

Pathways to university

Information for parents and carers

Senior school students can choose from a wide range of pathways to university, training and employment. Pathways can be selected to meet students' interests, skills, needs and aspirations.

What are the pathways to university?

ATAR

A student's Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) is calculated using their course and examination results. A minimum of four ATAR courses is required. For most students, the academic nature and challenge of ATAR courses provides the best preparation for success at university.

To be considered for university as a school leaver using ATAR, students must:

- meet the requirements for the Western Australian Certificate of Education
- meet English Language Competency standard as outlined by each university, through one of:
 - ATAR English
 - ATAR Literature
 - ATAR EAL/D or equivalent (scaled score of 50 or above)
 - the minimum requirements in the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) written test for English.
- obtain a sufficiently high ATAR for entry to a particular course, and
- satisfy any prerequisites or special requirements for entry to a particular course.

Year 12 students are provided with information about applying to universities and admission to undergraduate courses by their schools.

ATAR with Selection Rank Adjustment

Some students are eligible for an ATAR adjustment. Adjustments increase a student's rank due to factors such as:

- performance in Year 12 subjects
- living or attending school in a certain area
- being first in a family to attend university
- eligibility for Educational Access Schemes.

A student can have different selection ranks for different universities. For more information, visit:

University	Website
Curtin	https://study.curtin.edu.au/applying/pathways/stepup-to-curtin
Edith Cowan	https://www.ecu.edu.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0011/676946/ECU-Access-Eligible-WA-Schools.pdf
Murdoch	https://www.murdoch.edu.au/study/pathways-to-uni/high-school/selection-rank-adjustment
University of WA	https://www.uwa.edu.au/study/how-to-apply/admission-entry-pathways/broadway

Vocational Education and Training (VET)

Students can use VET qualifications to meet the minimum entry requirements of a range of undergraduate courses. Usually, applicants have successfully achieved a WACE, completed a qualification at Certificate IV level and met English Language Competency. For more information, visit:

University	Website
Curtin	https://study.curtin.edu.au/applying/pathways/tafe-vet
Edith Cowan	https://www.ecu.edu.au/future-students/course-entry Students can use a Certificate III and English language competency to apply for entry into ECU UniPrep courses, for information visit https://www.ecu.edu.au/degrees/uniprep
Murdoch	https://www.murdoch.edu.au/study/pathways-to-uni/vocational-education-and-training Students can use a Certificate II in General Education for Adults or Certificate III and English language competency to apply for entry into Murdoch's OnTrack and FlexiTrack programs. For information, go to: OnTrack – https://www.murdoch.edu.au/course/enabling/n1111 FlexiTrack – https://www.murdoch.edu.au/course/enabling/n1101
University of Notre Dame	https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/pathways/vet-study Available for most courses except Law, Physiotherapy and Education.
University of WA	https://www.uwa.edu.au/study/How-to-apply/Admission-entry-pathways/Diploma-Entry-Pathway

Pathways for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students

There are dedicated pathways for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to enter university. For more information, visit:

University	Website
Curtin	https://karda.curtin.edu.au/study/enabling-courses
Edith Cowan	Aboriginal University Readiness Assessment (AURA) allows students who have completed a Certificate II or lower to be considered for university entry. For information, go to https://www.ecu.edu.au/centres/kurongkurl-katitjin/student-success-and-support/aboriginal-university-readiness-assessment
Murdoch	K-Track enabling program is a free course enabling Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders starting out with tertiary education or looking for a change in direction. For information, go to https://www.murdoch.edu.au/life-at-murdoch/perth-campus/facilities-services/kulbardi-aboriginal-centre/k-track-enabling-program
University of Notre Dame	Notre Dame have a number of opportunities and alternative entry pathways for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students to study Medicine. For information, go to https://www.notredame.edu.au/current-students/support/indigenous-portal
University of WA	Indigenous study opportunities: The University of Western Australia Includes the Aboriginal Orientation course and Provisional Entry scheme. For information, go to https://www.uwa.edu.au/study/indigenous-study

University Preparation Courses

University preparation or enabling courses are designed to prepare students to qualify for a range of undergraduate courses. These courses focus on the skills required for university level study such as research, writing processes and numeracy. For more information, visit:

University	Website
Curtin	The UniReady program is free and open to school leavers and mature age students. For information, go to https://study.curtin.edu.au/applying/pathways/uniready-enabling-program
Edith Cowan	UniPrep courses are free and open to school leavers and mature age students. For information, go to https://www.ecu.edu.au/degrees/uniprep
Murdoch	Murdoch has a range of enabling pathways. For information, go to http://www.murdoch.edu.au/study/courses/enabling-pathways
University of Notre Dame	https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/pathways/tertiary-pathway-program

Portfolio Entry

Students may be considered for entry into specific undergraduate courses based on a portfolio that showcases academic achievements, qualifications, capabilities, and suitability for tertiary study. For more information, visit:

University	Website
Curtin	Portfolio entry is available for a range of humanities, science, business and health science courses. For information, go to https://study.curtin.edu.au/applying/pathways/portfolio-entry
Edith Cowan	Students may be considered for entry to specific undergraduate courses in creative arts and design disciplines without an ATAR. For information, go to https://www.ecu.edu.au/future-students/course-entry/creative-arts-portfolio-entry
Murdoch	The media pathway is for creative students aiming to enrol in an Arts course. For information, go to https://www.murdoch.edu.au/study/courses/undergraduate-courses/portfolio-entry-pathway http://www.murdoch.edu.au/study/courses/undergraduate-courses/portfolio-entry-pathway/media-portfolio-pathway

Experience based entry

Students may be considered for entry to an undergraduate course through university assessment of their ability to succeed in higher education based on evidence provided. For more information, visit:

University	Website
Curtin	Can help students gain admission to their preferred course if no other pathway is suitable. For information, go to https://study.curtin.edu.au/applying/pathways/access-curtin
Edith Cowan	Allows students to be considered for entry to an undergraduate course through an assessment of their ability to succeed in higher education. For information, go to https://www.ecu.edu.au/future-students/course-entry/experience-based-entry-scheme
Murdoch	Provides an assessed or non-assessed option to study the individual units of their choice without the need to enrol in a degree course. For information, go to https://www.uwa.edu.au/study/courses-and-careers/short-courses/access-uwa-assessed
University of WA	Allows for application to a select number of undergraduate bachelor degrees using a combination of academic achievements and life experiences. For more information, go to https://www.uwa.edu.au/study/How-to-apply/Admission-entry-pathways/Experience-based-entry

Educational Access Scheme

Students who have experienced exceptional circumstances, during senior secondary schooling, that has adversely affected their Year 11 and 12 study, can seek undergraduate admission to Western Australia universities. Applicants may apply for special consideration through the Tertiary Institution Service Centre (TISC).

For more information, visit the TISC website, <https://www.tisc.edu.au/static/home.tisc>.