Want to study at university but not quite ready to launch into a full degree?

There's more than one way to get started at USC.
Tertiary Preparation Pathway (TPP)

usc.edu.au/tpp

If you don’t have a selection rank, need to meet subject prerequisites, or want to brush up on your study skills, a fee-free TPP course can help you rise, and shine, towards a USC degree program.

The Tertiary Preparation Pathway (TPP) helps you prepare for your undergraduate degree. You can study up to four courses to gain the skills and knowledge you need to succeed in your university studies.

After successfully completing four TPP courses, you can gain entry into most USC programs to continue your studies. If you already meet the admission requirements for your preferred degree but would like to update your study skills, you may choose to enrol in only one or two TPP courses. TPP is also a great opportunity to ensure you meet the relevant prerequisites for your chosen undergraduate degree.

Fee-free study

The TPP program is supported by the Australian Government, meaning courses are free of charge for domestic students (Australian and New Zealand citizens, Australian permanent residents and permanent humanitarian visa holders). Domestic students who study full time (three or four courses in one semester) may also be eligible for income support payments from Centrelink (eg: Youth Allowance, Austudy or ABSTUDY). Tuition fees apply for international students. For more information, visit usc.edu.au/feesandcosts

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Choosing which TPP courses to study

Before you decide which TPP courses to study, consider where you would like TPP to take you. Your first step is to look at USC’s undergraduate degrees and decide which one you’d like to study once you have completed TPP.

You will be required to meet the minimum selection threshold and any subject prerequisites for the undergraduate degree you want to study so it’s important to check these before enrolling in your TPP courses to make sure you choose the right ones.

Next, check the recommended TPP courses for your chosen program at usc.edu.au/recommendedtppcourses and note the location and semester of offer. TPP courses are offered in Semester 1 and Semester 2, with some offered in intensive mode over the Summer Semester (Session 8).

There are a range of courses available through TPP to apply and develop your academic and study skills, digital literacy, communication and critical thinking skills, meet subject prerequisites and enhance your skills to effectively manage university study. Visit usc.edu.au/tpp to view the full list of courses on offer.

Meeting program prerequisites:

**TPP101 Academic Skills for Success** meets the English prerequisite for relevant undergraduate programs.

**TPP103 Chemistry** meets the science prerequisite for relevant undergraduate programs.

**TPP109 Biology** meets the science prerequisite for relevant undergraduate programs.

**TPP115 Mathematical Methods for Science and Engineering** meets the maths entry requirement for Engineering programs at USC. To succeed at this course, you will need to have completed senior high school maths and have a strong maths ability.

HOW TO APPLY FOR TPP

Applications for TPP are lodged through the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC). For more information on the application process, visit usc.edu.au/applyqtac

USC offers the TPP Educational Access Grant to eligible students to reimburse the cost of their QTAC application fee. Details are available at usc.edu.au/tpp

International students should complete an International Student Application Form at usc.edu.au/internationalforms. Only a full-time option is available to international students on a Student visa.

Entry requirements

Applicants must be a minimum of 17 years of age (international students must be 18 years old). Students from non-English speaking backgrounds must satisfy USC’s English language requirements. Visit usc.edu.au/englishrequirements

BRIANNA HANSEN

Brianna Hansen, USC student, Bachelor of Human Services

“I studied TPP before I started my degree. It gave me a better ranking and improved skills and was the best thing I could have done to prepare for my undergraduate degree. I’d recommend TPP to anyone looking to start their studies.”
Pathway diplomas

Start your career in Business Innovation, Creative Industries, Science and Technology, or Social and Human Services.

A pathway diploma offers a full-time, one-year program where you can get a taste for university, and have something to show for it, without the commitment of a full degree program. It’s designed to introduce you to a field of study and help you develop the skills and knowledge you need to succeed at university and in the workforce.

It’s a stand-alone qualification that, upon successful completion, gives you direct entry and up to one year’s credit into selected bachelor’s degrees.

Diploma in Business Innovation

**Sunshine Coast, Gympie, Fraser Coast, Caboolture, Moreton Bay (from 2020)**

Start your career in business with an introduction to the core ideas that drive business growth, including entrepreneurship, marketing, management, and more.

Get hands-on experience by developing an innovative business idea, including market research, developing a project ‘pitch’, and writing a business plan. These practical tasks are designed to build the skills you’ll need to stand out in the business world, including critical thinking, communication and time management.

On successful completion, receive direct entry and up to one year’s credit towards your choice of the following degrees:

- Bachelor of Business
- Bachelor of Business (Marketing)
- Bachelor of Business (Human Resource Management)
- Bachelor of Business (Management)
- Bachelor of Business (Tourism, Leisure and Event Management)
- Bachelor of Business (International Business)

Diploma in Social and Human Services

**Sunshine Coast, Gympie, Fraser Coast, Moreton Bay (from 2020)**

Want to make a difference in people’s lives? Begin your career with the foundational knowledge you’ll need for future studies in counselling, psychology, social work, human services or community health.

Learn how people think and behave and how to relate to different communities, including children, families, Indigenous Australians and older people. You’ll also learn about the importance of ethics and social justice, and start to build the practical skills you’ll need to interact with clients in the workplace.

On successful completion, you will receive direct entry and up to one year’s credit towards your choice of the following degrees:

- Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology)
- Bachelor of Social Work
- Bachelor of Counselling
- Bachelor of Human Services
Diploma in Creative Industries

Sunshine Coast, Caboolture, Moreton Bay (from 2020)

Want to work in marketing, design, the arts or media? This program gives you an introduction to the creative industries and shows you how to build a skillset and plan your own career.

Learn about communication, technology, information management and teamwork, and put your skills into practice by developing a business proposal for an innovative new product or service in the creative industries.

You can also explore your career options with elective courses in media, journalism, writing, visual communication, graphic design and more.

On successful completion, you will receive direct entry and up to one year’s credit towards the:

- Bachelor of Creative Industries

Diploma in Science and Technology

Sunshine Coast, Fraser Coast, Moreton Bay (from 2020)

Do you like technology and solving problems? Or do you just love learning about how the world works? In this one-year program, you’ll explore the role science and technology play in our everyday lives, and how data can be used to solve real-world challenges.

You’ll study foundational courses in core scientific fields like biology, chemistry and ecology, as well as ‘Big Idea’ modules that introduce you to the cutting edge of science, research and technology. You’ll also work in the lab and in the field to build your skills in investigation, presenting data and critical analysis.

Explore your career options with elective courses in environmental science, general science or animal ecology, and learn how to use technology to achieve your study and career goals.

On successful completion, you will receive direct entry and up to one year’s credit towards your choice of the following degrees:

- Bachelor of Science
- Bachelor of Environmental Science
- Bachelor of Animal Ecology

HOW TO APPLY FOR A DIPLOMA

Applications for pathway diploma programs are lodged through the Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC).

For more information on the application process, visit usc.edu.au/applyqtac

Entry requirements

Applicants must be a minimum of 17 years of age (international students must be 18 years old). Students from non-English speaking backgrounds must satisfy USC’s English language requirements. Visit usc.edu.au/englishrequirements

Not available to international students on a Student visa.

Applicants who have already completed a higher education qualification (AQF Level 5 and above, or equivalent), excluding VET sector diplomas, are not eligible for entry into a pathway diploma program.
Which pathway is for me?

**TPP**

- Brush up on your study skills, meet subject prerequisites or get a selection rank
- One semester full time or two semesters part time
- Fee free for eligible students
- Finish with a certificate upon successful completion of four courses
- Apply directly to USC for an undergraduate degree

**DIPLOMA**

- Explore career options through an introduction to a field of study and develop your academic skills
- One year full time or part-time equivalent
- HELP available for eligible students
- Graduate with a diploma qualification
- Direct entry and up to one year’s credit into selected bachelor’s degrees

If you’re not sure which pathway is right for you, or what career you’d like to pursue, contact our Student Central team for information and advice.

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What comes next?

TPP Use TPP for entry to a bachelor’s degree

After successfully completing TPP you will be awarded a ‘selection rank’ on a scale from 1 to 99 (99 being the highest). You can use this selection rank to apply directly to USC for a place in an undergraduate degree.

To receive an offer into your preferred program you must have met any subject prerequisites and be eligible for a selection rank equal to or above the minimum selection threshold for your chosen degree.

The selection rank you achieve through TPP will depend on the number of courses you successfully complete and your grade point average (GPA). If you do not have other qualifications or experience that would provide a selection rank, we strongly recommend that you complete four TPP courses.

Some high-demand undergraduate programs, such as the Bachelor of Medical Science, Bachelor of Midwifery and Bachelor of Dietetics, have minimum selection thresholds that are too high to achieve through TPP. That may not mean these programs are out of reach. For advice on the best pathway for a certain program, contact our Student Central team.

If you have more than one qualification or type of experience, you will usually be allocated more than one selection rank, including one for TPP. You may be eligible for adjustment factors to be applied to your selection rank through the Access USC scheme usc.edu.au/accessusc. Selection ranks do not get added together for different qualifications.

Students who want to use TPP to gain entry to another university should contact the relevant admissions office to check whether they accept TPP as a basis for admission, and for advice on how to apply.

TPP courses cannot be used as credit towards an undergraduate degree.

DIP Turn your diploma into a bachelor’s degree

After successfully completing your diploma, you will receive direct entry and up to one year of credit towards selected bachelor’s degrees. If you wish to study a different degree (one not aligned to your diploma), you can use the selection rank gained from your diploma to apply for entry.

ASHLEIGH MORRIS
USC Graduate, Bachelor of Environmental Health Science
USC Chancellors Medallist
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USC Outstanding Alumni Rising Star Award 2018

“As a mature age student with no formal high school qualification, TPP was the stepping stone I needed to gain personal confidence and academic skills to excel in my bachelor’s degree. The TPP staff provided incredible support. For anyone out there who believes that they are not smart enough or that they don’t belong at university please read my story and know that you have a place and can achieve all you dream of!”
Rise, and shine.

Whether it’s practical work experience or the chance to pursue a lifelong passion, to connect with your community or to travel, we’re here to help you realise every opportunity.

More questions?
If you have any questions, please get in touch with our Student Central team:

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