



Study at Federation 2026



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	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 18,600 domestic and international students, and 130,000 alumni across Australia and the world.

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#1 in Australia for first generation student enrolments

Good Universities Guide 2025

#1 in Victoria for social equity and student-teacher ratio

Good Universities Guide 2025

#1 in Victoria for full-time postgraduate employment

95.3% of postgraduate coursework students are in full-time employment earning a median salary of \$94,500

QILT Graduate Outcomes Survey 2023

#2 in Victoria for full-time undergraduate employment

80.8% of undergraduate students are in full-time employment earning a median salary of \$71,400

QILT Graduate Outcomes Survey 2023

175th young university (top 15% worldwide)

Times Higher Education Young University Rankings 2024

Top 200 institutions worldwide for

Good health and wellbeing

Gender equality

Reduced inequalities

Sustainable cities and communities

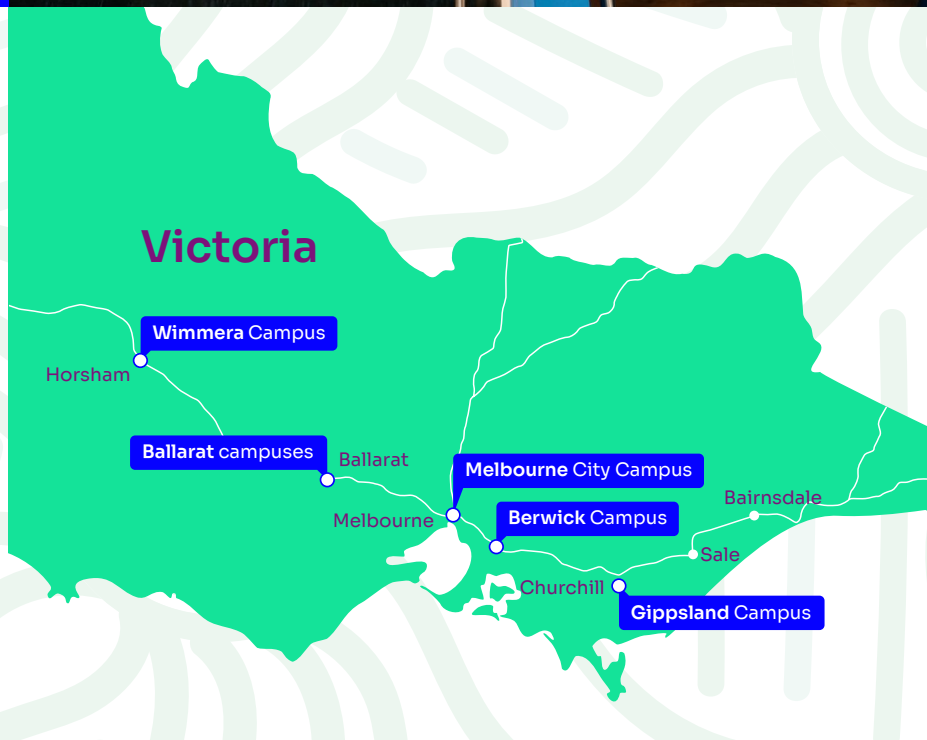
Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2024



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. Online options (including Federation Online) 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. Students can access two forms of Co-op placement:

- undertake a placement with an industry partner
- join a project team consulting with industry to solve a real-world employer problem.

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](https://www.federation.edu.au/coop)

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



Kaneta recently completed the Bachelor of Business (Human Resources) involving a Federation 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."

– Kaneta Marin
Bachelor of Business
(Human Resources)

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](https://www.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](https://www.federation.edu.au/pathways)

If you're a current and/or recent domestic Australian Year 12 student, you can secure your place in 2026 with our Early Offer Program. Each of our courses with a guaranteed ATAR is available for an early offer.

[federation.edu.au/atar](https://www.federation.edu.au/atar)

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](https://www.federation.edu.au/student-support)



Jas chose Federation because most of her school Physical Education teachers had studied there and were great teachers.

"I knew Federation could give me the best chance to succeed as a PE teacher, and to support me through the Elite Athlete Program," said Jas.

"As a professional cricket player for the Victorian Women's Team, the assistance provided from my lecturers and coordinators has reduced the pressure. This has allowed me to perform well in my sport, without sacrificing my academic commitments", said Jas.

Jas is grateful for the Elite Athlete grant which helps lessen the financial stress of travelling between Melbourne for sport, Ballarat for study and Bendigo where her family lives.

- **Jasmine Nevins**
Bachelor of Secondary Education
(Health and Physical Education)



4434 First in family students in 2024.

1770 Fed scholarships and grants awarded in 2024.

Community and belonging

We offer an inclusive and friendly campus culture from the moment you arrive. More than 50% 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

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

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.

federation.edu.au/apply

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



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:

Allied health	Information technology
Business	Mathematics
Cyber security	Nursing
Education	Occupational health and safety
Engineering	Psychology
Environmental science	Science
Human movement	Social science
Humanities and social sciences	Visual and performing arts

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

#1 in Victoria & #5 in Australia

for Higher Degree by Research engagement with industry and the community.

2021 DESE rankings for HDR industry engagements

5/5 for Excellence in Research

Excellence in Research Australia 2018

Federation is rated at or above world standard in 80% of our submitted fields of research:

Applied Mathematics

Civil Engineering

Clinical Sciences

Environmental Science and Management

Human Movement and Sports Science

Nursing

Artificial Intelligence and Image Processing

Medical and Health Sciences

Excellence in Research Australia 2018



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, Economics, Finance, 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



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

federation.edu.au/business

★★★★★ 5/5 for
**FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT in
BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT
ACCOUNTING**

*Good Universities Guide 2025,
postgraduate level*



Bachelor of Business student Liam Byrne began his paid Federation Co-op placement early in 2024, following a life-long interest in finance.

"My experience and knowledge gained with potential employers is invaluable, paving the way for a promising future," said Liam.

Financial Planner at McMillans in Gippsland, Claire Richmond Miller said, "Federation's Co-op placement program has given us exceptional students such as Liam, who's been an astounding asset to our financial planning team. Such students continually offer the business an instrument of productivity amid a climate wherein resources are scarce."

- Liam Byrne
Bachelor of Business





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](https://www.federation.edu.au/education)



Ellah-Lee is the first member of her family to attend university and recently completed the Bachelor of Education (Primary).

"I may not have attended university at all without the support and guidance I received from Federation - a smaller university that provides excellent support for new students," she said.

A tour of the Berwick Campus before she finished school sealed her decision. "Everyone made me feel welcome and part of the community."

Highlights of Ellah-Lee's university experience included being a Student Ambassador for the Berwick Campus and gaining classroom placement for students with additional needs.

- **Ellah-Lee Hocking**
Bachelor of Education (Primary)

#1 in VICTORIA &
★★★★★ 5/5 for
STUDENT SUPPORT in
EDUCATION & TRAINING

*Good Universities Guide 2025,
postgraduate level*

★★★★★ 5/5 for
LEARNING RESOURCES in
EDUCATION & TRAINING

*Good Universities Guide 2025,
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



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

federation.edu.au/engineering

#1 in AUSTRALIA &

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 5/5 for

FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT in

ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

*Good Universities Guide 2025,
postgraduate level*



Sixteen Mechanical Engineering students solved real-world engineering problems at the 2024 "Hackathon". Supported by Ballarat-based companies MKPro Engineering and STG Global, students worked with senior engineers to tackle unique thermal and manufacturing challenges.

The Co-op placement project gave students real industry experience so they can graduate work-ready.

The experience was invaluable for Navishka. "We learned how to approach real-world problems and put our problem-solving and research skills into action," he said.

"It's about more than work placement – this is where job-ready skills are built," said Dr Apurv Kumar, Federation's Senior Mechanical Engineering Lecturer and co-designer of the assessment.

- Navishka Abhishek Patabendhi Arachchige
Master of Engineering Technology





Federation's first local physiotherapy graduands entered the workforce in 2025. Almost all of the 22-strong Gippsland student cohort accepted job offers well before they graduated.

Julia has a rotational role at Latrobe Regional Health. "The course broadened my idea of what a physiotherapist does. It was a really personalised, supported experience because the cohort is not overwhelmingly large," Julia said.

Bella joined Through Life Physiotherapy and Warragul & District Specialist School. "The relationships we built with all our lecturers and fellow students, you can't get anywhere else," said Bella.

Rhys commenced at Progressive Physiotherapy, Warragul. "I had great experiences in clinical placement and feel like I have a strong foundational knowledge and skill set to enable me to enter the workforce," he said.

- **Julia Malan, Bella Fraser, Rhys Chambers**
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 or Occupational Therapy, 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
- 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



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

federation.edu.au/health-alliedhealth

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **5/5 for**
TEACHING QUALITY in
HEALTH SERVICES & SUPPORT

*Good Universities Guide 2025,
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



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

federation.edu.au/IT

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 5/5 for

**LEARNER ENGAGEMENT,
SKILLS DEVELOPMENT &
STUDENT SUPPORT** in

**COMPUTING & INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY**

*Good Universities Guide 2025,
undergraduate level*

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 5/5 for

**LEARNER ENGAGEMENT &
TEACHING QUALITY** in

**COMPUTING & INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY**

*Good Universities Guide 2025,
postgraduate level*



Federation TAFE Information Technology teacher Dr Adam Bignold was named Australia's Vocational Teacher of the Year at the 2024 Australian Training Awards.

Adam's innovative teaching in cybersecurity is making education more accessible for neurodiverse and mature-age students, and driving incredible student success.

"This recognition reflects my passion for breaking barriers to study in the vocational education and training sector, ensuring all learners have access to education, and equipping them with real-world skills that deliver immediate value to the industry."

- Dr Adam Bignold



Federation offered Rebecca the most flexible Bachelor of Nursing program for her needs.

"Being a busy mum of six, the blended delivery allowed me to study online from home.

In addition, the orientation modules (such as Fed Ready) were great resources for preparing for university life," she said.

"There were so many helpful resources including online study guides, drop-in sessions, and student support services to ensure I was set up for success."

Rebecca experienced placements in diverse settings including mental health at The Royal Children's Hospital, community nursing, perioperative/theatre nursing and paediatrics at Monash Health, plus an amazing experience in Nepal.

"These placements were excellent learning opportunities that allowed me real-life practice of skills I learnt in uni labs", said Rebecca.

- **Rebecca De Bruyn**
Bachelor of Nursing

Nursing, Midwifery and Paramedicine

Help improve lives in a rewarding health career. Gain valuable industry experience through undertaking 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 **2,600** healthcare students across Victoria in 2024.



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

federation.edu.au/nursing

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ **5/5 for
FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT &
LEARNING RESOURCES in
NURSING**

*Good Universities Guide 2025,
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



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

federation.edu.au/performing-visual-arts

#1 in VICTORIA &

★★★★★ 5/5 for
SKILLS DEVELOPMENT in
CREATIVE ARTS

*Good Universities Guide 2025,
postgraduate level*

★★★★★ 5/5 for
OVERALL EXPERIENCE,
LEARNER ENGAGEMENT &
TEACHING QUALITY in

CREATIVE ARTS

*Good Universities Guide 2025,
undergraduate level*



"It's pretty simple: if it wasn't for my time at the Arts Academy, the detail of the teaching methods and the work ethic it instilled in me, I wouldn't be enjoying the career I've had over the past 15 years".

Josh's past credits include 'The Phantom' in Phantom of the Opera: West End 2019, Sydney Opera House and Arts Centre Melbourne, 2022/23.

Josh also teaches at Federation University's Arts Academy.

- **Josh Piterman**

Former student, award-winning music theatre performer and recording artist.



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 available too.

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](https://www.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 Milton**
Bachelor of Psychology (including Honours) and Masters of Psychology (Clinical)

★★★★★ 5/5 for
TEACHING QUALITY in
PSYCHOLOGY

*Good Universities Guide 2025,
undergraduate level*

#1 in VICTORIA &

**★★★★★ 5/5 for
LEARNING RESOURCES in
SCIENCES**

*Good Universities Guide 2025,
undergraduate level*

**★★★★★ 5/5 for
OVERALL EXPERIENCE,
SKILLS DEVELOPMENT,
STUDENT SUPPORT &
TEACHING QUALITY in
SCIENCES**

*Good Universities Guide 2025,
undergraduate level*



Callum chose to study at Federation because of the welcoming experience he gained from staff and students on Open Day.

"The friendly atmosphere made it feel not as scary when jumping from high school to uni, and at Fed I was closer to Melbourne and my goal of being in the premier league".

In 2024 Callum represented Australia for the inaugural Hockey 5s World Cup in Oman.

"Receiving an Elite Athlete Scholarship, my lecturers were understanding in extending deadlines. Staff also assisted with my conditioning heading into events," said Callum.

- **Callum Bridge**
Bachelor of Exercise and Sport 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
- Biodiversity conservation
- Ecosystems conservation management
- Environmental studies
- Exercise principles and instruction
- Nutrition
- Scientific communication/ practice

Potential careers

- Biotechnologist
- Biomedical researcher
- Doctor
- Environmental and conservation scientist
- Farm supervisor
- Food and nutrition
- Geoscience
- Horticulturist/gardener
- Laboratory scientist
- Occupational health and safety professional
- Sports manager
- Sports scientist
- Wildlife and parks field officer
- Zoologist



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

federation.edu.au/science

Discover your way with a Bachelor of Science

Our Bachelor of Science combines a generalised first year with the flexibility to choose from a wide range of study areas from your second year onwards.

Get a foundation in science at university level that enables you to pursue your chosen path and explore a science career with confidence.

What can I study in a Bachelor of Science?

Double majors

If you want to develop in-depth expertise in an area of science specialisation, choose from one of the following double majors:

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.

Wildlife and Ecosystem Conservation explores the preservation and management of wildlife and natural ecosystems. It equips you with knowledge to address biodiversity conservation, landscape rehabilitation and sustainability challenges.

Chemistry and Analytical Science combines the study of chemical processes with advanced analytical techniques. It prepares you for roles in research, industry and environmental monitoring.

Brewing and Food Science centres on the science behind brewing, fermentation and food production. It offers pathways to careers in the food and beverage industries, including brewing innovation.

Geoscience examines Earth's physical structure, materials and processes. It prepares you for work in environmental management, resource exploration and geological sciences.

Majors and minors

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

- Biochemistry
- Biological Science
- Brewing
- Chemistry
- Ecology
- Environmental Restoration
- Food Science
- Geoscience
- Laboratory Bioscience
- Medical Science
- Microbiology.



"My Co-op placement well and truly exceeded my expectations. I sat with my supervisor to work out some areas of interest and projects that I could get to work on right away. There were a number of experiences tailored to my career goals. These included spending time with contractors that were unique to our site, and providing extra exposure to areas of environmental science that I simply didn't get throughout my time at uni."

"Being paid for placement was a huge support to myself and the people in my life. The Co-op experience has certainly rounded out my university experience."

- Nicholas McLean

Bachelor of Science (Wildlife & Ecosystem Conservation)



#1 in VICTORIA &

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 5/5 for

LEARNING RESOURCES &
SKILLS DEVELOPMENT in
SOCIAL WORK

#1 in AUSTRALIA &

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ 5/5 for

LEARNING RESOURCES,
OVERALL EXPERIENCE,
SKILLS DEVELOPMENT &
TEACHING QUALITY in

LAW & PARALEGAL

Good Universities Guide 2025,
undergraduate level



Nikki studied the Bachelor of Community and Human Services and affirms the multitude of career options available in the sector.

"The course content enhanced my ability to work in community organisations. Through placement and industry networking opportunities employment became a reality for me in a not-for-profit organisation," she said.

As a mature aged student, Nikki felt supported returning to full-time study.

"My experience at Fed was feeling part of a community with supportive, approachable and understanding teaching staff," she said.

- Nikki Shea-Simonds
Bachelor of Community and Human Services

Social Sciences, 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 Kooyman**
Master of Social Work (Qualifying)



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OVERALL EXPERIENCE,
STUDENT SUPPORT &
TEACHING QUALITY in
SOCIAL WORK

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The Free TAFE offering made the decision to study Early Childhood Education and Care an easy one for Emma Littlejohn.

"I hadn't given TAFE much thought, but after the Free TAFE program was announced, I knew this was the way forward for me," Emma said. "Not having the financial burden of studying took pressure off my family and knowing that the qualification would pretty much provide guaranteed employment at the end was great."

Emma intends on continuing study, utilising Federation's Early Education Free TAFE pathway into the Diploma.

"After I completed the Certificate III, I was eager to enrol in further study but believed I would need to work for a few years and save the tuition. The extension of the program has meant that I have been able to enrol in further study immediately and continue upskilling for my career," she said.

Emma is now working with the Federation Childcare Centre. "I was incredibly excited to secure employment while completing my Certificate. Securing employment gave me a boost in confidence and further solidified the idea that I had made the right choice in my career," she said.

- Emma Littlejohn
Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care

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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federation.edu.au/TAFE



Did you know?

Federation is above the TAFE network average in 8 of the 11 key student & employer satisfaction metrics.

VSA Annual RTO performance report 2024

30+ Federation TAFE courses are on offer.

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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Yorta Yorta woman Ruby thought she had no chance of ever studying at university, but is now well on the path to further post-secondary education.

"I just want to make a difference. I want to use what I've learned and pay it forward and make change for the better. Don't give up on your dreams because it is possible."

After taking up a Certificate III in Business traineeship with Federation TAFE, Ruby worked ahead to finish the two-year traineeship a year early.

Not only did Ruby excel with her own learning, but she also supported the learning of fellow Indigenous classmates, reaching out to them as a peer to make sure they stayed on task.

"During the course I noticed a few of my Indigenous colleagues struggling so I took the initiative to reach out and work one-on-one with them."

Inspired by this experience, Ruby transitioned from student to staff member, starting a job in Federation University's Student Equity and Inclusion department.

"I'm in a unique position having studied with Federation and now working here. I have worked across both the TAFE and higher education sectors of the University, and I am Indigenous. I have a lot of experience that could help current students."

- Ruby Bending-Norman
Certificate III in Business traineeship



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 program (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 Fed undergraduate degree.

Try a different approach to your dream career:

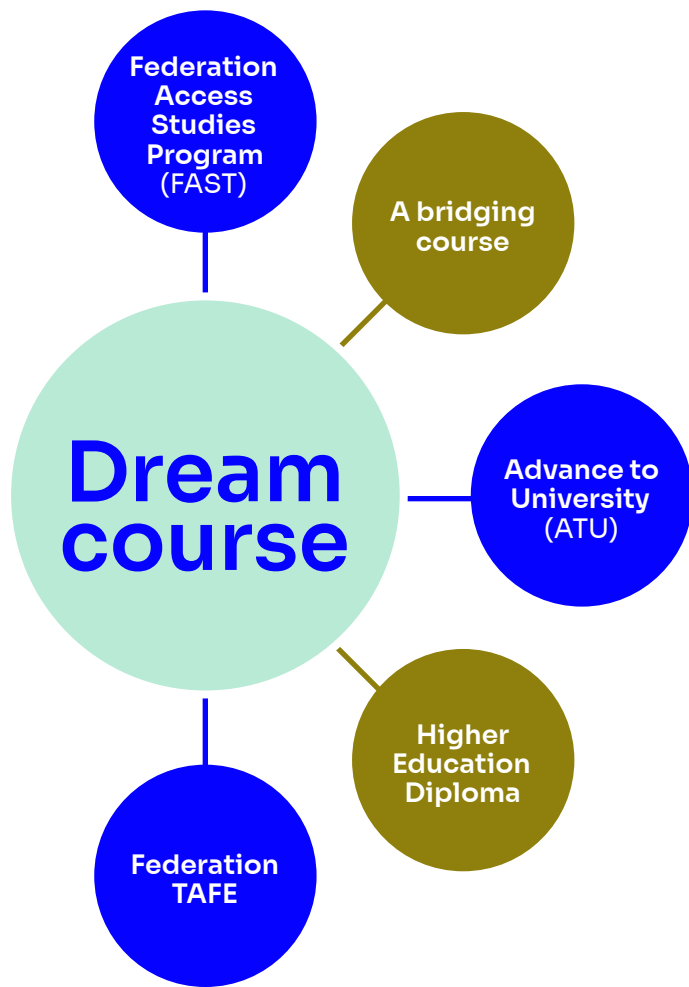
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No one gets left behind.

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

FAST is an alternative entry option for most Federation University diploma and undergraduate courses.

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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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