

Deakin University and South West TAFE

TAFE Pathways Program – Domestic students



Deakin's partnership with South West TAFE recognises how important quality local education is. Studying close to home means you can rely on your existing support network while securing opportunities for your future.

You'll achieve a lot at TAFE and doors will open for you. In fact, you could find yourself gaining a Deakin degree, thanks to our pathways program.

Whether you're looking to pursue a particular career or exploring your career options, our pathways program can help you get to where you want to be.



'TAFE was an excellent starting point for me to return to study. As I progressed through the Diploma of Nursing course over two years, my confidence to consider further study increased. Now I've passed my first semester at university and looking forward to continuing.'

Julie Oldfield

South West TAFE graduate – Diploma of Nursing
Current Deakin student – Bachelor of Nursing

► Why Deakin?

Choose the #1 Victorian university for course satisfaction[^] and be ready to secure your tomorrow. At Deakin you'll experience:

- flexible study options, whether on campus or online
- teachers with experience and influence in their field
- courses that are informed by industry and offer real-world learning
- practical, hands-on approach to learning
- exceptional industry connections and work placement programs, in Australia and overseas
- state-of-the-art facilities.

[^] Graduate Outcomes Survey 2025, Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT).

► Pathways from TAFE to University

There are many pathways from South West TAFE to Deakin University, giving you the flexibility to weigh up your options and shape your future career. You can choose to:

- continue your studies in the same discipline as you did at TAFE, to follow a career in that field
- add a different bachelor's degree to your diploma, taking your career along a path you've dreamed of.

► Guaranteed Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) CP RPL

Moving from TAFE to university just got easier! Deakin recognises your achievements and offers guaranteed recognition of prior learning (RPL) for eligible TAFE qualifications. Guaranteed RPL saves you study time and money, getting you closer to your dream course faster. Use our Pathways Finder tool to unlock your potential and discover the many pathways to a degree at Deakin.

► Ready to apply to Deakin?

Visit apply.deakin.edu.au once you're close to completing your studies at South West TAFE.

To enter* Deakin University's ...	Recommended Diploma or Advanced Diploma study pathways through South West TAFE	Entry to Deakin University course upon successful completion is ...
Bachelor of Arts	Any Diploma or Advanced Diploma at South West TAFE Recommended: CUA51125 Diploma of Visual Arts 7CP RPL	Guaranteed
Bachelor of Arts (Psychology)	CHC52025 Diploma of Community Services HLT54121 Diploma of Nursing CUA51125 Diploma of Visual Arts 7CP RPL	Guaranteed
Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Science	AHC51120 Diploma of Conservation and Ecosystem Management CUA51125 Diploma of Visual Arts	Guaranteed
Bachelor of Business	FNS50222 Diploma of Accounting 8CP RPL BSB50420 Diploma of Leadership and Management	Guaranteed
Bachelor of Business (Sport Management)	BSB50420 Diploma of Leadership and Management	Competitive
Bachelor of Business/Bachelor of Arts	FNS50222 Diploma of Accounting BSB50420 Diploma of Leadership and Management CUA51125 Diploma of Visual Arts	Guaranteed
Bachelor of Business/ Bachelor of Communication	FNS50222 Diploma of Accounting BSB50420 Diploma of Leadership and Management	Guaranteed
Bachelor of Business Analytics	FNS50222 Diploma of Accounting BSB50420 Diploma of Leadership and Management	Competitive
Bachelor of Commerce	FNS50222 Diploma of Accounting 8CP RPL BSB50420 Diploma of Leadership and Management	Guaranteed
Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Arts	FNS50222 Diploma of Accounting BSB50420 Diploma of Leadership and Management CUA51125 Diploma of Visual Arts	Competitive
Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Business Analytics	FNS50222 Diploma of Accounting BSB50420 Diploma of Leadership and Management	Competitive
Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Communication	FNS50222 Diploma of Accounting BSB50420 Diploma of Leadership and Management	Competitive
Bachelor of Commerce/Bachelor of Science	FNS50222 Diploma of Accounting AHC51120 Diploma of Conservation and Ecosystem Management BSB50420 Diploma of Leadership and Management	Competitive
Bachelor of Communication	Any Diploma or Advanced Diploma at South West TAFE Recommended: CUA51125 Diploma of Visual Arts 8CP RPL	Guaranteed
Bachelor of Criminology	CHC52025 Diploma of Community Services	Guaranteed
Bachelor of Criminology/Bachelor of Business	FNS50222 Diploma of Accounting CHC52025 Diploma of Community Services BSB50420 Diploma of Leadership and Management	Guaranteed
Bachelor of Criminology/Bachelor of Cyber Security	CHC52025 Diploma of Community Services	Guaranteed
Bachelor of Criminology/Bachelor of Psychological Science	CHC52025 Diploma of Community Services HLT54121 Diploma of Nursing	Guaranteed
Bachelor of Design	Any Diploma or Advanced Diploma at South West TAFE Recommended: CUA51125 Diploma of Visual Arts 8CP RPL	Guaranteed
Bachelor of Design/Bachelor of Business	FNS50222 Diploma of Accounting BSB50420 Diploma of Leadership and Management CUA51125 Diploma of Visual Arts	Guaranteed
Bachelor of Digital Marketing and Advertising	Any Diploma or Advanced Diploma at South West TAFE	Guaranteed
Bachelor of Early Childhood Education ^W	CHC50125 Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care 8CP RPL	Guaranteed
Bachelor of Education (Primary) ^W	CHC50125 Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care	Competitive plus test
Bachelor of Environmental Science and Sustainability	AHC50122 Diploma of Agriculture AHC51920 Diploma of Applied Agronomy AHC51120 Diploma of Conservation and Ecosystem Management 8CP RPL	Guaranteed
Bachelor of Environmental Science (Wildlife and Conservation Biology)	AHC51920 Diploma of Applied Agronomy AHC51120 Diploma of Conservation and Ecosystem Management 8CP RPL	Guaranteed
Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science	HLT54121 Diploma of Nursing 4CP RPL	Competitive, campus may differ
Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science/Bachelor of Business (Sport Management)	BSB50420 Diploma of Leadership and Management HLT54121 Diploma of Nursing	Competitive

To enter* Deakin University's ...	Recommended Diploma or Advanced Diploma study pathways through South West TAFE	Entry to Deakin University course upon successful completion is ...
Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science/Bachelor of Nutrition Science	CHC52025 Diploma of Community Services HLT54121 Diploma of Nursing	Competitive
Bachelor of Film, Television and Animation	Any Diploma or Advanced Diploma at South West TAFE	Guaranteed
Bachelor of Fine Arts	Any Diploma or Advanced Diploma at South West TAFE Recommended: CUA51125 Diploma of Visual Arts 8CP RPL	Guaranteed
Bachelor of Health Sciences ^W	SHB50121 Diploma of Beauty Therapy CHC52025 Diploma of Community Services 6CP RPL HLT54121 Diploma of Nursing	Guaranteed
Bachelor of Health Sciences/Bachelor of Arts	CHC52025 Diploma of Community Services HLT54121 Diploma of Nursing CUA51125 Diploma of Visual Arts	Guaranteed
Bachelor of Human Resources Management (Psychology)	CHC52025 Diploma of Community Services BSB50420 Diploma of Leadership and Management	Competitive
Bachelor of International Studies	CHC52025 Diploma of Community Services	Guaranteed
Bachelor of International Studies/Bachelor of Commerce	FNS50222 Diploma of Accounting CHC52025 Diploma of Community Services BSB50420 Diploma of Leadership and Management	Competitive
Bachelor of Marine Science ^W	AHC51120 Diploma of Conservation and Ecosystem Management	Guaranteed
Bachelor of Marketing (Psychology)	CHC52025 Diploma of Community Services BSB50420 Diploma of Leadership and Management	Guaranteed
Bachelor of Nursing (Warrnambool Campus) ^W	HLT54121 Diploma of Nursing 8CP RPL	Guaranteed
Bachelor of Nursing (Geelong and Burwood Campus)	HLT54121 Diploma of Nursing 8CP RPL	Competitive
Bachelor of Nutrition Science	CHC52025 Diploma of Community Services HLT54121 Diploma of Nursing	Competitive
Bachelor of Nutrition Science/Bachelor of Commerce	FNS50222 Diploma of Accounting CHC52025 Diploma of Community Services BSB50420 Diploma of Leadership and Management HLT54121 Diploma of Nursing	Competitive
Bachelor of Occupational Therapy ^W	CHC52025 Diploma of Community Services CHC50121 Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care HLT54121 Diploma of Nursing	Competitive
Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics	Any Diploma or Advanced Diploma at South West TAFE Recommended: FNS50222 Diploma of Accounting Recommended: CHC52025 Diploma of Community Services Recommended: BSB50420 Diploma of Leadership and Management	Guaranteed
Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics/ Bachelor of Communication	Any Diploma or Advanced Diploma at South West TAFE Recommended: CHC52025 Diploma of Community Services Recommended: BSB50420 Diploma of Leadership and Management	Guaranteed
Bachelor of Property and Real Estate	FNS50222 Diploma of Accounting BSB50420 Diploma of Leadership and Management	Guaranteed
Bachelor of Property and Real Estate/Bachelor of Commerce	FNS50222 Diploma of Accounting BSB50420 Diploma of Leadership and Management	Competitive
Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)	CHC52025 Diploma of Community Services 8CP RPL	Guaranteed
Bachelor of Psychological Science ^W	CHC52025 Diploma of Community Services 8CP RPL HLT54121 Diploma of Nursing	Guaranteed
Bachelor of Public Health and Health Promotion	CHC52025 Diploma of Community Services HLT54121 Diploma of Nursing	Guaranteed
Bachelor of Public Health and Health Promotion/ Bachelor of Commerce	FNS50222 Diploma of Accounting CHC52025 Diploma of Community Services BSB50420 Diploma of Leadership and Management HLT54121 Diploma of Nursing	Guaranteed
Bachelor of Science	AHC51120 Diploma of Conservation and Ecosystem Management 4CP RPL	Guaranteed
Bachelor of Social Work ^W	CHC52025 Diploma of Community Services 7CP RPL	Competitive
Bachelor of Sport Development	BSB50420 Diploma of Leadership and Management	Guaranteed
Bachelor of Zoology and Animal Science	AHC51120 Diploma of Conservation and Ecosystem Management	Guaranteed

* All Deakin University applicants, including those applying for guaranteed entry courses, must meet the English language criteria, minimum admission criteria and readmission clauses to be considered for entry as outlined at deakin.edu.au/admission-procedure. Recognition of Prior Learning will be assessed separately from entry. All applicants will be considered by selections officers on the basis for their ability to meet the educational demands of the course and their likelihood of success. Selection officers may consider, among other factors, your complete academic record including any studies completed before, during and after the listed qualifications. If Deakin's admission selection officers feel that applicant will not be successful in the course, Deakin University may reject your application.

The outlined study pathways from South West TAFE to Deakin University are available for the stated eligible Diploma and/or Advanced Diploma qualifications only. Applicants with other VET qualifications should refer to individual course entry requirements at deakin.edu.au/find-a-course to check eligibility for application. Always check the current availability of courses at South West TAFE at swtafe.edu.au.

All international students should apply at apply.deakin.edu.au. Unless otherwise specified, course entry is competitive, not guaranteed for international students. Applicants are advised to support their application with their study results, a resume/CV, personal statement and/or any other supporting documentation including portfolios and tests when relevant. International students must hold a valid Australian visa throughout their enrolment at Deakin, unless they are enrolled with Deakin's Online campus.

W Course is available at Warrnambool Campus.

Please be advised that any RPL that you accept into your course at Deakin is not automatically accepted by some professional bodies. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that any study you intend to undertake, together with any relevant prior studies that have been presented for admission and/or credit transfer purposes, will meet the requirements of membership for professional bodies/associations that you may choose to seek in the future.

In some instances students need to select particular majors and minors in their bachelor degree to get the full RPL. We strongly urge you to make an appointment with a Student Adviser at Student Central for enrolment advice: deakin.edu.au/students/help/student-central

RPL is correct at the time of publishing for the listed diploma and bachelor degree. Course changes and availability may impact RPL in the future. Please refer to the pathways finder for the most up to date information.

Legend for course entry for domestic students only

Guaranteed

Course entry is guaranteed, if listed Diploma or Advanced Diploma is successfully completed at South West TAFE in the past 5 years and proof of completion is provided.

Competitive

Course entry is competitive, not guaranteed. Applicants are advised to support their application with their study results, a resume/CV, personal statement and/or any other supporting documentation. Applicants must meet Deakin's minimum course entry requirements for their chosen bachelor degree. Bachelor of Nursing applicants must be registered with Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA).

Competitive, campus may differ

Course entry is competitive if listed Diploma or Advanced Diploma is successfully completed at South West TAFE in the last 5 years and proof of completion is provided. However campus offered may vary to that applied for if demand exceeds places at the desired campus. In this case, applicants will ranked according to the information provided in their study results, resume/CV and/or personal statement.

Test

Course entry is competitive, not guaranteed. Applicants are advised to support their application with their study results, a resume/CV, personal statement and/or any other supporting documentation. Course entry considers additional criteria such as completion of a selection tool for non-academic attributes as well as evidence or tests of literacy and numeracy competencies. See deakin.edu.au/find-a-course for more details.

Information is current and correct as at 31/7/2026. Courses and approved TAFE Pathways may change at the discretion of Deakin University. All current courses and TAFE pathways to Deakin are outlined at deakin.edu.au/pathways-finder.



We're here to help

Call us on **1800 693 888**
or visit deakin.edu.au/pathways
and we'll help you take the next step.