

TasTAFE study explained

At TasTAFE we want to help you choose the pathway that is right for you, so that you can get the skills and knowledge you need for your future.

This might be helping you to prepare for employment, improving your performance and skills for that promotion you really want, or increasing your existing skills so that you can do your current job better!

There are lots of different qualification and entry levels, so regardless of what level you are at or where you are in your education or training journey, we can offer study options to suit your skills, knowledge and employment goals.

Options include:

- VET in Schools
- Apprenticeships and Traineeships
- Short courses
- Flexible learning
- Qualifications (Certificate I to Advanced Diploma)

VET IN SCHOOLS

If you are in Years 11 or 12, the VET in Schools program allows you to combine some general TCE units with VET units, either delivered at your school, at one of our TasTAFE campuses or a Trade Training Centre.

The great thing about this program is that students who complete a VET in Schools program with us can continue a pathway to further study at TasTAFE.



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APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS

Apprenticeships and traineeships are a great way to earn money while you learn the skills you need in your chosen field. With an apprenticeship or traineeship, your course will be a combination of on-the-job training and on-campus learning... but you don't have to be at school or in Years 11 or 12 to get an apprenticeship! As long as you are of working age and employed, or about to be employed, you may be eligible to start an apprenticeship. In fact, many apprentices today are adults who are looking for a change of career!

SHORT COURSES

Short courses offer you the chance to get specific training or develop new skills, get experience in an area you are unfamiliar with, or even gain accreditation for an industry licence.

The nature of short courses means that what we have on offer can change during the year and sometimes we offer courses in response to student or industry demand. So keep an eye on our website (search for 'Short Courses') and don't forget to check the newspapers and our Facebook page to see what courses are coming up.

FLEXIBLE LEARNING

We acknowledge that everyone is different, and everyone learns in different ways.

To help you meet your individual learning needs and achieve your education and training goals, many of our courses offer a range of learning options. Some courses may have the flexibility for you to study full-time, part-time or online, whilst others might be able to be delivered direct to your workplace.

Although there are some courses you need to do before progressing on to the next level, or certain levels of literacy or numeracy that are required for you to enrol in some courses, we have a range of support services, programs and short courses to get you up to speed.

QUALIFICATIONS

Certificate I

These are entry-level qualifications which can build your confidence to start on a pathway to further study or give you the basic skills you need to prepare you for employment. Some Certificate I qualifications are pre-apprenticeship or pre-vocational, which means they are designed to give you a better understanding of what is involved in working in a particular industry sector and to prepare you for an apprenticeship or vocational course.

Certificate II

These courses help you to further develop the skills you may have learnt in Certificate I courses, college or through on-the-job training. Some industries accept Certificate II qualifications as the minimum requirement for employment, or you may wish to move on to further study at a higher level.

Certificate III

Certificate III courses take a more in-depth look at your area of study and can follow on from a Certificate II in the same area. Many of our Certificate III courses are also apprenticeship or traineeship programs, which means that along with your regular study, you will also undertake paid on-the-job training while you are employed.

Certificate IV

The Certificate IV qualification is a higher level entry point where you will expand your knowledge and prepare for employment in a skilled industry. Some of our Certificate IV qualifications require you to have completed a Certificate III qualification as a pre-requisite, so make sure you talk to our staff to make sure you don't miss out on doing the course you want.

Diploma

A Diploma qualification is a high level qualification that is regarded in many industries as suitable for supervisory roles, managing a team or applying your skills and knowledge in a complex technical environment. Throughout the course of your Diploma qualification, you can expect to develop skills in analysis, planning, theoretical knowledge and management techniques. Some Diploma qualifications can provide a pathway to further study at university, and you may be eligible for articulation/credit transfer into a university degree.

Advanced Diploma

This is the highest level of study available through TasTAFE. Many Advanced Diploma qualifications can provide a pathway to further study at university, and you may also be eligible for articulation/credit transfer into a university degree.

TasTAFE pathways

At TasTAFE, we understand the benefit of planning ahead for your future.

When you enrol, you may know exactly which career path you would like to follow and which study pathway you need to take to achieve this goal. But if you don't – don't worry! We can provide information and advice on pathways to university and/or further education options depending on your course of study.

PATHWAYS TO UNIVERSITY

If you have a long-term goal in mind, like using your TasTAFE qualification to gain entry into university, many diploma and advanced diploma courses at TasTAFE offer formalised articulation arrangements, or provide credit or advanced standing* into University of Tasmania degree courses.

Working closely with the University of Tasmania, TasTAFE has a range of courses available to students that can ultimately provide graduates with two qualifications: an Advanced Diploma/Diploma from TasTAFE and an Associate Degree/Bachelor Degree from the University of Tasmania. Studying a qualification that articulates to university offers several benefits, including:

- ✓ the opportunity to gain valuable skills and workplace training
- ✓ tuition fees that provide an affordable alternative to a full university degree
- ✓ practical work experience and skills (a TasTAFE diploma will provide you with the workplace skills and training that employers are seeking)
- ✓ more diverse job opportunities (if you complete both a Diploma/Advanced Diploma and an Associate Degree/Bachelor qualification, you may have an advantage in the job market).

** Advanced standing into university programs can vary depending on the course selected. Some courses cannot guarantee that one full year of credit is offered, while other courses offer up to 1.75 years of credit.*

For more details please speak with a staff member from the relevant teaching team or Student Support.

DIPLOMA + DEGREE PACKAGES

Current TasTAFE articulation pathways to the University of Tasmania include the following qualifications:

- SIT60313 – Advanced Diploma of Hospitality
- SIT60112 – Advanced Diploma of Travel and Tourism
- FNS60215 – Advanced Diploma of Accounting
- ICT60515 – Advanced Diploma of Computer Systems Technology
- HLT54115 – Diploma of Nursing (Enrolled/Division)
- CHC52015 – Diploma of Community Services Work.

It is anticipated that further areas of study may also attract articulation arrangements as negotiations continue to develop stronger linkages between TasTAFE and the University of Tasmania.



Apprenticeships and traineeships

You may not realise this, but apprenticeships and traineeships are available for anyone of working age.

You don't have to be a school leaver – you just have to be employed, or about to be employed! In fact, many apprentices and trainees these days have already spent some time in the workforce and are looking to change careers.

The benefits of undertaking an apprenticeship or traineeship include being able to:

- earn while you learn
- graduate with a nationally recognised qualification
- undertake training on-the-job at your workplace, off-the-job at TasTAFE, or a combination of both
- develop new and existing skills under the guidance of your employer and TasTAFE's teachers.

The length of training will vary according to the qualification and any prior experience and training you may have.

Traineeships typically take between six months and two years, while apprenticeships are usually three or four years. Apprenticeships and traineeships can be done on either a full-time or part-time basis.

You can also be involved in a School-based Apprenticeship, where you spend part of your time at school and the rest on-the-job.

IS THERE AN AGE LIMIT?

Anyone of working age can start an apprenticeship or traineeship.

Many students in Years 10–12 commence Australian Apprenticeships while still at school.

For more information on school-based and Australian Apprenticeships, please visit the Department of Education website: www.education.tas.gov.au or Australian Apprenticeships website: www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au.

WHAT QUALIFICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH AN AUSTRALIAN APPRENTICESHIP?

Apprenticeships and traineeships are offered from Certificate II through to the Advanced Diploma level.

For more information on Australian apprenticeships, please visit www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au.

PRE-APPRENTICESHIP

If you are thinking about undertaking an apprenticeship but want more of an idea about a particular trade area before you commit to undertaking the formal qualification, a pre-apprenticeship program may be a good option for you.

It's also a great study choice if you want to increase your chances of securing an apprenticeship.

You do not need to have an employer for this program.

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