. In the background, several children in school uniforms are walking on the grass near a playground structure. The scene is outdoors on a bright day.

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The flexible pathways into VU teaching degrees capture the students who really want to be teachers. I believe that some of my VU graduates will be the educational leaders of tomorrow, something which is sorely needed in our industry right now.”

MEENAH MARCHBANK – PRINCIPAL, CAMBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

“I hope to become a **positive example** for other Indigenous Australians.”

“As the first Indigenous trainee to obtain a VU Certificate III in Children’s Services, I decided to pathway into the Diploma of Children’s Services. I’ve always had an interest in children’s welfare and I hope to become a positive example for other Indigenous Australians.

When I graduate with my Diploma, I plan to enrol in the Bachelor of Education and follow my dream of becoming a primary school teacher.”

CHLOE RYAN – CERTIFICATE III IN CHILDREN’S SERVICES,
DIPLOMA OF CHILDREN’S SERVICES
(EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE)



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.

EDUCATION PATHWAYS

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

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. This means your dream course and career are within reach.

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

vu.edu.au/pathways

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 and out of our courses, academic and personal support, and one of the broadest range of scholarships of any university in Australia, we can help you succeed.

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. This includes the Diploma of Education Studies which pathways directly into the Bachelor of Education.

vu.edu.au/dip-into-degree

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.

SCHOLARSHIPS

UNDERGRADUATE

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

vu.edu.au/scholarships

POSTGRADUATE COURSEWORK SCHOLARSHIPS

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

vu.edu.au/scholarships
researchscholarships@vu.edu.au

POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIPS

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

vu.edu.au/research-scholarships
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 access to the courses of their choice restricted because of life circumstances.

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.

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disability@vu.edu.au
03 9919 5400

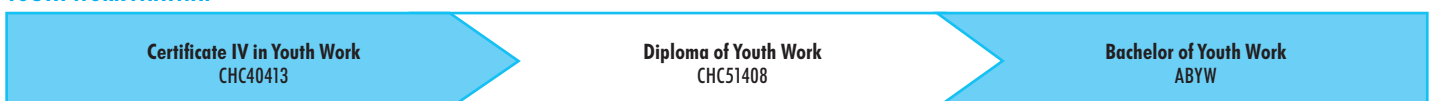
We encourage Indigenous Australians to apply for any of our courses. Our Moondani Balluk Academic Unit provides Indigenous students with support services.

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SAMPLE PATHWAYS

Below are samples of our many education course pathways to give you an idea of how pathways work.

YOUTH WORK PATHWAY



SPORTS EDUCATION PATHWAY



EDUCATION PATHWAY





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“I worked as a teacher in Pakistan before moving to Australia with my family. The Master of Teaching helped me understand the theories behind learning and teaching in this country.

Victoria University has a good reputation in the field of education and I liked the accessible, multicultural environment.

The practical component of my course prepared me for the classroom where I spent 65 days observing and teaching at secondary schools.

I want to continue my research at VU into how teachers can encourage and develop students’ creativity in the classroom.”

IFFAT KHATOON – MASTER OF TEACHING

Iffat was awarded a University Medal of Excellence for her outstanding academic achievement.

EDUCATION RESEARCH

Our research excellence means you have access to progressive thinkers, excellent facilities, award-winning academics and international recognition when you undertake your degree.

Many of our researchers enjoy international reputations for excellence. Through partnerships and collaborations, the work of our dynamic research community benefits the whole University, as well as industry, the community and government.

RESEARCH FOCUS

Victoria University's world-class research and practice improves educational experiences and outcomes for all students.

Many of our researchers focus on education, diversity and lifelong learning – looking at the interaction between diversity and education across all sectors of formal education, non-formal education and workforce development. The University's researchers provide leadership and innovative thinking on issues that affect everyone, such as population mobility, environmental sustainability, health and wellbeing, inequality and social isolation, disability and disablement, the gap between rich and poor, and our changing relationship with technology.

vu.edu.au/graduate-research

THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION, DIVERSITY AND LIFELONG LEARNING

The Victoria Institute works closely with researchers, teachers, communities and policymakers to improve educational experiences and outcomes. Its research aims to build better learning for students from diverse and disadvantaged backgrounds in Australia and around the world.

vu.edu.au/the-victoria-institute

WORK-BASED EDUCATION RESEARCH CENTRE (WERC)

WERC looks at how learning takes place in, through, and for the workplace. Its researchers and consultants work with industry to influence policy and test new educational approaches and ideas. WERC aims to improve educational development by investigating the practices and processes of vocational and work-based assessments.

vu.edu.au/werc

THE MITCHELL INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH AND EDUCATION POLICY

The University's Mitchell Institute also works with the College of Education in providing research support, advice and resources. The Institute is an independent research and policy think tank that aims to make a positive difference to the quality of health and education policy, and ultimately, the social and economic prosperity of Australia. It identifies critical health and education issues in Australia that would benefit from deep enquiry, robust research, and vigorous debate to positively influence public policy and ultimately, the lives of people in our community.

vu.edu.au/mitchell-institute

AVID PROGRAM

Victoria University is leading the way to implement an Australian version of a renowned university-readiness system developed in the USA. The Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program is designed to equip low SES and under-achieving students with the academic, social and emotional skills to access and complete a university education. The \$1.4 million federally-funded project includes training and support for teachers.

AWARD-WINNING PROGRAM

'Demystifying the Thesis' is a series of intensive workshops developed by a VU researcher that empowers students with the understanding, tools and confidence to become independent researchers. The program won the national Australian Learning and Teaching Council Award for Postgraduate Education in 2010.

EDUCATION FACILITIES



We have three campuses in Melbourne's CBD and five across the western suburbs. All campuses are easily accessible by public transport. Many College of Education courses are delivered at Footscray Park and St Albans Campuses.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES LAB

This practical lab, located at Werribee Campus, provides students with hands-on learning in a simulated early childhood environment.

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

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

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.

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

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

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

FEES AND ASSISTANCE

IMPORTANT FEE INFORMATION

Victoria University course fees will remain at pre-Commonwealth Government 2014 Budget levels for all students who enrol prior to 31 December 2014, before Government fee deregulation begins on 1 January 2016. This ensures that all students who have or will enrol in a VU course in 2014 will be able to complete their undergraduate course at the same pre-budget fee level.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION/TAFE FEES

As a vocational education (TAFE) student at Victoria University, the fee you pay will depend on what course you enrol in and the units you study.

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

vu.edu.au/fees

HIGHER EDUCATION FEES

COMMONWEALTH SUPPORTED PLACES

Course fees for all domestic undergraduate students are shared between students and the Australian Government. The Government portion is called a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP).

The following table shows the maximum student contributions for 2014 admissions for a year of full-time study. These amounts are indexed each year, but the actual amount will depend on the units a student enrolls in.

studyassist.gov.au

and click on "HELP Paying My Fees".

2014 STUDENT CONTRIBUTION BAND AND RANGE (PER EFTSL)

Band 3: Law, accounting, administration, economics, commerce	\$0–\$10,085
Band 2: Mathematics, statistics, computing, built environment, other health, allied health, science, engineering, surveying	\$0–\$8,613
Band 1: Humanities, behavioural science, social studies, education, clinical psychology, foreign languages, visual and performing arts, nursing	\$0–\$6,044

Note: Students are required to pay additional amenities fees annually. This information was extracted from the Australian Government's Study Assist website: studyassist.gov.au

POSTGRADUATE COURSEWORK DEGREE FEES

The University does not receive any government funding for postgraduate coursework student places, and students pay the full cost of their course. This is called a fee-paying place. Tuition fees are based on the units studied, rather than a fixed price for each course. Different units have different costs.

You can calculate your own individual course fees at vu.edu.au/fees

POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH STUDENT FEES

Research degree students who are Australian citizens or permanent residents of New Zealand DO NOT pay any tuition fees.

ASSISTANCE

There are many options available to help students with the costs involved in studying at university.

HECS–HELP is the Australian Government's Higher Education Loan Program for students studying in a Commonwealth Supported Place. It allows Australian students to borrow the amount of their course fee contribution and then pay back the loan once they are in the workforce. Students can also pay their contribution up-front and receive a discount.

FEE–HELP is a government loan program that enables eligible students studying in a fee-paying place to defer the payment of their tuition fees.

studyassist.gov.au

FINANCIAL ADVICE

We offer free financial advice and information on all costs related to studying at university. This includes information about government assistance (such as HECS–HELP, Centrelink Youth Allowance and Austudy), household expenses, financial planning, student loans and tax.

vu.edu.au/financial-assistance

HOW TO APPLY

UNDERGRADUATE AND TAFE

Most applications for undergraduate and vocational education (TAFE) courses are made through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC). Information about all Victoria University courses offered through VTAC can be accessed on the VTAC website.

vtac.edu.au

Applications for courses not available through VTAC are made directly to the University. These include some undergraduate degrees, and vocational and further education (TAFE) programs. Details on how to apply for these courses are provided on our website.

vu.edu.au/apply

POSTGRADUATE

Applications for most postgraduate research and coursework programs are made direct to the University. Course indexes and hardcopy Direct Entry Application forms can be downloaded from our website.

vu.edu.au/apply

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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