

Pathways Programs to University in 2023

There are many different ways to get to the same destination, and that applies to university too. Sometimes students do not quite meet the entry criteria to go straight into a university course – maybe their ATAR was not high enough, or they did not attain the minimum study score in a prerequisite subject. The encouraging thing is that many universities have recommended pathway courses to degrees they offer.

Below are many of these pathway schemes:

➤ ACU Diplomas to ACU Degrees

Australian Catholic University (ACU) offers a number of 1-year diploma programs that, on successful completion, most take students into the second year of the bachelor degree. An ATAR of 50.00 is required for entry for most of these diploma courses.

- [Diploma in Biomedical Science](#)*
- [Diploma in Business](#)*
- [Diploma in Educational Studies \(Tertiary Preparation\)](#)**
- [Diploma in Exercise Science](#)*
- [Diploma in Information Technology](#)*
- [Diploma in Liberal Arts](#)**
- [Diploma in Nutrition Science](#)*
- [Diploma in Visual Arts and Design](#)**
- [Diploma in Youth Work](#)**

*Applications through VTAC.

**Applications to be made directly to ACU.

➤ Box Hill Institute Pathways to ACU, Deakin, and La Trobe

Box Hill Institute places a strong emphasis on providing students with practical knowledge in their chosen area of study, preparing students for further study at Australian Catholic University (ACU), Deakin University, and La Trobe University.

Courses include *business, nursing, sport development, accounting, commerce, and IT* and some of these pathway courses are on offer to both domestic and international students.

For a list of pathway courses (some of which are guaranteed pathways) from Box Hill Institute to ACU, Deakin University, and La Trobe University, visit [Pathways from Box Hill Institute to University](#).

➤ Carlton College of Sport Diplomas to La Trobe University

Carlton College of Sport offers two one-year diploma courses that can articulate into the second year of bachelor degrees at La Trobe University.

- [Diploma of Sport Coaching and Development](#) into a number of sport-related degrees
- [Diploma of Elite Sport Business](#) into various business-related degrees

Find out more at [Carlton College of Sport](#).

➤ [Chisholm Institute to Federation University](#)

Chisholm Institute, in partnership with Federation University, offers a full pathway agreement from Chisholm diplomas to Federation degrees:

Successful completion of a diploma usually means students gain credit towards the degree.

Find out more at [Higher Education Partnership](#).

➤ [Deakin College to Deakin University](#)

Deakin College is a direct pathway to Deakin University, providing domestic and international students with an experience that supports successful transition to further studies at the University. Deakin College offers:

Diploma programs that lead into a number of second year Bachelor degrees at Deakin University include -

- [Diploma of Business](#)
- [Diploma of Commerce](#)
- [Diploma of Communication](#)
- [Diploma of Construction Management](#)
- [Diploma of Design](#)
- [Diploma of Engineering](#) (includes Bachelor of Environmental Engineering)
- [Diploma of Film, Television & Animation](#)
- [Diploma of Health Sciences](#)
- [Diploma of Information Technology](#) (includes Bachelor of Artificial Intelligence)
- [Diploma of Science](#)

Deakin College courses are conducted on three Deakin University campuses in Victoria: Melbourne Burwood Campus, Geelong Waterfront Campus and Geelong Waurin Ponds Campus. Being located on campus enables students to access and enjoy all facilities and services, creating a smoother transition to their degree at Deakin.

Find out more by browsing [Deakin College](#).

➤ [Deakin University Pathway Options to Deakin University](#)

Deakin University offers a number of pathway options for domestic students into its bachelor programs, including *transferring between campuses*, and *transferring between courses*. In other words, *pathways through Deakin*. There are certain courses such as [Associate Degree of Arts](#), [Associate Degree of Education](#), or [undertaking a single unit of study](#), which can be used as credit towards a degree. On completion of an Associate degree, students have several options, including guaranteed transition and entry into:

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

Find out more at [Pathways through Deakin](#).

➤ [Pathways from TAFE Institutions to Deakin University](#)

The **Deakin Pathways Program** seeks to encourage increased participation in higher education, as well as providing a supported student transition to higher education through supported VET programs. These pathways provide students with a seamless transition from TAFE Diplomas / Advanced Diplomas to Deakin University degrees. The TAFE institutions that Deakin has a partnership with are -

[Bendigo TAFE](#)
[Box Hill Institute](#)
[Chisholm Institute](#)
[Kangan Institute](#)

[Melbourne Polytechnic](#)
[TAFE NSW](#)
[South West TAFE](#)
[The Gordon](#)

For further details in regards to the Deakin Pathways Program, visit [TAFE to Deakin Pathways](#). Alternatively, email pathways@deakin.edu.au for assistance or further advice.

➤ [Federation University Pathways to a Degree](#)

Federation University offers pathway options to a bachelor's degree.

1. A number of Diploma courses from TAFE institutions may articulate into a bachelor's degree with credit. Students can browse [Diploma Courses](#) to learn more.
2. The [FAST \(Foundation Access Studies\)](#) program. On successful completion of this 6-month program, students are guaranteed a place in a Federation degree.

Find out more at [Federation University Pathways](#).

➤ [Kangan Institute Pathways to University](#)

Kangan Institute has partnered with leading universities in Australia to give students guaranteed pathway options to higher education.

Diploma programs including in *business, management, IT, fashion, beauty therapy, health & community services, trades and sustainability*, lead into Bachelor degrees, with one or more years' credit) at a number of universities including –

- [Deakin University](#)
- [Federation University](#)
- [La Trobe University](#)
- [Central Queensland University](#)
- [RMIT](#)
- [Torrens University](#)
- [Victoria University](#)

Find out more at [Kangan Pathways to University](#).

➤ [La Trobe College to La Trobe University](#)

La Trobe College is an alternative entry option to La Trobe University and provides a complete university experience within a personal and supportive environment and a fast-track pathway to an extensive range of degree options.

La Trobe College offers a range of Diploma courses, which are equivalent to La Trobe University's first year bachelor degree. Upon successful completion, students enter second year of their Bachelor Degree, choosing a degree from the university's five faculties. Applications may be made through VTAC. **La Trobe College** pathway courses include -

- [Diploma of Bioscience](#)
- [Diploma of Business](#)
- [Diploma of Engineering](#)
- [Diploma of Health Sciences](#)
- [Diploma of I T](#)
- [Diploma of Media & Communications](#)
- [Diploma of Psychology](#)

Find out more at [La Trobe College](#).

➤ [La Trobe University Pathway Options to La Trobe University](#)

1. [One-Year Diplomas](#)

La Trobe University offers a range of 1-year diplomas that, on successful completion, are guaranteed to articulate into certain bachelor degrees with some credit for units already completed in the diploma. These include –

- [Diploma of Arts](#)
- [Diploma of Biological Sciences](#)
- [Diploma in Business](#)
- [Diploma of Elite Sport Business](#)
- [Diploma of Engineering Technology](#)
- [Diploma in Health](#)
- [Diploma of Information Technology](#)
- [Diploma in Languages](#)
- [Diploma of Rural Health](#)
- [Diploma of Science](#)
- [Diploma of Sport Coaching and Development](#)
- [Diploma of Teacher Education](#)
- [Diploma of Urban and Regional Environments](#)

Find out more at [La Trobe University Diplomas](#).

2. [Prepare for La Trobe](#)

La Trobe's [Tertiary Preparation Program](#) is for students that –

- have not completed high school
- completed high school some time ago
- completed high school without an ATAR

This is a *free* program that provides students with strong foundation skills that will prepare them for university study, including an academic skill-set, learner confidence, decision making skills, and a pathway to continuing education at La Trobe University. On successful completion, the final grades attained in this program will determine eligibility into La Trobe University's diplomas and bachelor degree courses.

Find out more at [Prepare for La Trobe](#).

➤ [Melbourne Polytechnic](#)

Melbourne Polytechnic offers a range of pathway courses to a number of degrees offered at Deakin University.

Find out more at [Melbourne Polytechnic](#).

➤ [Monash College to Monash University](#)

A **Monash College** Diploma offers a direct pathway into second year at Monash University. Six diplomas are on offer that can lead students to a number of Monash University degree courses. Students should note that entry requirements into Monash College and Monash University do apply. Applications may be made through VTAC. Diploma courses on offer include –

- [Diploma of Arts](#) (two streams to choose from)
- [Diploma of Art & Design](#) (five streams to choose from)
- [Diploma of Business - Business Stream](#) (requires: *Further Maths or Maths Methods*)
- [Diploma of Business – Commerce Stream](#) (requires: *Maths Methods*)
- [Diploma of Education Studies](#) (three double-degree courses to choose from)
- [Diploma of Engineering](#)
- [Diploma of Information Technology](#)
- [Diploma of Science](#)

Find out more at [Monash College](#).

➤ [Monash University – Pathway Options to Monash University](#)

1. [Diploma of Tertiary Studies \(DoTS\)](#)

The **Diploma of Tertiary Studies (DoTS)** is designed as an alternative pathway to university study. The one-year full-time course is particularly suited to students requiring additional learning support in their first year of study. The **DoTS** pathway equips students with the skills to *write essays, undertake research, solve problems, think critically, develop projects, and communicate* their ideas more effectively. This pathway opportunity is offered at the Peninsula campus of Monash University. Providing a direct pathway to Monash University, successful completion of **DoTS** allows students to apply to progress to the second year of a number of Monash University degrees. When applying for DoTS, students will have the flexibility to choose a stream that interests them from *Business, Education or Nursing*. It is this stream that forms the first year of their degree and determines which Monash University degree they can pathway into. Students with a minimum ATAR of 50.00 and who

attain a study score of at least 27* in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL, and a VTAC Personal Statement, are eligible to apply.

*a 30 in English (EAL) is required for the Diploma of Tertiary Studies (Education)

The pathways courses are –

- **Diploma of Tertiary Studies (Business)** leads to:
[Bachelor of Business Administration](#) at the Peninsula campus
[Bachelor of Business](#) at the Caulfield campus
- **Diploma of Tertiary Studies (Education)** leads to:
[Bachelor of Education \(Honours\)](#) in several specialisations
- **Diploma of Tertiary Studies (Nursing)** leads to:
[Bachelor of Nursing](#) at the Peninsula campus

Visit [DoTS](#) to find out more.

2. [Diploma of Higher Education – Science or Education \(DoHE\)](#)

The **Diploma of Higher Education (DoHE)** is designed for domestic students who want to study a Bachelor of education, or a course in science, inclusive of mathematics or related areas at **Monash University**, but did not get the ATAR they need, or they did not quite meet the entry requirements for entry, having perhaps missed a prerequisite, particularly mathematics. On successful completion of this one-year, full-time course, students can apply to enter the second year of education, education/science, or several mathematics and science courses, and gain credit for the subjects they have already studied. The Diploma of Higher Education is offered at the Clayton campus. Students with a minimum ATAR of 60 and who attain a study score of at least 30 in English (EAL) or at least 25 in English other than EAL, and a VTAC Personal Statement, are eligible to apply. The pathways courses are –

- **Diploma of Higher Education (DoHE) Education Stream** leads to:
[Bachelor of Education \(Honours\)](#) – students can choose to specialise in early childhood, primary or secondary education - or a combination of these.
- **Diploma of Higher Education (DoHE) Science Stream** leads to:
[Bachelor of Science](#)
[Bachelor of Education \(Honours\) and Bachelor of Science](#)

Visit [DoHE](#) to find out more.

➤ [Richmond Institute to Swinburne University](#)

Richmond Institute offers the [Diploma of Sport](#) and the dual [Diploma of Sport \(Sport Development\)/Diploma of Leadership and Management](#) that are taught in conjunction with Swinburne University and, on successful completion, can provide students with a pathway into a higher qualification at Swinburne University.

Find out more at [Richmond Institute](#).

➤ Pathway Diplomas and Associate Degrees to RMIT University

RMIT offers a diverse range of pathway programs to assist students in reaching their study and career destination. The pathways at RMIT provide opportunities for students to transfer from one program to another, receive recognition for their existing skills and knowledge, and can be credited towards a degree. Examples of packaged pathways –

- [Diploma of Business/Bachelor of Human Resource Management](#)
- [Diploma of Business/Bachelor of Business \(Marketing\)](#)
- [Diploma of Business/Bachelor of Business \(Management\)](#)
- [Associate Degree in Applied Science \(Biomedical Science\)/Bachelor of Science](#)
- [Associate Degree in Information Technology/Bachelor of Information Technology](#)

Another excellent pathway program is the – [Diploma of Teacher Education Preparation](#). This course has been created for those domestic students who may not meet the entry requirements of the Bachelor of Education, and focuses on the education environment, inclusive education, approaches to learning and the teaching profession. Successful completion of the diploma will provide a pathway into the [Bachelor of Education](#).

Visit [Guaranteed Pathways](#).

➤ Pathways to Degrees at Swinburne University

1. Pathways from TAFE

Students who complete a Victorian TAFE (vocational education) diploma or associate diploma, will receive guaranteed entry into a relevant Swinburne bachelor degree.

Visit [Guaranteed entry from TAFE](#) to find out more.

2. UniLink Diplomas

UniLink diplomas are an option for students who miss direct entry to a degree or who would benefit from a more supportive style of learning. They are equivalent to the first year of university and can provide a pathway to the second year of a related Swinburne University bachelor degree. Students who successfully complete their diploma course are guaranteed a place in a range of business, information and communication technologies, and science degrees.

UniLink diplomas are available in the areas of:

- [arts and communication](#) – leads to *media & communication, games & interactivity, criminal justice & criminology, arts, laws/media etc.*
- [business](#) – leads to *accounting, business, business information systems, health science, media & communication, etc.*

- [design](#) – leads to *architecture, design, industrial design, interior architecture, games and interactivity*
- [engineering](#) – leads to *aviation, engineering, innovation and design*
- [health science](#) – leads to *exercise & sport science, health science, psychological science, science*
- [information technology](#) leads to *business information systems, computer science, games, information & communication technology, cybersecurity, data science*
- [science](#) leads to *science*

Students wishing to undertake a UniLink course can apply through VTAC and must attain an ATAR of approximately 50.00, and meet any prerequisites, to be eligible for consideration.

For more information about the range of UniLink courses on offer, visit [UniLink](#).

➤ [Diploma in General Studies \(DiGS\) to University of Melbourne](#)

Completion of the one-year ***Diploma in General Studies (DiGS)*** gives domestic students a pathway into degree courses at the University of Melbourne. The Diploma in General Studies program is a sampler of the Melbourne bachelor's degrees, and provides students with the opportunity to study *biomedicine, commerce, design, science, or agriculture*. The ***Diploma in General Studies (DiGS)*** gives students a year of breathing space to decide what they really want to do next and provides a structured stepping stone to a meaningful outcome – whether that is employment or further study at the University of Melbourne. A minimum ATAR of 50.00, and English (20) or EAL (25) is usually required to be considered for the course, and the DiGS program is taught at the Dookie Campus.

Find out more at [Diploma in General Studies](#).

➤ [Victoria University – Pathway Options](#)

Victoria University offers a range of ***diplomas to degree programs***. Pathways in *arts, business, education, engineering and science, health and biomedicine, law and justice, and sport and exercise* are available.

Examples of pathways include the -

- [Diploma of Nursing](#) to the [Bachelor of Nursing](#)
- [Diploma of Beauty Therapy](#) to the [Bachelor of Dermal Sciences](#)
- [Diploma of Education Studies](#) to the [Bachelor of Education \(P-12\)](#)

Find out more at [Pathways to VU](#) and [How Pathways Work](#).