

ALTERNATIVE ENTRY AND PATHWAYS

ENTRY BASED ON SECONDARY STUDY

WHAT IS A TAC?

Each state has a relevant Tertiary Admission Centre (TAC) that operates a centralised tertiary application system and publishes comprehensive information for prospective applicants. To apply for entry to an undergraduate course with secondary study results, simply visit your relevant TAC and apply online.

Find your relevant TAC below:

- Vic – www.vtac.edu.au
- NSW/ACT – www.uac.edu.au
- Qld – www.qtac.edu.au

WHAT IS A STAT?

The Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) is a two-hour aptitude test that assists applicants in demonstrating their potential for tertiary study and helps tertiary institutions in making their selection decisions. The test is widely accepted and used by many institutions throughout Australia and a STAT result may improve your chances of selection for your course.

All states and territories regularly hold STAT tests and you can register to sit the next test in your state or territory through your relevant TAC. They also have more information on the STAT test including associated fees and how to prepare.

SHOULD I COMPLETE A STAT?

You may find that STAT improves your case for tertiary entry in the following circumstances:

Alternative Entry

You should consider sitting a STAT if you have no formal educational qualifications and you are applying for entry on the basis of Alternative Entry or mature age qualifications alone.

You may also consider sitting the STAT if you have completed the following:

- senior external examination subjects
- competency-based training course/s
- Certificate IV in Adult Tertiary Preparation.

Senior External Examination

If you have partially completed the senior external examination (for example one, two or three subjects), a STAT result can be combined with your subject results to increase your overall selection score.

Competency-Based Training (CBT)

A number of tertiary institutions, TAFE and registered training organisations (RTOs) in particular, have CBT, where students receive results of 'competent' and 'not yet competent'. If you are undertaking a certificate, diploma, advanced diploma or degree course in which the assessment is competency-based, it is strongly recommended that you sit the STAT to potentially improve your selection rank.

Certificate IV in Adult Tertiary Preparation

The Certificate IV in Adult Tertiary Preparation (ATP) is a preparatory course conducted by TAFE Queensland and some private providers. A STAT result can be combined with the results from this certificate to improve your selection rank.

Subject prerequisites

The STAT may also be used to satisfy some subject prerequisites. For example, a good STAT result may satisfy the English subject prerequisite and a good score in the quantitative subsection of the STAT may satisfy the mathematics subject prerequisite for some institutions.

STAT AND ACU

STAT accepted on its own	Yes – if 21 and over, but not for current Year 12s.
STAT combined with professional qualifications, employment and Personal Competencies Assessment (PCA)	Yes – if 21 and over, but not for current Year 12s.
STAT combined with 1,2, or 3 Senior External Examination subjects	Yes – if 18 by 31 December in the year the last relevant Senior result is obtained.
STAT combined with competency based training or Certificate IV in Adult Tertiary Preparation	Yes.
STAT to satisfy the English subject prerequisite	Sittings prior to 22 April 2010 – overall score of 159 or better or 157 or better in the verbal sub score. Sittings from 22 April 2010 – overall score of 157 or better or 155 or better in the verbal sub score. No minimum age requirement. Not satisfactory for current Year 12s.
STAT to satisfy English Language Proficiency	Not satisfactory.

ENTRY BASED ON TERTIARY STUDY OR 'ALTERNATIVE ENTRY' QUALIFICATIONS

ENTRY BASED ON ALTERNATIVE ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

To be a successful tertiary student, it is not necessary for you to have completed Year 12 or have any formal academic qualifications. ACU welcomes mature age students, and there are a number of alternative qualifications – such as life skills, work experience or study through TAFE – that can help you gain entry.

If you have not completed Year 12 studies, you will be assessed on evidence of equivalent knowledge, skills, experience and/or qualifications, such as completing an ACU pathways program (associate degree or non-award certificate), TAFE course or Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT).

ENTRY BASED ON TERTIARY STUDY

Admission to undergraduate programs is competitive based on an entry score allocated on the basis of your qualifications presented in your TAC application. In addition, you must satisfy any prerequisites or additional requirements specified for the program/s you apply for. ACU has a minimum eligibility score that is acceptable for consideration for admission to any undergraduate course by any student, irrespective of origin.

- The minimum eligibility score for a bachelor degree course is ATAR 58.50/OP 17 (which equates to a Qld rank of 65).
- The minimum eligibility score for associate degree, advanced certificate, or certificate programs is ATAR 49.50/OP 20 (which equates to a Qld rank of 60).

It is important to note that attainment of the minimum eligibility score is calculated using any bonus points allocated through the relevant Tertiary Admissions Centre for reasons of disadvantage only.

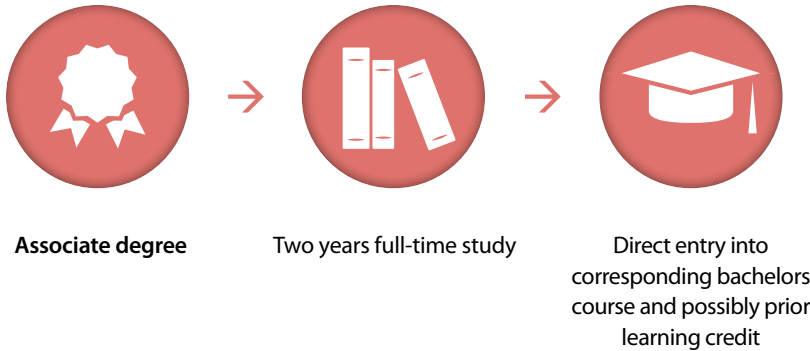
STUDY PATHWAYS

PATHWAY PROGRAMS

ACU's Pathway Programs allow you to develop your skills and to make the transition into university study as easy as possible. These courses include associate degrees, as well as diplomas and non-award certificates, and depending on the course you choose, you may also have the opportunity to fast track your studies saving you both time and money!

When you successfully finish a pathway course and achieve the necessary grades, you may be eligible to gain entry into ACU courses.

ACU makes things simple with step-by-step pathway programs



Pathway courses at ACU include:

- Associate Degree in Early Childhood Education
- Associate Degree in Indigenous Education
- Diploma in Theology
- Diploma in Youth Ministry
- Associate Degree in Inclusive Education and Disability Studies
- Associate Degree in Business Administration (Indigenous Studies)
- Certificate in Liberal Studies
- Advanced Certificate in Educational Studies
- Certificate in Educational Studies
- Certificate in Business Information Systems
- Certificate in Commerce
- Certificate in Theology

For more information, visit: www.acu.edu.au/courses

CREDIT FOR STUDY AT OTHER INSTITUTIONS

By completing a certificate, diploma or advanced diploma in a field similar to the course you wish to study at ACU, you may be able to gain entry into your course or apply for credit towards your ACU degree. This allows you to benefit from prior learning by giving you entry to the course of your dreams or reducing the number of units you need to study at ACU!

ACU has a number of credit transfer agreements with public and private providers, nationally and internationally, including TAFEs, colleges and other universities.

A small selection of our partnership institutions include:

- Box Hill TAFE
- TAFE NSW
- Metropolitan South Institute of TAFE
- Australian Institute of Music
- Melbourne Institute of Technology

Credit Transfer Database

Do you want to know which courses at what institution will allow you to articulate into your dream course at ACU? The Credit Transfer Database is a flexible online tool which allows you to search external educational providers and courses that enable articulation into ACU academic programs.

To use this tool visit: www.acu.edu.au/138434

If your course or where you have studied, or are studying, is not listed you may seek credit for study on an individual basis by filling out the Credit/Recognition of Prior Learning form, which you can download at www.acu.edu.au/245658

AUSTRALIAN QUALIFICATIONS FRAMEWORK

An Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) qualification is the result of an accredited complete program of learning that leads to formal certification that a graduate has achieved certain learning outcomes.

One of the key objectives of AQF is to facilitate pathways to, and through, formal qualification, and they can assist you in articulating into a course at ACU.

For more information visit: www.aqf.edu.au

ACU ACCESS SCHEMES

ACU offers a range of access schemes that are available to University applicants who meet certain criteria.

For equality and diversity

Our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Special Entry Scheme is open to Indigenous Australians applying for entry into an undergraduate program.

For community contributions

The Early Achievers' Program is a special entry program open to Year 12 students and non-recent school leavers that considers community involvement as part of the application process.

For the athlete

The Elite Athletes' Program caters for students who are pursuing athletic goals alongside their academic studies. ACU may give special consideration to applicants who have been competing in a sport at a high level, and whose level of training has impacted upon studies.

For the disadvantaged

The Educational Access Scheme and the Special Education Access Scheme are bonus points schemes open to applicants applying through their relevant Tertiary Admissions Centre (TAC) who have experienced educational disadvantage for a variety of reasons.

For more information on access schemes visit: www.acu.edu.au/251341

ACU PATHWAYS MAP

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