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"As a mature aged student who hadn't studied for nearly 10 years, it was difficult to get back into mainstream education but the University staff were always happy to help in any way they could.

Each year of my course I was given practical placements at a range of different schools which allowed me to see the variety of ways in which education can be delivered. Getting to travel to East Timor for three weeks to teach English as an Additional Language was a highlight and something I will never forget.

These workplace experiences allowed me to put into practice what I was learning in my degree and allowed me to make contacts with professionals in the education industry.

I am now in my first year of teaching and couldn't be happier. Teaching is a tough industry to get into these days and Victoria University played a major part in helping me find success in the career that I wanted."

BENJAMIN FOSTER
Bachelor of Education (P-12)



CELEBRATING A CENTENARY OF OPPORTUNITY

In 2016, Victoria University is celebrating a Centenary of Opportunity. The University has a long, rich history as a direct descendant of Footscray Technical School, which first opened its doors to students in February 1916.

With 100 years of experience in providing excellent opportunities to all our students and communities, today's VU can help you find true success through high-quality teaching and flexible study options that suit your lifestyle.

Join us in 2017 and become a part of 100 years of tradition.

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CHOOSE EDUCATION AT VU

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? Or do you have a qualification, but have never taught?

Our aim is to support everyone who wants to create a better world through education to fulfil their dream.

With an initial teacher education degree from Victoria University (VU), you are eligible for registration with the Victorian Institute of Teaching to teach in a variety of educational settings. You can specialise in the following disciplines in order to teach in primary and secondary schools: physical education, the arts, home economics, humanities, social sciences, mathematics, outdoor education, science and more. An education degree from VU can also lead to a career in early childhood teaching.

Perhaps you already have an undergraduate qualification but have never taught. You could be interested in becoming a primary or secondary teacher, a physical education teacher, a kindergarten or early childhood educator, a youth worker or a teacher of English as a second language. Or maybe you want to pursue teaching in work-based or vocational settings.

As one of the few universities in Australia to offer both TAFE and higher education, we have flexible entry points and a wide range of study pathways to help you reach your career goals.

Education courses are mainly delivered at our Footscray Park, Footscray Nicholson and St Albans Campuses, but some programs are offered at other VU sites.

EDUCATION COURSE AREAS


At VU, courses are offered across a range of education specialisations, at vocational training (TAFE), undergraduate and postgraduate levels.

Our range of education specialisations includes:

- alcohol and other drugs
- early childhood education
- education

- education studies
- education support
- physical education and sport science
- primary teaching
- science for teaching
- secondary teaching
- tertiary education
- TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)
- training and assessment
- youth work.

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



EDUCATION INDUSTRY CONNECTED

GAIN THE EMPLOYMENT EDGE

Our education courses include intensive workplace learning opportunities. This means that you will gain extensive industry experience and a career foundation through connection to community partnerships and professional practice, before you even graduate.

Our partner network includes childcare centres, kindergartens, preschool centres, schools, community organisations, government and other 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.

We also operate a range of options for professional experience with our partners such as the Western Bulldogs Friendly Schools Program to support primary school students in leadership initiatives, working with the Essendon Football Club on football/literacy projects, contributing to creative arts projects with Gallery Sunshine and literacy projects with Sports Education & Development Australia (SEDA).

Everything you learn with us has direct links to the real world. We look at what’s happening in the world of education right now, and support you to incorporate these observations into your curriculum. The Bulldogs Friendly Schools program, Scouts Victoria, the Smith Family, Netball Victoria and Tennis Australia all offer exciting partnerships that provide opportunities to support your learning.

We place great emphasis on the importance of workplace learning. This means substantial time in school and childcare settings interacting with young people at work and play, so you can put theory into practice right from your first semester at VU. It is truly the most inspirational way to learn.

Find out more about the College of Education partnerships at education.vu.edu.au/partnerships

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

INDUSTRY ACCREDITED

Industry accreditation is awarded to courses that best meet the needs of employers and provide graduates with an optimum set of skills and knowledge.

Many of our education courses are industry accredited by the Victoria Institute of Teaching, including our Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood/Primary), Bachelor of Education (P-12), Master of Teaching (Primary), Master of Teaching (Secondary), Graduate Diploma in TESOL and Master of TESOL Education. Our Bachelor of Youth Work and Bachelor of Youth Work/Bachelor Sport Management are accredited by the Youth Workers Association.

EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

Every year, we offer a range of exciting options for professional experience, such as:

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

We have over 900 partnerships with a broad range of organisations across Victoria and beyond.

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

FLEXIBLE PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

We are the University of Opportunity and Success. Our courses are designed to offer students from diverse backgrounds the opportunity to achieve success. This includes flexible pathways and alternative entry programs to help you pursue your dream career, taking into account your prior experience.

With one of the broadest ranges of scholarships of any university in Australia, we are renowned for providing educational opportunities to a wide range of students of all ages, cultures, and socioeconomic and educational backgrounds.

We offer a range of work-integrated study options, academic and personal support programs, and various entry and exit points between courses, including:

- vocational education programs
- bachelor degrees across a wide range of subject areas for those who may be unsure about which specialisations to follow, or require additional support while transitioning from vocational education
- specialist professional degrees
- industry-relevant postgraduate programs.

EDUCATION PATHWAYS

We are one of the few universities in Australia to offer both vocational training (TAFE) and higher education. Our study pathways connect courses between vocational training and higher education, including postgraduate studies. This means that you can start your education journey at certificate level

and proceed to a diploma, degree, masters and doctoral studies. You may also have the option to exit the pathway when you achieve your immediate study goal, and then re-enter if and when you choose to further your studies.

Pathways are designed to suit all types of students, including those seeking career advancement, those wanting to develop their skills or level of confidence for studying at university, and those seeking a career change or personal development.

vu.edu.au/pathways

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.

For example, if you complete our Diploma of Education Studies, you can progress straight into the second year of our Bachelor of Education (P-12), with full credit for the first year of the degree.

CREDIT FOR SKILLS AND PAST STUDY

We are committed to recognising previous studies and the life and work experiences that you bring with you when you decide to study with us. You can apply for credit by matching your previous experiences and studies with the skills and knowledge covered in course units, allowing you to complete your studies sooner.

vu.edu.au/credit

SAMPLE PATHWAYS

Below are samples of our many education course pathways to give you an idea of how pathways work. Note: unless otherwise indicated, these are not guaranteed pathways but suggested study journeys, and there may be certain study patterns that need to be followed in order for the highlighted study journeys to be achieved.

SCHOLARSHIPS

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

vu.edu.au/scholarships

POSTGRADUATE COURSEWORK SCHOLARSHIPS

Visit our website for VU 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 restricted access to the courses of their choice because of their life circumstances.

vu.edu.au/access

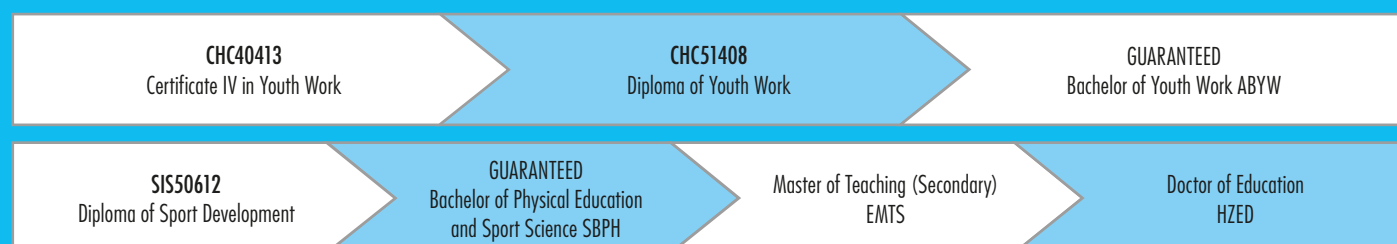
We aim to ensure that students with a disability or medical condition are able to actively participate in all aspects of university life.

vu.edu.au/disability
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
moondani.balluk@vu.edu.au
03 9919 2836

PATHWAY EXAMPLES



"The program VU runs for its pre-service teachers is leading the way."

"The program VU runs for its pre-service teachers is leading the way for other teacher training institutions in the development of best practice for teacher training and preparation of teachers for commencing work in schools.

Point Cook Senior Secondary College works in a partnership with VU to offer pre-service teachers a year-long immersion program. We mentor, support and assist them in their growth and development, working in a school environment with other staff and students for a year before they graduate.

We are also able to observe them in a classroom environment for that year and ensure that they have developed the skills required for working with young people, and that they are ready to commence work as teachers."

CHRISTOPHER MOONEY

Assistant Principal,
Point Cook Senior Secondary College



EDUCATION RESEARCH

Our education researchers are renowned for research excellence, which means you have access to progressive thinkers, excellent facilities, and award-winning academics when you undertake your degree.

Many of our researchers enjoy international recognition for their contribution to the field of education. Through partnerships and collaborations, the work of our dynamic research community benefits students and staff across the University, as well as industry, the community and government.

RESEARCH FOCUS

Our world-class research is directed at improving 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.

We also provide leadership and innovative thinking on issues such as population mobility, environmental sustainability, health and wellbeing, inequality and social isolation, disability and disablement, the gap between the 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, industry and policy makers to develop research, scholarship and teaching to build better understandings of the education experiences of diverse, disadvantaged and under-represented communities.

Victoria Institute research covers various types and levels of education settings and, through the Work-based Education Research Cluster, includes investigating how learning takes place in, through and for the workplace.

The research is aimed at building understandings of exclusion in our neighbourhood and beyond; supporting more inclusive educational opportunities and success; and contributing to enhanced social cohesion.

vu.edu.au/the-victoria-institute

AVID PROGRAM

The Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program is the Australian version of a renowned school improvement and university-readiness system developed in the US. Ran through the Victoria Institute, it is designed to equip students — particularly those from low socio-economic backgrounds and under-achieving students — with the academic, social and emotional skills to access, and be successful at, university education.

THE CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH ON EDUCATION SYSTEMS

The Centre for International Research on Education Systems (CIRES) conducts strategic research to identify how effectively education systems work, for whom, and how they can be improved. It investigates the origins and consequences of low achievement in education and works with governments and education providers to improve opportunities and outcomes.

vu.edu.au/cires

THE MITCHELL INSTITUTE AT VICTORIA UNIVERSITY

The goal of the Mitchell Institute at Victoria University is to see an education system that supports confident, creative, entrepreneurial, resilient and capable learners. It aims to achieve educational opportunity for all young Australians, from early childhood education through to tertiary studies. Using policy analysis and grass-roots research, the Institute discovers how to make the most difference at every level of learning.

mitchellinstitute.org.au

THESIS-WRITING WORKSHOPS

VU Graduate Research Centre's Ron Adams, who developed the award-winning *Demystifying your Thesis* program, now guides the *Performing the Word Writing Retreat* — a week-long series of intensive, interactive and supportive workshops that provides practical information about writing a thesis. In 2015, the workshop was attended by 24 PhD candidates from seven universities across Australia.



FACILITIES

CHILDREN'S SERVICES LAB

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

GENERAL FACILITIES

FOOD AND CAFÉS

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

CLASSROOMS OF THE FUTURE

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

The multi-platform learning space at 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, and academic resources, all in a relaxed, lounge-like setting. Our learning commons provide 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 more than 4000 computers spread across all 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.

You will 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

SPORT AND FITNESS

As Australia's leading sports university, we offer extensive sport services and facilities to all students, including:

- 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 Footscray Park Campus
- tennis courts at Werribee, Footscray Park and St Albans Campuses.

vu.edu.au/sport

CHILDCARE

We operate multi-purpose childcare centres at the following campuses:

Footscray Park 03 9919 4578
Footscray Nicholson 03 9919 8698
Werribee 03 9919 8098.

ACCOMMODATION

We own and operate a range of student accommodation, including the brand new UniLodge @ VU. This 500-bed complex offers luxury apartment living for our students. Situated across the street from the Footscray Park Campus and close to the vibrant creative arts precinct in Footscray, this complex is just a short walk to shopping and public transport that provides easy access to our other campuses.

vu.edu.au/residences
unilodge.com.au/lodge/vu

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

HOW MUCH WILL MY COURSE COST?

COURSE FEES AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Course costs vary between VE/TAFE and higher education courses, depending on whether you are a government-funded student or full-fee paying student, and the units you select.

Below you will find some important information and a general guide to costs.* The latest information and a specific guide to study costs, including VU's Unit Fee Schedule, is available at:

vu.edu.au/fees

VE/TAFE FEES

The fees you pay as a VE/TAFE student depend on a number of factors, including:

- whether the course is government-funded
- your citizenship status
- when you commence the course
- your age
- your prior qualifications
- the units and course that you enrol in.

Some VE/TAFE students may be eligible for a government subsidy (such as the Victorian Training Guarantee) to support tuition fees, depending on:

- citizenship status
- age at time of enrolment
- prior study completed.

VE/TAFE students are also required to pay an annual Student Services and Amenities Fee. In 2016 this amounted to \$204 for full-time government funded students, \$102 for part-time government-funded students, \$42 for students studying off campus and \$84 for concession card holders. Students studying less than 25 hours are exempt from the fee.

Visit vu.edu.au/ssaf for more information on the Student Services and Amenities Fee.

VET FEE-HELP is available to assist eligible students studying higher level vocational education and training (VET) qualifications to pay their tuition fees. Higher-level VET qualifications are at the diploma level and above. VET FEE-HELP can be used to pay all or part of an eligible student's tuition fees, but cannot be used for additional study costs such as accommodation or text books.

Visit studyassist.gov.au for further information and to check eligibility.

HIGHER EDUCATION FEES

The options available to students enrolled in higher education courses are:

- Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) — course fees are shared between students and the Australian Government, which subsidises your course fees.
- Full-Fee Place (FFP) — you must pay the full cost of your course.

All domestic undergraduate students at Victoria University are enrolled in a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP).

This table (below) shows the maximum student contribution and full-fee amount for 2016 admissions, per year of full-time study.

STUDENT CONTRIBUTION BAND	MAXIMUM STUDENT CONTRIBUTION PER 1 YEAR OF FULL-TIME STUDY (2016)
BAND 1 Humanities, behavioural science, social studies, education, clinical psychology, foreign languages, visual and performing arts, nursing	\$6,256
BAND 2 Mathematics, statistics, computing, built environment, other health, allied health, science, engineering, surveying, agriculture	\$8,917
BAND 3 Law, accounting, administration, economics, commerce, dentistry, medicine, veterinary science	\$10,440

*All fee information provided here was correct at the time of printing. For the latest guide to fees and payment information, please refer to our website at vu.edu.au/fees

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

Higher education students are also required to pay an annual Student Services and Amenities Fee. In 2016 this amounted to \$290 for full-time students and \$145 for part-time students.

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 DEGREE FEES

If you qualify for an Australian government-funded place under the Research Training Scheme you will not be required to pay course fees.

If you are offered a full-fee paying place you can apply for FEE-HELP government assistance as outlined below.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

For information on course fees as an international student, select your course from the list at:

vu.edu.au/courses/international

PAYING YOUR FEES

There are several options available to help you with the costs involved in studying at university.

HECS-HELP

The Australian Government's Higher Education Loan Program, HECS-HELP, allows Australian citizens and Humanitarian Visa holders to borrow the amount of their student contribution and pay it back once in the workforce and earning a specified amount. You also have the option of paying some or all of your student contribution up-front and receiving a discount.

FEE-HELP

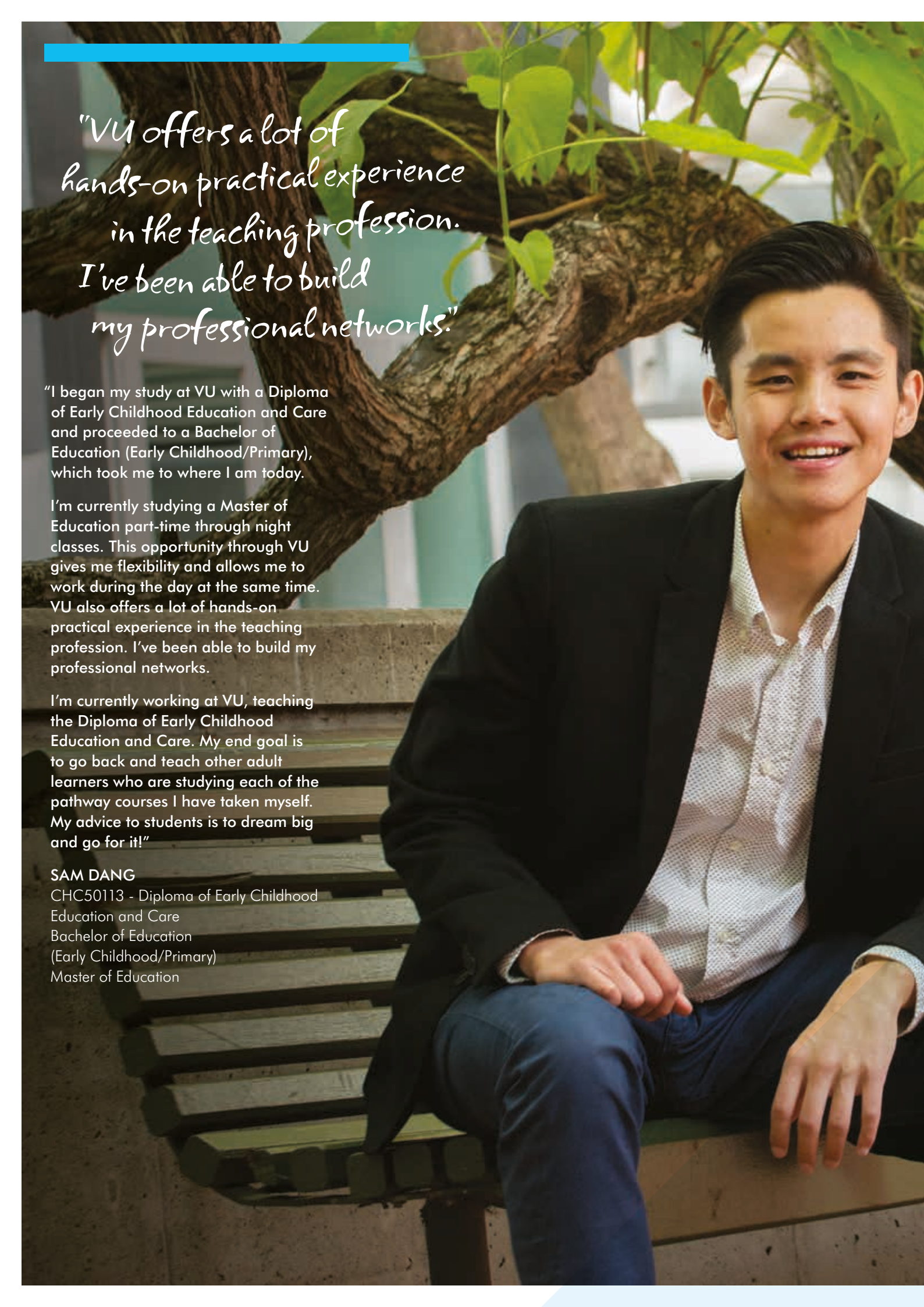
FEE-HELP is a government loan program that enables eligible students to defer the payment of their tuition fees.

studyassist.gov.au

FINANCIAL ADVICE

We offer free financial advice and information on all study-related costs. 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-advice



"VU offers a lot of hands-on practical experience in the teaching profession. I've been able to build my professional networks."

"I began my study at VU with a Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care and proceeded to a Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood/Primary), which took me to where I am today.

I'm currently studying a Master of Education part-time through night classes. This opportunity through VU gives me flexibility and allows me to work during the day at the same time. VU also offers a lot of hands-on practical experience in the teaching profession. I've been able to build my professional networks.

I'm currently working at VU, teaching the Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care. My end goal is to go back and teach other adult learners who are studying each of the pathway courses I have taken myself. My advice to students is to dream big and go for it!"

SAM DANG

CHC50113 - Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care
Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood/Primary)
Master of Education

HOW TO APPLY

There are several ways to apply for courses at VU, based on:

- your chosen course study level
- your residency status
- the time of year
- whether you are a current or recent student of VU (within the last six months).

UNDERGRADUATE AND TAFE

Applications for undergraduate and vocational education (VE/TAFE) courses are either made through the Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre (VTAC), or by direct application to the University.

Information about all VU courses offered through VTAC can be accessed on the VTAC website at:

vtac.edu.au

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

vu.edu.au/apply

POSTGRADUATE

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

vu.edu.au/apply

WANT TO KNOW MORE?

COURSE ADVICE

Phone 03 9919 6100 or 1300 VIC UNI
gotovu.custhelp.com
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 28 August 2016.

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

GOTOVU 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

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OPEN DAY

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vu.edu.au/openday

Footscray Park Campus
Ballarat Road, Footscray

For further course information:
phone 03 9919 6100
or 1300 VICUNI
gotovu.custhelp.com



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