

# HIGHER EDUCATION AT CHISHOLM

and pathways to bachelor degrees



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We're pleased that you're thinking about joining us on your education and career path, and hope that this course guide will help you discover why around 40,000 students each year choose to study with us.

At Chisholm, we're proud of providing quality and practical education that changes lives and communities, and keeps up with the many rapid changes taking place in the world. We offer a range of qualifications from certificates to degrees, as well as short courses and pathways to skill you, inspire you and prepare you for a lifelong career. Our partnerships with universities, industry and the community give you options, as does our government-funded training, and access to student loans and scholarships for eligible students. At Chisholm, we're creating education for the future. We hope you'll join us.

## WOMIN DJEKA, WELCOME TO CHISHOLM

Chisholm acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the lands on which we live, work and study. We pay our respects to Elders, past, present and future, of all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nations.



# **OUR LOCATIONS**

**Bass Coast** Corner Bass Highway and South Dudley Road, Wonthaggi 3995

Berwick 25 Kangan Drive, Berwick 3806

Chisholm @311 311 Lonsdale Street, Dandenong 3175

Cranbourne New Holland Drive, Cranbourne 3911

Dandenong 121 Stud Road, Dandenong 3175

**Frankston** Fletcher Road, Frankston 3199

Mornington Peninsula Boneo Road, Rosebud 3939

**Springvale** Corner Boulton Street and Springvale Road, Springvale 3171

# HIGHER EDUCATION AT CHISHOLM

At Chisholm, we have a range of higher education courses to choose from. And when you finish your degree, or when you've had some experience working in the field, you can also come to us for your postgraduate studies.

### **BACHELOR DEGREES**

- Bachelor of Community Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drugs
- Bachelor of Engineering Technology (Mechatronics)
- Bachelor of Engineering Technology (Mechanical and Manufacturing)
- Bachelor of Nursing (Enrolled Nurse) (La Trobe University partnership).

### POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMS

> Graduate Certificate in Family Violence.

# PATHWAYS INTO UNIVERSITY BACHELOR DEGREES

We have established relationships with leading universities, so you can complete their degrees after completing your Chisholm diploma.

In many cases, your Chisholm diploma can give you up to a years' worth of credits and can enable you to enter directly into the second year of a degree. Check with your chosen university as this can vary depending on how the degree is structured.

For example, Enrolled Nurses can study La Trobe University's Bachelor of Nursing at a Chisholm campus, and walk away with a La Trobe degree in just two years.

Our specialised degrees prepare you to work in your chosen industry with great employment options.

For more information on our current course offerings head to chisholm.edu.au/highered.

## WHAT IS THE AUSTRALIAN QUALIFICATION FRAMEWORK (AQF)?



The AQF regulates all accredited qualifications in Australia, defines them, and compiles them into a single comprehensive national education framework. For more information go to **aqf.edu.au**.

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Senior Secondary Certificate of Education	Year 12 completion		
Level 1	Certificate I		
Level 2	Certificate II		
Level 3	Certificate III		
Level 4	Certificate IV		
Level 5	Diploma		
Level 6	Advanced Diploma and Associate Degree		
Level 7	Bachelor Degree		
Level 8	Bachelor Honours Degree, Graduate Certificate and Graduate Diploma		
Level 9	Masters Degree		
Level 10	Doctoral Degree		

## EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE - JEN'S STORY



Jenna completed Year 11 at high school and decided to do a Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care instead of Year 12. She then used this as a pathway into the Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care.

After completing her certificate III course, Jenna was able to secure full-time employment at a local childcare centre enabling her to practice what she had already learned whilst gaining new skills that she could then apply to her further studies.

Early Childhood and Primary Education (honours) at Monash University.

Whilst completing her degree, she began working at a local after school care service as an assistant. Early Childhood Coordinator.

By the time Jenna completed her degree, she had acquired three qualifications, a decent salary, industry experience and a promotion.

She then went on to teach at a primary school as a primary school teacher.

Jenna says: 'Although I could have gone on to Year 12 and then directly into university from high school, after research and advice from my career teacher I determined that a pathway was a far smarter option. Not only could I gain multiple gualifications, I was able to get working in the industry sooner.

'I was fortunate enough to receive a promotion in my chosen industry whilst my high school friends were struggling financially. We all graduated at the same time, I just happened to take a different path.'

Jenna Cooper - Graduate





#### There are lots of great reasons to choose a diploma to degree pathway.

Some students, like Jenna, use a diploma as a pathway if they haven't met the entry requirements to go straight into a degree.

A degree pathway also allows you to work in the industry sooner so you can study while working part time – sometimes with financial or other support from the employer. It can be more cost-effective to complete a diploma than the first year of a degree.

When completing a pathway, you'll gain more than one qualification and mix vocational and academic learning. A vocational qualification is more hands-on and interactive, while a bachelor degree builds on that and provides academic knowledge – so you, and your employer get the best of both worlds!

# PATHWAYS AT CHISHOLM

By completing a Chisholm diploma, you can often follow a pathway that may lead you into the second year of a degree either at Chisholm or at another higher education provider like a university<sup>\*</sup>. Direct entry into a Chisholm degree is also an option if you meet the entry requirements.

## WHY DO A PATHWAY?

- > Hands on more skills towards employment.
- > Gives you multiple qualifications in the same time as a degree.
- > Cost effective because you can work in your chosen field from your first certificate, you can earn while you learn.
- > Builds your employment network.
- Flexible and customisable to your life and career goals.
- > Agile, up-to-date training.
- > Multiple entry and exit points.
- > The goal is employment not just a degree.



#### Choose your pathway

# **POTENTIAL PATHWAYS**

By completing a Chisholm certificate or diploma, you can often follow a pathway that may lead you into the second year of a degree either at Chisholm or at another higher education provider like a university<sup>\*</sup>. Direct entry into a Chisholm degree is also an option if you meet the entry requirements.

\*Application, entry requirements and credit recognition may vary for other higher education providers. Contact your preferred provider to see if they offer credit.

#### **Example pathways**

CAREER	CERTIFICATE	DIPLOMA	BACHELOR DEGREE
Early Childhood Educator	Certificate III In Early Childhood Education And Care	Diploma Of Early Childhood Education And Care	Bachelor Of Early Childhood Education And Care
Engineer	Certificate IV In Engineering	Diploma Of Engineering	Bachelor Of Engineering 🌘
IT Specialist	Certificate IV In Information Technology	Advanced Diploma Of Information Technology	Bachelor Of Information Technology
Mental Health Worker or Welfare Coordinator	Certificate IV In Mental Health	Diploma Of Mental Health	Bachelor Of Community Mental Health, Alcohol And Other Drugs ●
Nurse	Certificate IV In Ageing		
	Certificate III In Individual Support	Diploma Of Nursing	Bachelor Of Nursing
Primary School Teacher	Certificate III In Early Childhood Education And Care	Diploma Of Early Childhood Education And Care	Bachelor Of Education (Primary)

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# FAQs

### Can you do a degree after TAFE?

Absolutely. TAFE enables you to use your vocational qualification as a pathway to gain entry into a bachelor degree by setting you up with the study skills to excel.

# Do all higher education providers recognise bachelor degree pathways?

Most Australian higher education providers will give credit for TAFE diplomas. You'll need to check with each provider as credit and entry requirements can vary.

### Why choose TAFE?

A TAFE qualification can be completed in a short time frame, making you job ready sooner. TAFE can cost less than other study options. With a TAFE pathway you can gain multiple qualifications and you can exit and reenter your study pathway at different points. This means you can work in your chosen field while studying. Research by the Skilling Australia Foundation, has found that TAFE graduates in full-time jobs earn an average of \$2,000 more per year than university graduates in full-time jobs\*.

 $(Source: \verb"www.tafecourses.com.au/resources/what-are-thehighest-paying-tafe-qualifications/").$ 

# Which qualification do I need for a specific job?

The MySkills website is a great resource to refer to for information on the qualifications required for a specific job. Visit **myskills.gov.au**.

# What is the difference between bachelor, a degree, and an undergraduate degree?

They all mean the same thing. Different providers may use different terminology however, they are all a level 7 as shown within the Australian Qualification Framework (AQF).

#### What are my accommodation options?

When you arrive in Australia, we can provide you with accommodation information from the local community at no charge.

You can book short term arrival accommodation or homestay accommodation, or get help to find rental accommodation. We also provide you with information about your rights and responsibilities as a tenant, and about signing a lease.

To make life easier for you, we strongly suggest you live within one hour travel time of your campus.

# **OUR ENDORSEMENTS**

At Chisholm, we work in conjunction with many regulatory bodies, complying with all relevant legislation. Our programs are conducted in line with the expectations of one or more of the following:



Our training is delivered with Victorian and Australian Government funding and oversight. This means that we work in conjunction with the state government to ensure that the education we provide suits the needs of the state and local communities.



Registration with key governing bodies such as the Australian Skills Quality Authority ensures that Chisholm complies with Australian Government requirements, as well as operating in a way that benefits students and provides them with quality education.



Chisholm is a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) and provides Nationally Recognised Training (NRT). This means you can be assured that our training will provide you with a qualification that is recognised and respected across Australia.



This is the Victorian Government organisation that regulates to ensure provision of quality learning outcomes in safe and well governed environments. We work closely with VRQA to ensure we are performing to the highest standards.



TEQSA is Australia's independent national regulator of the higher education sector. Our degree programs are designed to meet the rigorous TEQSA standards that also apply to Australian universities.



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