

Study at Federation 2027



Federation University Australia acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waters where its campuses, centres and field stations are located. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and extend our respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander and First Nations peoples.

The Traditional Custodians of the lands and waters where our campuses, centres and field stations are located include:

Ballarat	Wadawurrung
Berwick	Bunurong, Boon Wurrung
Gippsland	Gunaikurnai Nations
Melbourne	Wurundjeri
Nanya Station	Mutthi Mutthi and Barkindji
Wimmera	Wotjobaluk, Jaadwa, Jadawadjali, Wergaia, Jupagulk

At Federation we're with you, breaking down educational barriers to accelerate your progress. Here, no one is left behind.

Our education pathways, scholarships and grants get you studying sooner, creating a diverse and welcoming campus community. Our unique courses have industry input, helping you gain superior knowledge, credentials and skills. Study here to be closer to your home, support networks and work – or study from further afield and become a global leader. Either way you'll become more than employment ready.

With renowned educational experience from our 1870 beginnings, we now have over 20,600 domestic and international students, and in excess of 130,000 alumni across Australia and the world.

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#1 in Victoria for undergraduate Teaching Quality & Student Support[^]

#1 in Victoria for undergraduate Overall Employment Rates & Median Salary \$79,300⁺

#1 in Victoria for postgraduate Full-time Employment Rates⁺

TOP 101-200 universities worldwide for overall sustainable development[#]

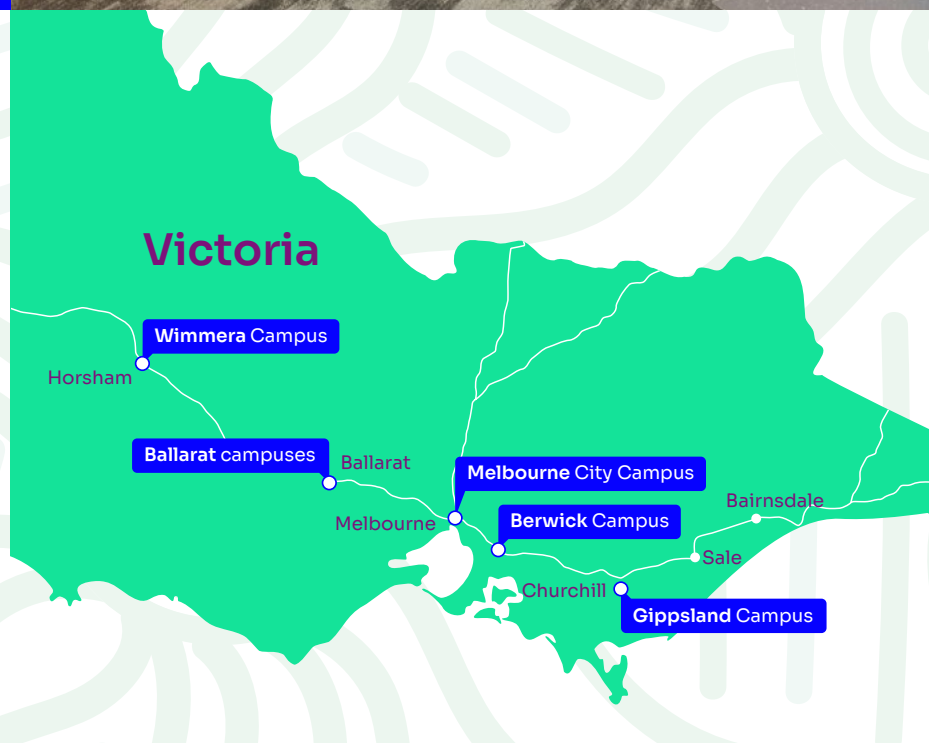
[^]QILT 2024 Student Experience Survey
⁺QILT 2025 Graduate Outcomes Survey
[#]Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2026



Closer to home

Feel comfortable where you're studying and as part of our inclusive community. For some, that's closer to home with less distance to travel and more time for family, work and life. With multiple campuses stretching across Victoria, from the Wimmera and Ballarat to Berwick and Gippsland, you're sure to find a campus that's right for you.

If you have a lot to juggle, some courses offer flexible/blended delivery, which is a combination of online study with regular on-campus classes. Fully online course options could also be your perfect choice.





Accelerate your career through Co-op

We're making paid work placements a reality and preparing you for future employment through our Co-operative education model (Co-op).

Job-ready graduates

We're turning study days into pay days. You won't just finish your course with theoretical knowledge – you'll have first-hand industry experience and feel confident to make the leap from study to employment.

How it works

Studying a Federation Co-op course means you'll complete paid work experience as part of your course. Our undergraduate Co-op courses feature 60 days (450 hours) and our postgraduate courses include 30 days (225 hours).

With flexible options to complete your placement (either full-time over one semester or part-time over the duration of your degree), we'll arrange the placement for you through our network of industry partners.

Our Careers and Employability teams will be with you every step of the way, supporting you through the recruitment process too.
federation.edu.au/coop

Earn while you learn! Our Co-op degrees have paid industry placements (Hello Salary!).

Over 5,000 Federation students completed at least 9,000 placements hosted by more than 1,000 agencies in 2025.



Federation's Co-op model allows students to complete paid placements with industry partners such as Morwell Innovation Centre, as part of their degree, gaining practical, hands-on experience before graduating.

"My Co-op placement at Morwell Innovation Centre allowed me to apply my uni knowledge to develop a system for a mobile booking app, and to redesign a more user-friendly website. I've also learned how to communicate with clients."

"Federation University offers the best of support services including approachable lecturers - whatever you need we have it here!"

Andrew - Bachelor of Information Technology

Scholarships

At Federation University, we understand that being a student can be tough financially. That is why we provide a range of scholarships and grants to make life easier and enable you to focus on your studies.

We offer more than 500 student scholarships and grants to reward academic achievement, help you with financial difficulty and assist in the extra costs of studying.

Depending on your eligibility, we can help you out with course essentials such as a laptop or book voucher, or even up to \$7,000 in scholarship funding to cover the cost of living.

federation.edu.au/scholarships

Equitable entry options

Discover unique pathways at our dual-sector university. With a generous choice of TAFE and higher education courses, you can explore your passions and shape your career. Our Federation Access Studies program (FAST) is a single semester course designed to teach you how to study successfully, providing a guaranteed pathway into one of our undergraduate degrees.

federation.edu.au/pathways

Early offer program

If you're a current and/or recent domestic Australian Year 12 student, you can secure your place in 2027 with our Early Offer Program.

Scan the QR code to apply or to find out more.

federation.edu.au/earlyoffer



Support never stops

Our student support services will nurture your success. With small class sizes and supportive teachers, we're committed to make further education more accessible to more people.

federation.edu.au/student-support



An ambassador for Federation's Elite Athlete program, Anna has played a key role inspiring and recruiting future student athletes to pursue academic and sporting excellence.

A proud Dunghutti and Ngarigo Monero woman, Anna was awarded 'most outstanding sporting performance by an Indigenous student-athlete' (2025 UniSport National Conference Sports Awards), and made history as the first signing for the Victorian Netball League Gippsland Stars 23 & Under team - as a standout player in Federation's UniSport National team.

The Elite Athlete program has provided Anna with personalised support and flexible study arrangements to assist training, competitions and study arrangements.

"I'm honoured to be acknowledged for the impact I've had on my community and for my passion to be a positive and guiding example for my fellow Indigenous student-athletes and other students in the wider Indigenous community," she said.

Anna - Bachelor of Social Work

4691 First in family students in 2025.

Over \$1.8 million in Federation scholarships and grants awarded in 2025.

Community and belonging

We offer an inclusive and friendly campus culture from the moment you arrive. Many of our students are the first in their family to go to university, international students or students with a disability.

Join our clubs and societies to get inspired and create lifelong connections, and witness how our sponsorships and community events strengthen your relationships.

federation.edu.au/starting-fed

How do I apply?

The application process varies depending on your chosen course and your background. If you are applying as a secondary student, explore our undergraduate degree and TAFE courses.

apply.federation.edu.au

What will it cost me?

There are different fee structures depending on the field of study and type of course you choose. The fees you pay for your course and what assistance you're eligible to receive depends on your citizenship, the type of place you are offered and the year you commence your studies. HELP and VET student loans are available to eligible students.

federation.edu.au/fees

Accommodation

Whether studying at the Ballarat, Berwick or Gippsland campus, you'll find our accommodation options make you feel at home. Create new friends and lifelong memories in our thriving and inclusive residential community.

federation.edu.au/fedliving



Research that shapes lives

Make valuable contributions to your field of expertise by studying a Higher Degree by Research (PhD or Masters) with Federation.

Our Graduate Research School supports postgraduate students in building strong research skills and provides guidance to help them transform lives and enhance communities. Working across our centres of collaborative and intensive research endeavour, you'll also harness technology and expertise to apply world-class research to real-world challenges, both regionally and globally.

Pursuing a research degree with Federation's Graduate Research School offers you:

- Collaboration with academic staff who work alongside you and supervise you. Be mentored by a multidisciplinary group of esteemed academics who attract significant research funding and produce quality research outcomes.
- Professional development and connections – we focus on deepening your connection to industry and future employment opportunities worldwide.
- Authentic industry engagement – our new Co-operative model supports real-world research projects co-designed with industry partners and opportunities for industry-based research internships.
- Scholarships and funding opportunities to help you start – visit our website to learn more and view available HDR scholarships.

We offer supervisions at the Masters and PhD level across a large range of study areas including:

Agriculture and environmental science

Business

Creative arts

Education

Engineering (various specialisations)

Exercise and sports science

Health (various specialisations)

Information technology

Mathematical and data sciences

Natural and physical sciences

Psychology

Society and culture

We also provide multiple pathways to a PhD, including a 6-month Graduate Certificate in Research, suitable for those who've done a master's by coursework or have significant industry or research experience.



Scan here to view specific course information and entry requirements or simply visit:

federation.edu.au/research

24th in the world for Gender Equality[^]

27th in the world for Partnership for the Sustainable Development Goals[^]

39th in the world for Reduced Inequalities[^]

#1 for Industry and International Outlook[#]

[^]Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2025

[#]Regional Universities Network (RUN) Outlook pillars



Business

Develop critical thinking and leadership skills to adapt to changing global business activities. Gain valuable industry experience with 60 days of paid placement through Federation Co-op.

Study a business degree with majors such as Accounting, Management and Marketing. TAFE and postgraduate study options are available too.

Typical units of study

- Commercial law
- Business strategy
- Data and information systems
- Entrepreneurship and innovation
- Social media marketing
- Human resource management
- Marketing communication

Potential careers

- Auditor
- Business analyst
- Change management consultant
- Commercial manager
- Corporate finance
- Digital business strategist
- Marketing manager
- Professional accountant
- Technology manager



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federation.edu.au/business

#5 in AUSTRALIA &

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 5/5 for

**MEDIAN SALARY in
BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT**

*Good Universities Guide 2026,
undergraduate level*

#1 in VICTORIA &

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 5/5 for

**FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT in
BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT**

*Good Universities Guide 2026,
postgraduate level*



Kaneta studied a Business degree involving a Co-op placement.

"I undertook the placement as a workforce analyst to complete a strategic plan for a large team. It involved analysing organisational goals and competencies, interviewing staff and collating data that I presented to the leadership team. I was able to apply my course knowledge, gain confidence and improve my public speaking and presenting skills."

"Having done a Federation Co-op placement meant I could showcase my skills, build new ones, and grow a network within the organisation - all in a supportive environment. The experience opened the door to my graduate role, and I now have an ongoing position at the University as an Employee Relations Officer. The confidence, connections, and experience I gained during my placement played a huge part in getting me here," she said.

Kaneta - Bachelor of Business





Adelle transferred from studying an Early Childhood degree at another university into the Bachelor of Education Studies at Federation.

"I moved to Fed because I didn't feel as though I belonged at the other university. Federation is more diverse, and the course I'm doing now is more versatile", said Adelle, who would like to eventually complement the degree with an art course.

Completing a 60 day Co-op placement as part of her studies at Federation University, Adelle worked in a small team creating resources for staff and students with Artificial Intelligence tools.

"I gained a lot of confidence through the Co-op placement and realise that the resources I created were valued. It was a great experience for me and a bonus to be paid in that timeframe".

Adelle - Bachelor of Education Studies

Education

Embark upon a rewarding career in teaching, gaining valuable placement experience on your way. You'll make a difference by shaping young minds in a time of rapid social and technological change.

Study an education degree such as Early Childhood, Primary, Secondary, Health and Physical Education. TAFE and postgraduate study options are available too.

Typical units of study

- Child and adolescent development
- Health and lifestyle
- Learning and teaching
- Literacy and numeracy
- Nature pedagogy
- Science and environmental education

Potential careers

- Early childhood educator
- Education officer
- Kindergarten teacher
- Physical education teacher
- Primary teacher
- Secondary teacher
- Specialist teacher



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federation.edu.au/education

#1 in VICTORIA &

★★★★★ **5/5 for**

FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT in

Good Universities Guide 2026, undergraduate level

#1 in VICTORIA &

★★★★★ **5/5 for**

STUDENT SUPPORT in

Good Universities Guide 2026, postgraduate level

Engineering

Build extraordinary things to make lives safer and easier, and gain valuable industry experience with 60 days of paid placement through Federation Co-op. Experience well-paid opportunities world-wide.

Study an engineering degree such as Civil, Electrical, Mining and Mechanical, or a related TAFE course or trade. Postgraduate study options are available too.

Typical units of study

- Applied mathematics
- Computational skills
- Computer aided drafting
- Engineering design
- Fluid mechanics
- Physics
- Road and traffic engineering

Potential careers

- Civil engineer
- Consulting engineer
- Electrical engineer
- Engineering draftsman
- Local government
- Mechanical engineer
- OH&S professional
- Service engineer
- Structural engineer
- Mining engineer
- Transport engineer
- Water engineer



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federation.edu.au/engineering

#1 in AUSTRALIA &

★★★★★ 5/5 for

**FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT in
ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY**

#3 in AUSTRALIA &

★★★★★ 5/5 for

**MEDIAN SALARY in
ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY**

*Good Universities Guide 2026,
postgraduate level*



"When I researched top universities for engineering, Federation had positive reviews and offered small class sizes. The Co-op paid placement appealed and will help me understand the workforce and provide career opportunities", said Carly.

In addition to his studies, Carly is an ambassador for Engineers Australia. "I help engineering students understand and benefit from their resources and opportunities. When I'm not studying, I also work as an undergraduate engineer with a national engineering company," said Carly.

Carly praises Federation University teaching staff in helping him find these roles, and in being accessible for queries around course content.

"Living in Ballarat is very quiet – it's a beautiful city. For a student, I think it's one of the best places you can be because it's not overcrowded."

Carly - Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) (Honours)





Darcy, who represented Australia in the men's discus throw at the U20 World Championships in 2024, travels twice a week from Geelong to Federation's Gippsland campus for the quality and reputation of Federation's physio program.

"Being involved in sport, I've always been focussed on how I can better my performance and maintain optimal health to work towards my goals," Darcy said.

"After asking questions about how to improve my physical capabilities, I felt that studying physiotherapy could assist."

"Physiotherapy is a career path that I feel passionate about and offers financial stability. The variety in physiotherapy excites me and every day can be different, which keeps things fresh and rewarding."

Darcy - Bachelor of Physiotherapy

Health and Allied Health

Make a difference to the health and wellbeing of our nation.

Study a degree such as Physiotherapy, Speech Pathology, Occupational Therapy or Exercise and Sport Science with options for postgraduate studies too. Gain valuable industry experience through undertaking placements.

Typical units of study

- Anatomy and physiology
- Communication skills for health professionals
- Clinical medicine for therapy
- Exercise physiology
- Exercise principles and instruction
- Language development and impairment
- Lifespan development for health
- Workplace health and safety regulation

Potential careers

- Occupational therapist
- Occupational health and safety professional
- Physiotherapist
- Rehabilitation consultant
- Speech pathologist
- Sports manager
- Sports scientist



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federation.edu.au/health-alliedhealth

#1 in AUSTRALIA &

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 5/5 for

TEACHING QUALITY in
HEALTH SERVICES & SUPPORT

#2 in AUSTRALIA &

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 5/5 for

LEARNING RESOURCES in
HEALTH SERVICES & SUPPORT

*Good Universities Guide 2026,
undergraduate level*

Information Technology

Play an important role in global change and gain valuable industry experience with 60 days of paid placement through Federation Co-op.

Study an IT degree with a major in Artificial Intelligence, Business Analysis, Cybersecurity and Data Science. TAFE and postgraduate study options are available too.

Typical units of study

- Applied mathematics
- Business analytics and decision support
- Cybersecurity fundamentals
- Data and information systems
- Digital literacy
- Programming foundations

Potential careers

- Business intelligence officer
- Computer engineer
- Cyber security analyst
- Database administrator
- IT consultant
- Software analyst
- Systems manager



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federation.edu.au/IT

#5 in AUSTRALIA &

★★★★★ 5/5 for

**LEARNER ENGAGEMENT in
COMPUTING & INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY**

#1 in VICTORIA &

★★★★★ 5/5 for

**STUDENT SUPPORT in
COMPUTING & INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY**

*Good Universities Guide 2026,
undergraduate level*



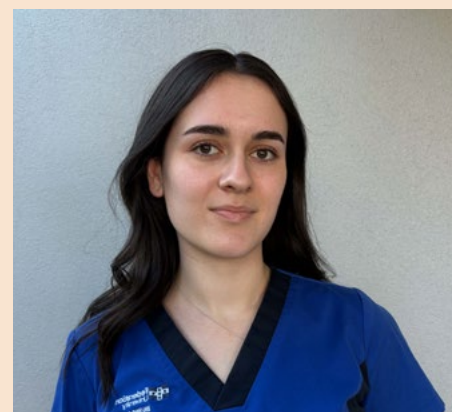
During the second year of her IT degree, Calissta commenced a 1600 hour Co-op placement with the NAB.

"The Co-op placement provides me with real experience of working on a project within a team, and is totally flexible around my university commitments. It's helping me to understand my course better and complete it more efficiently based on the techniques I learn during my placement," she said.

"Because I'm being paid I have a more stable financial situation. I've never been happier."

Calissta - Bachelor of Information Technology (Professional Practice)





Isabella always wanted to be a Nurse. After a Fed representative visited her high school in Year 11, she decided on the Nursing/ Midwifery double degree.

"I'll get two qualifications with one extra year on top of the Nursing degree. It makes sense", she said.

"Fed's given me placement opportunities at Latrobe Regional Health (LRH), only 10 minutes from home, which is good when working long hours. My nursing placement in the LRH emergency department was eye opening, very busy, and exposed me to a lot of really awesome opportunities."

"In the LRH antenatal clinic and maternity ward, women come in for pregnancy check-ups and then again when they give birth. I've helped deliver one of my high school teacher's babies - that was pretty special", she said.

Isabella - Bachelor of Nursing/ Bachelor of Midwifery

Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedicine

Help improve lives in a rewarding health career. Gain valuable experience through undertaking clinical placements.

Study a Nursing or Midwifery degree, or a related TAFE course. Postgraduate study options are also available including the Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner) and Graduate Diploma of Paramedicine.

Typical units of study

- Anatomy and physiology
- Communication for health professionals
- Health promotion
- Mental health nursing
- Nursing practice
- Primary health
- Midwifery practice

Potential careers

- Aged care nurse
- Community health nurse
- Enrolled nurse
- Nurse practitioner
- Midwife
- Paramedic
- Registered nurse

Federation University placed over **2,900** healthcare students across Victoria in 2025.



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federation.edu.au/nursing

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★★★★★ **5/5 for**
FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT

*Good Universities Guide 2026,
postgraduate level*

★★★★★ **5/5 for**
STUDENT SUPPORT,
LEARNING RESOURCES in
NURSING

*Good Universities Guide 2026,
undergraduate level*

Performing and Visual Arts

Build your career as a professional artist in the creative and supportive community of our Arts Academy in Ballarat. Gain valuable industry experience by undertaking placements in Visual Arts.

Study a degree such as Music Theatre and Acting, or Visual Arts, with postgraduate study options available too.

Typical units of study

- Acting
- Arts internship (Visual Arts only)
- Australian Indigenous art
- Dance
- Drawing
- Digital art
- Studio arts practice
- Theatre studies
- Visual culture
- Voice

Potential careers

- Actor
- Artist
- Arts administrator
- Community arts advisor
- Creative director
- Curator
- Musician
- Performer
- Producer
- Singer



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federation.edu.au/performing-visual-arts

#1 in AUSTRALIA &

★★★★★ 5/5 for

**LEARNER ENGAGEMENT,
SKILLS DEVELOPMENT in
CREATIVE ARTS**

*Good Universities Guide 2026,
undergraduate level*



Mitchell chose Federation because of the strong reputation around the course and university.

"The lecturers did a great job refining my strengths, pushing me to expand my skillset and improving my versatility as a performer. They were invested in bringing out the best in us. We lifted each other up, bringing a comradery that I doubt you'd get elsewhere," he said.

Mitchell was cast in the new Australian Work '37', a Mainstage Production for Melbourne Theatre Company and Queensland Theatre.

"Performing on the Sumner Theatre Stage was something I aspired to do since High School. It was awesome to accomplish that dream alongside such a skilled cast and crew," he said.

Mitchell Brotz - Bachelor of Music Theatre and Acting





Psychology

Discover why people think, feel, and behave the way they do with a career in psychology and related professions. Our APAC accredited courses and placements support your career development.

Study the Bachelor of Psychological Science, or community services related TAFE studies. Postgraduate study options are also available.

Typical units of study

- Cognitive and biological psychology
- Counselling theory and practice
- Personality and individual differences
- Research methods in psychology
- Social psychology

Potential careers

- Case manager
- Care and protection worker
- Community support worker
- Health education officer
- Integration aide
- Psychologist



Scan here to view specific course information and entry requirements or simply visit:

federation.edu.au/psychology



"If you are passionate about studying, take the first step towards your dream career," says Madeleine Milton, a registered psychologist at Grampians Health.

Madeleine contributes to improving the lives of individuals in need of psychological support.

Having studied the Bachelor of Psychology (including Honours year) and the Masters of Psychology (Clinical), she gained valuable placement experience at FedCare Psychology based at Federation's Mt Helen Campus.

Madeleine was also placed at a local school, public mental health services and private practice.

"Thanks to my placement opportunities and coursework over the duration of my six years of study I felt prepared for the workforce. I am now putting my work into practice," Madeleine said.

"I love working with people and helping them to achieve their goals and function as best they can. Psychology is so rewarding, and I am grateful that I can contribute to improving people's lives," she said.

Madeleine - Bachelor of Psychology (including Honours) and Masters of Psychology (Clinical)

#1 in VICTORIA &
★★★★★ 5/5 for
STUDENT SUPPORT in
PSYCHOLOGY

Good Universities Guide 2026, undergraduate level

**#3 in AUSTRALIA &
★★★★★ 5/5 for
SKILLS DEVELOPMENT,
STUDENT SUPPORT in
SCIENCE & MATHEMATICS**

**#1 in VICTORIA &
★★★★★ 5/5 for
TEACHING QUALITY in
SCIENCE & MATHEMATICS**

*Good Universities Guide 2026,
undergraduate level*



Prapti chose Federation for its smaller class sizes, fostering a more intimate and engaging learning environment.

"The course gave me a comprehensive understanding of the human body at a molecular and cellular level. It's provided a solid foundation in fundamental principles of biology, chemistry, and physiology – essential for those aspiring to enter the field of medicine or pursue scientific research like me", said Prapti.

Prapti completed a Co-operative Education (Co-op) placement, helping her bridge the gap between classroom theory and real-world practice. "This paid placement allowed me to apply my knowledge under the guidance of professionals while earning credit for my course", she said.

Prapti - Bachelor of Biomedical Science

Science

Gain a broad or specialist grounding in scientific practice across a range of disciplines and gain valuable industry experience with 60 days of paid placement through Federation Co-op.

Typical units of study (across degrees)

- Anatomy and physiology
- Animal management and disease
- Chemistry
- Ecosystems conservation management
- Environmental studies
- Microbiology
- Nutrition
- Scientific communication/ practice

Potential careers

- Biomedical scientist
- Biotechnologist
- Chemist
- Doctor (Pathway)
- Environment/conservation scientist
- Farm supervisor
- Food and nutrition
- Horticulturist
- Laboratory scientist
- OH&S professional
- Veterinary bioscientist
- Wildlife and parks field officer
- Zoologist



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specific course
information and
entry requirements
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federation.edu.au/science

Discover your way with a Science degree

Our Science courses provide the flexibility to choose from a wide range of study areas and specialisations, including **Veterinary Bioscience, Environmental Science, Biomedical Science** and more.

By developing in-depth expertise in your area of interest, you can pursue your science career with confidence.

What can I study?

Biomedical Science examines the human body and the processes associated with disease to improve human health.

Veterinary Bioscience focuses on the biological principles underlying animal health, behaviour and diseases. It prepares you for careers in veterinary sciences (following further study), animal production and nutrition, and animal research.

Environmental Science explores ecosystems using interdisciplinary understanding to address environmental challenges. Gain skills and knowledge to address biodiversity conservation, landscape rehabilitation and sustainability.

Science majors and minors

A wide variety of major and minor study areas is available:

- Biochemistry
- Cell biology
- Chemistry
- Ecology
- Environmental Restoration
- Laboratory Bioscience
- Microbiology.



Ky initially studied the Certificate III in Conservation and Land Management. The TAFE course gave him practical skills and work confidence.

"I wanted to understand the science behind the work I was already doing, so decided to continue with a Veterinary and Bioscience degree", he said.

Ky also works as a Senior Field Ranger with Aus Eco Solutions, one of Federation's industry partners.

"Working while studying has been really helpful. I've been able to gain experience while learning. Because Aus Eco is a Fed partner, I'm able to do my Co-op placement there too."

"My advice for students is to explore your options. Look at TAFE, uni, all of it. Federation has lots of pathways, so think about what will help you get there."

Ky - Certificate III in Conservation and Land Management, and Bachelor of Science (Veterinary Bioscience)



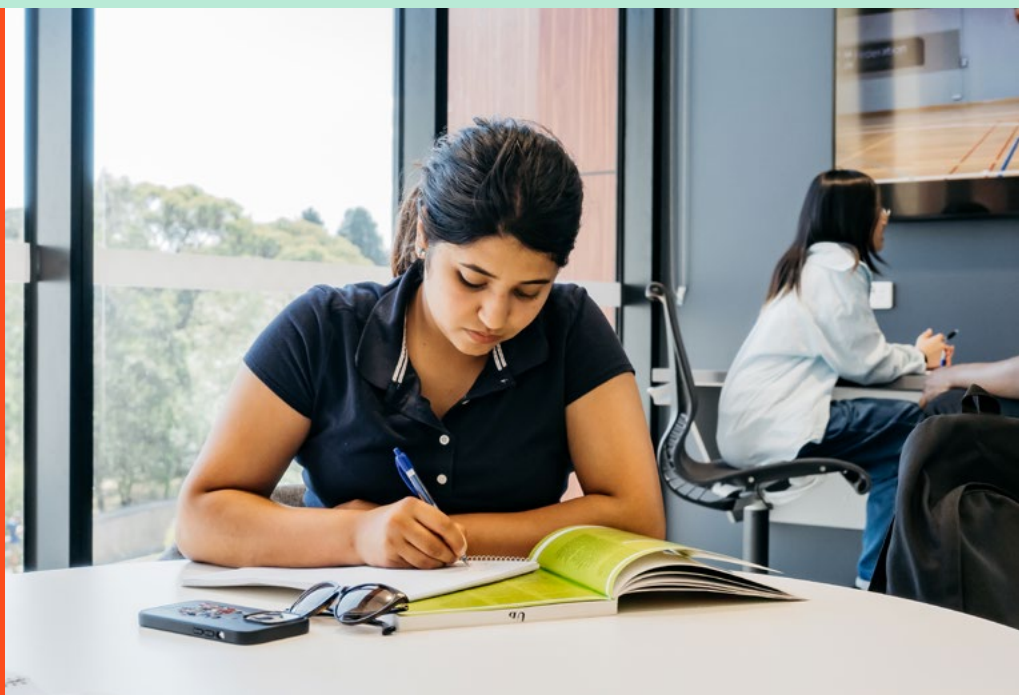
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★★★★★ 5/5 for
OVERALL EDUCATIONAL
EXPERIENCE in
SOCIAL WORK

★★★★★ 5/5 for
STUDENT SUPPORT,
LEARNING RESOURCES,
OVERALL EXPERIENCE,
SKILLS DEVELOPMENT &
TEACHING QUALITY in

LAW & PARALEGAL

Good Universities Guide 2026,
undergraduate level



Looking for a degree that prepares you to work in state and federal police, courts and corrections, government departments, and remove community based agencies delivering criminal justice courses?

"My placement was exceptionally rewarding and exciting; it helped reaffirm that I had chosen the right career path for me. I was able to apply what I had been learning about in my criminology units to real people and cases."

Elilish - Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice

Social Work, Criminology, Arts and Community Services

In this career you will change lives, enhance wellbeing and strengthen diverse communities.

Study degrees such as the Bachelor of Arts, Criminology or Social Work, and gain valuable industry experience with 60 days of paid placement through Federation Co-op. Undergraduate, postgraduate and TAFE community services courses are available.

Typical units of study

- Crime prevention, reduction and control
- History
- Indigenous studies
- Literature
- Media and screen studies
- Social work, community and human services
- Writing

Potential careers

- Administration
- Community support worker
- Counselling
- Court officer
- Criminologist
- Disability support worker
- Governmental officer
- Historian
- Intelligence officer
- Media / public relations officer
- Police officer
- Social worker
- Writing and publishing



Scan here to view specific course information and entry requirements or simply visit:

federation.edu.au/SSACS

Go from curiosity to career with a Bachelor of Arts

With a Bachelor of Arts (BA), you can tailor your studies to your interests and career goals. Our flexible BA allows you to build a degree as unique as you are.

What can I study in a Bachelor of Arts?

At Federation University, we offer arts majors and minors designed to spark your curiosity and prepare you for dynamic careers:

Digital Humanities prepares you to bring cultural data to life through digital storytelling, virtual environments and innovative tools. This major can lead to roles like a digital marketing strategist or museum technologist.

English enables you to explore the impact of stories on society. Perfect for careers in publishing, teaching, or communications, this major sharpens your ability to think critically and communicate effectively – skills that are invaluable in any industry.

History and Heritage Studies teaches you how to preserve and interpret cultural narratives. Careers like historian or heritage consultant await those eager to bridge the past and present. You can also work in local history or do genealogical research.

Indigenous Studies delves into the knowledge and perspectives of First Nations peoples. It's an empowering major that can lead to impactful careers in community engagement, policy advising or working for organisations that consult with Indigenous groups.

Sociology offers tools to analyse and address the complexities of human behaviour and societal structures. Careers in social research, HR, community organisations or policy analysis await those who want to create meaningful change.

Writing hones your ability to craft compelling narratives for careers in media, publishing or content creation. Whether writing novels or marketing campaigns, study creative writing to find your voice.

You can also tailor your degree to your own interests by choosing from minors and majors that include:

- Behavioural Studies
- Business
- Criminal Justice
- Community Work
- Education
- Information Technology
- Visual Arts (Arts Academy – Ballarat only)
- Visual Culture (minor only)



"The support of the academic staff has been outstanding, enabling me to reach my full potential. With the support offered by the Disability team, I have been able to complete my assessments to a high standard in a flexible way that allows me time to study and work full-time, and provide caring duties to my partner.

I can't think of any other university that offers such support to achieve study goals beyond my wildest expectations. If you have considered higher education, Fed Uni offers all the support required to help you to succeed and reach your full potential!"

Trent was named the 2024 Social Work Student of the Year runner-up at the Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW) National Excellence Awards.

The award recognises students who are driving innovation and making an impact in social work.

Trent - Master of Social Work (Qualifying)



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#1 in VICTORIA &
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SKILLS DEVELOPMENT,
TEACHING QUALITY in
SOCIAL WORK

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Marking a powerful sign of progress in a traditionally male-dominated industry, Ebony and Alyssa, in the same Certificate III in Plumbing cohort, have successfully completed their studies.

For Ebony, plumbing is more than a career, it's a family legacy across four generations.

"Working in a regional area, I'm exposed to a wide variety of jobs, from historic homesteads to windmills on local farms. The variety and problem-solving of general plumbing is really appealing to me and keeps every day different."

Alyssa, who works at Ballarat Plumbing Services, also took a non-traditional path after finishing Year 11.

"I was tossing up between becoming a sparky or a plumber, but plumbing just seemed more diverse. You're not doing the same thing every day, and I love that."

Both women say they felt supported and respected throughout their training at Federation TAFE.

"Knowing there were other girls in the class was a comfort," Ebony said. "But honestly, our classmates and teachers treated us just like everyone else. Which is how it should be."

Ebony and Alyssa - Certificate III in Plumbing



Federation TAFE

Trades and apprenticeships

At Federation TAFE, we're known for our high-quality teaching and training courses that are closer to your home. Everything we do is designed to get you ahead in your studies, or simply take that first step into post-secondary education.

Through our experienced teachers and long-standing relationships in the trade training business, we've built strong links with local industries and businesses to bolster your employment opportunities.

Trades and apprenticeships

- Agriculture and horticulture
- Automotive
- Building and construction
- Engineering / renewable energies
- Food and hospitality
- Hairdressing and beauty
- Service industries and environment

Federation College

Fed College is home to youth, English language and pathway programs. Here you can study the VCE Vocational Major in a non-traditional learning environment.

In addition, our English (for speakers of other languages) and academic preparation programs are for domestic and international students whose first language is not English.

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Did you know?

Federation is above the TAFE network average in 10 of the 11 key student & employer satisfaction metrics.

VSA Annual RTO performance report 2025

There are over 60 Federation TAFE courses to choose from, including many Free TAFE courses.

Tuition fees for Free TAFE courses are fully funded by the Victorian Government.

80% of future jobs are attainable via a Victorian TAFE education.

The TAFE Value and Perception Challenge Report 2024

FREE TAFE for priority courses

Get access to free training through the Victorian Government's Free TAFE initiative. This covers tuition fees for priority courses.

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Stavriana has always been fascinated by baking. As a young child, her grandparents owned a café-restaurant in London, and her father shared stories of what it was like working in the family-owned business.

Growing up, Stavriana shared her dad's enthusiasm for food, it was clear she would pursue this passion as a career.

Winning the School-based Apprentice of the Year at the 2025 Victorian Training Awards, Stavriana said "I'm over the moon, and I feel like all my hard work has paid off. It's such a great feeling."

"Baking isn't just a career for me, it's something that I'm very passionate about and love to do every single day."

Stavriana studied the Certificate III in Baking at Federation TAFE in Ballarat, whilst employed as an apprentice at Sunraysia Bread and Butter Bakery in her hometown Mildura.

"I attend to dough preparation and developing/decorating sweet products, customer service and cleaning. Baking is something that I'm very passionate about and love to do every single day."

Stavriana - Bakery Apprentice - Federation TAFE

Sunraysia Bread and Butter Bakery



Qualifications and pathways

As a dual-sector university we provide you with course pathways from TAFE to higher education. There's bound to be a course to interest you.

Pre-apprenticeship programs

Learn about your favourite trade by completing a pre-apprenticeship and show employers you can hit the ground running. Most courses take approximately 16 weeks, and provide up to 6 months credit towards apprenticeship training.

Apprenticeships and traineeships

Most traineeships or apprenticeships equate to Certificate II or III level courses and take 16 weeks to 4 years. This involves a signed training agreement with an employer prior to enrolment.

Certificate IV, Diploma, Advanced Diplomas

Certificate IV courses train you to supervise or manage staff. Diploma courses teach professional, technical or creative field skills. Advanced Diploma courses provide you with high-level skills in technical, professional and creative fields. These courses take 1 - 3 years depending on which one you choose.

Bachelor's degrees

Undergraduate degrees are for those who have never studied at university before and take 3 - 4 years, providing you with a professional qualification.

Postgraduate studies

After completing your Bachelor's degree, you may choose to progress with postgraduate studies. These include an Honours year, Graduate Diploma, Graduate Certificate or Master's degree.

Federation Access Studies (FAST)

Unsure whether university is for you, or don't meet the entry requirements you need to start a degree? FAST could be the pathway for you.

Study FAST for a guaranteed place in a Federation undergraduate degree.

Try a different approach to your dream career:

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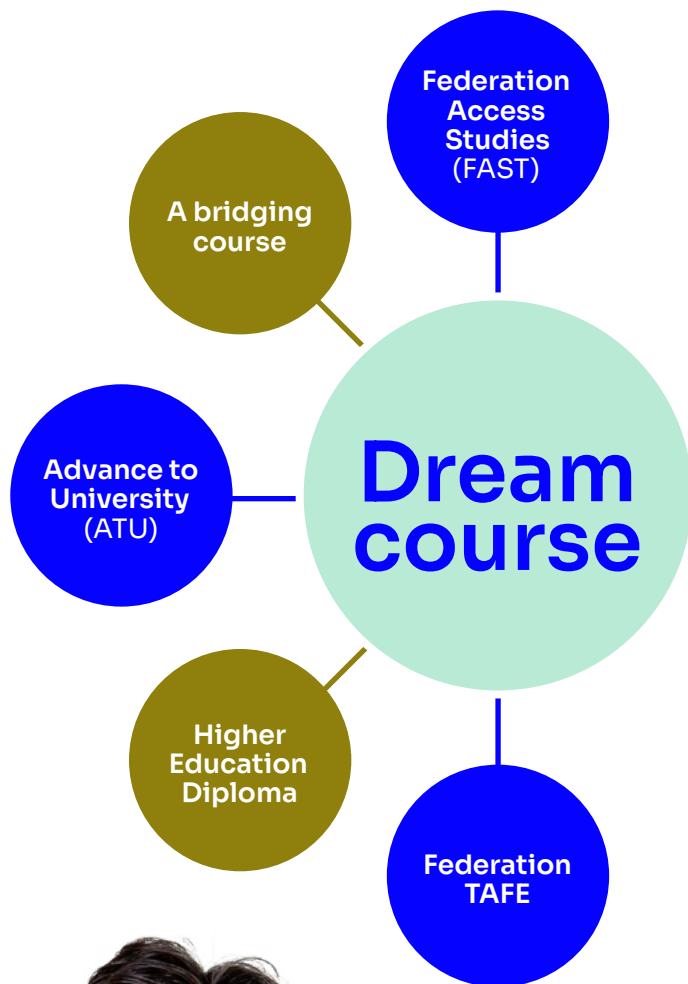
VCE Vocational Major

Studying the VCE Vocational Major at Federation College will give you the opportunity to complete your VCE in a non-traditional learning environment. You'll have the freedom to learn to be a responsible adult while pursuing your strengths, interests and developing the skills and capabilities needed to succeed in further education.

No one gets left behind

While Federation University encourages all students to complete Year 12, entry requirements vary across TAFE courses and Year 12 may not be required.

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Having previously completed the VCE without an ATAR, Beatrice found Federation Access Studies (FAST) to be an ideal stepping-stone towards a Psychology degree.

"I discovered Federation is one of the only universities that offers an entry pathway without steep fees (no tuition fees, actually!) with guaranteed entry into any undergraduate degree," she said.

Selecting Federation was easy for Beatrice because Berwick campus is local. "I liked the idea of participating in and contributing towards a university that supported other people in the local community. I was impressed that Federation had a higher percentage of students who successfully enter the workforce in their relevant degree post-graduation compared to other universities. It also has a very diverse cohort and is very accessible to students from a pathways perspective", she said.

FAST gave Beatrice skills in academic writing and referencing, navigating the Moodle system, effective library use, analysing research, critical thinking and collaboration with other students.

"The best thing about Federation is the opportunities available to students, from mentor and study support services to finding employment and having scholarship and grant options. I've made good friends and networked with academics through my studies," she said.

Beatrice Carreras - Federation Access Studies (FAST) and Bachelor of Psychological Science

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