



Step Up Into Teaching (SUIT)

Campus
Ballarat

Program dates

27 September to 1 October 2022
January 2023 (For new 2022 - 2023 cohort)

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Expression of interest

Year 10 School Coordinators are to submit the names of Year 10 students who would be interested in participating in the SUIT 2022 program to miriam.tanti@acu.edu.au. EOIs will close Monday 25 October 2021.

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WHAT IS STEP UP INTO TEACHING?

SUIT is an Australian Catholic University (ACU) early entry program. It provides high school students considering a career in teaching the opportunity to experience learning in a university environment.

In the 2022-2023 SUIT program, secondary school students participating in SUIT will have the opportunity to study one or two modules equivalent to university level units while completing their school studies. Sponsored places are available for students from an ACU Equity Pathways partnership school.

RECEIVING YOUR PLACE AT ACU

Students who pass their SUIT studies will receive an offer to study a Bachelor of Education degree at ACU. Offers of a place at ACU will be made before the TAC offer rounds.

Two Units: If you pass two units of study in the SUIT program, you will receive an entry rank that can work in place of an ATAR. ACU will make you a direct, unconditional offer into your chosen Bachelor of Education degree based on that entry rank and meeting any prerequisite outlined in our course browser. The better your results in SUIT, the higher your entry rank will be.

One Unit: If you successfully complete one SUIT unit, you will receive a conditional offer to ACU. To make this offer complete you will need to finish your Year 12 studies or equivalent. Students who receive a conditional offer will also have to meet any outstanding prerequisites or additional entry requirements to their chosen course.

THE BENEFITS OF TAKING PART IN SUIT

- Students who successfully complete SUIT will automatically be offered a place in one of ACU's teaching courses.
- Studying university subjects through the SUIT program is HECS free.
- Once enrolled in a teaching degree at ACU, you can receive credit (recognition of prior learning) for one or two specified units in our early childhood, primary and secondary teaching courses.
- You'll be making an early move towards building a career through a vocational pathway, putting you ahead right from the start.
- You'll get to experience studying at a university, taking you out of your usual school environment.
- Getting a taste of uni life now, will help make the transition to university after high school much easier.



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PROGRAM DELIVERY

The SUIT program is delivered by ACU academics on our beautiful Ballarat campus to give you that real feel of university. Our Academic Skills Unit will also be on hand for additional support if you need it.

- Classes are held during school holidays.
- The program will be held in September 2022 and January 2023.
- The program will be delivered in a blended mode of on-line days and 2 to 3 day intensives to be held at a central location, to be advised.

WHAT WILL YOU STUDY IN SUIT?

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Knowledges, Histories and Culture (27 September to 1 October 2022)

This unit develops pre-service teacher knowledge and understanding of the complexity and diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories, cultures and languages, and the impact of cultural identity and language background on the education of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students.

Digital Cultures and Capabilities (January 2023)

The internet, social media, blogs and podcasts have facilitated the emergence of digital cultures. This unit is designed to enable students to gain an understanding of the influence of digital technologies on contemporary life, culture, communities and professional and interpersonal communication.

THESE UNITS CAN LEAD TO:

Early Childhood and Primary Teaching

- Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood and Primary)
- Bachelor of Education (Primary)
- Bachelor of Education (Primary and Special Education)
- Bachelor of Education (Primary and Secondary)

Secondary Teaching

- Bachelor of Education (Secondary)
- Bachelor of Education (Secondary and Special Education)
- Bachelor of Education (Secondary)/ Bachelor of Arts (Humanities)
- Bachelor of Education (Secondary)/ Bachelor of Arts (Mathematics)
- Bachelor of Education (Secondary)/ Bachelor of Arts (Visual Arts)
- Bachelor of Education (Secondary)/ Bachelor of Arts (Design Innovation and Technologies)
- Bachelor of Education (Secondary)/ Bachelor of Exercise Science



RESEARCH INFORMING SUIT

The SUIT program has been developed and refined based on scholarly research on successful school/university partnerships and aspirations, access and achievement in higher education. Some of the scholarly research informing SUIT includes:

Building student confidence, self-efficacy or self-agency so they believe they can access higher education (Gale et al. 2010; Thomas, 2014) and have the determination to finish their degree (Karimshah, Wyder, Henman, Dwight, Capelin & Short, 2013)

Increasing awareness and understanding of educational pathways (Armstrong & Cairnduff, 2012) through a variety of digital media, brochures, school visits and on-campus workshops to familiarise students with university life (Gale et al., 2010; Tranter, 2012)

Involving parents as they are key influences on decision-making (Armstrong & Cairnduff, 2012; Skene, 2010) and can provide the most support and encouragement (Smith, 2011)