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YOU TO ACCESS
HIGHER EDUCATION (H.E).**

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AREAS OF STUDY

THAT'S GREAT!

A blue line drawing of a person with curly hair, sitting cross-legged on a large, dark blue cloud. They are holding a laptop with an orange '@' symbol on the lid. Their hand is on their chin in a thinking pose. Above their head are three thought bubbles. To the left, the text 'THAT'S GREAT!' is written in a blue, hand-drawn font, followed by 'UT' and '?' on separate lines. The background is a light blue gradient.

students undertake study in a variety of areas, but some of the most common areas are health and education. There are also many other areas that you can study!

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DEGREE TYPES.

UNIVERSITIES
AND TAFE OFFER
A WIDE RANGE OF
QUALIFICATIONS
TO SUIT YOUR
EDUCATION &
CAREER GOALS.

Don't want to study
full-time? Check out
the next page for
other options.

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QUESTIONS?**

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CERTIFICATE



Ranging from Certificate I to IV these will provide you with different levels of skills and knowledge in a specific area.

FULL-TIME DURATION:
UNDER 1 YEAR.

DIPLOMA



Diplomas give the ability to apply technical and theoretical concepts within a chosen field.

FULL-TIME DURATION:
1-2 YEARS.

BACHELOR



Typically offered by universities, a bachelor degree will offer you a deep dive into a specific subject area.

FULL-TIME DURATION:
3-4 YEARS.

GRAD CERT / DIPLOMA



These post-Bachelor qualifications enhance your knowledge and skills in your field or area of interest.

FULL-TIME DURATION:
UNDER 1 YEAR.

MASTERS



Masters provide advanced knowledge and skills, intended to extend professional expertise.

FULL-TIME DURATION:
1-2 YEARS.

PhD



This highest academic degree involves original research contributing significantly to a particular field.

FULL-TIME DURATION:
3-5 YEARS.

HOW ARE LOCALS STUDYING?



ALANAH

**STUDYING A BACHELOR OF EDUCATION
(PRIMARY & EARLY CHILDHOOD) AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND.**

- A 7th generation Cooma local, Alanah balances multiple jobs with study and aims to positively impact young students and build community connections.
- She studies online through UNE, having completed a week-long intensive in Armidale and her teaching placements locally in Cooma.





HAYLEY

STUDYING A MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK THROUGH THE UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA.

- Hayley studies part-time online, which allows her to balance a young family and full-time work as a social worker.
- Her work experience means she can complete the Masters faster, as fewer placements and subjects are required.



CODY

STUDYING FOR AN UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN SURVEYING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN QUEENSLAND.

- Cody is completing this degree online, and already has Certificate III in Surveying and Spatial Information Services.
- He works full-time at a local surveying company, gaining practical experience while studying at his own pace.



JOHN

STUDYING A MASTER OF HEALTH SERVICES THROUGH THE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY.

- His study is developing his nursing career through improved job prospects. He loves that it helps his community as well.
- John uses the CUC Snowy Monaro extended hours (5am – 2am) to fit study around his shift work at the local hospitals.



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MODES OF STUDY.

HOW MUCH TIME

WILL YOU DEDICATE TO STUDYING?

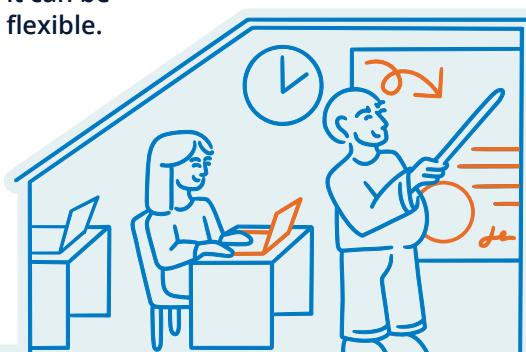
A study load refers to the amount of study you will undertake in a period, and it can be flexible.

FULL-TIME STUDY:

Involves most of your week dedicated to classes and coursework: 30–40 hours for university and over 15 hours for TAFE.

PART-TIME STUDY:

Involves a reduced study load, extending the program but offering more flexibility, with at least 12 hours per week at university.



HOW AND WHERE

DO YOU WANT TO STUDY?

Delivery mode refers to the format in which a course is taught and accessed by students. The main delivery modes include:

FACE-TO-FACE:

You will attend lectures, tutorials, and practical sessions in person on campus.

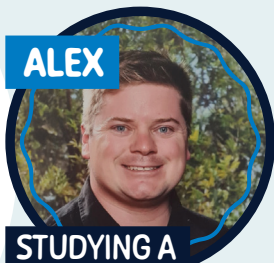
ONLINE:

You can engage in your study from anywhere, using a computer.

BLENDED:

A mix of face-to-face and online learning components, with some units requiring in-person workshops, particularly for more practical areas of study.

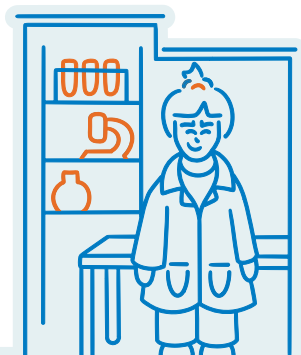
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**STUDYING A
BACHELOR OF
EDUCATION
(SECONDARY STEM)
ONLINE THROUGH UNE.**

Most CUC Snowy Monaro students study online, with 26 enrolled at UNE in 2024. Known for its strong distance education program, UNE offers flexible,

self-paced study. Ideal for those working, with family commitments, or unable to travel, UNE provides expert support for its students globally.



DID YOU KNOW!
ONLY
20%
OF PEOPLE GET INTO
TAFE
OR
UNI **FROM THEIR ATAR ALONE**

ENTRY PATHWAYS.

Many people enter University & TAFE at different stages in their lives and with different work and study experience.

SOME PATHS TO STUDY INCLUDE:

**ATAR/YEAR
12 STUDY.**

COURSES.

'Pathways' or 'bridging' courses can help you get into a university course if you don't have the right qualifications straight away. These are usually short, free and sometimes count towards your degree.



**WORK
EXPERIENCE.**

Work experience can get you into a course, or even make your course shorter!

OTHER STUDY.

A Certificate IV or Diploma can get you into university. They can also take time directly off your degree.

Previous international study may be considered when applying. Each university and TAFE has different application processes, so it's best to contact them for advice.

Contact the university or TAFE directly for the best information on entry pathways.

**ASK YOUR UNI OR
TAFE PROVIDER:**

1.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR ENTRY BASED ON MY PREVIOUS STUDY OR WORK EXPERIENCE?

2.

WILL MY PREVIOUS STUDY OR WORK EXPERIENCE TAKE ANY TIME OFF THIS DEGREE?

3.

DOES YOUR PATHWAY COURSE COST ANYTHING?

FEES

NOW IT'S TIME TO TALK ABOUT MONEY?

*SPECIFICALLY
FEES!*

Understanding the fee structure can be confusing, but these are the basics you should know.

WHAT WILL YOU PAY?

Tuition fees cover course costs like staff, equipment, and libraries and are required for all students.

UNIVERSITY:

University fees vary by study area. Some courses offer domestic students a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) with government subsidies.

TAFE:

At TAFE, tuition fees vary, and there are free courses! The best way to calculate TAFE fees is to visit their website and use their handy fee calculator.

HOW WILL YOU PAY?

You can pay in two ways – upfront or deferred loan.

UPFRONT:

You personally cover the cost of the fees, usually every semester. This is for international students, or those wanting to pay upfront.

DEFERRED:

Deferred payments are government-supported loans repaid when you reach a certain income. Eligibility depends on your course & residency.

ASK YOUR UNI OR
TAFE PROVIDER:

1.

DOES BY COURSE
OFFER CSPs?

2.

WHEN DO I START
PAYING OFF MY
DEFERRED LOAN?



Bronte deferred the payment of her undergraduate degree, placing the university fees onto HECS (Higher Education Contribution Scheme). She received no scholarships for this degree. For her honours degree, she received a scholarship through her university, the University of Canberra which contributed to the cost of studying. For both her undergraduate and honours degree, she received a Commonwealth Support Place (CSP).

FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

There are several ways you can access financial support during your studies. Scholarships or bursaries are the most common. While many people believe scholarships are only awarded for excellent academic results, this is not the case. There are many scholarships provided to students from a variety of backgrounds, including but not limited to the following:

**ASK YOUR UNI OR
TAFE PROVIDER:**

1.

WHAT
SCHOLARSHIPS
ARE AVAILABLE
FOR MY FIELD OR
CIRCUMSTANCES?

2.

IS THERE ANY
FINANCIAL
SUPPORT
AVAILABLE FOR
MY PLACEMENT
OR INTENSIVES?

BEING THE FIRST IN
FAMILY TO STUDY AT
UNIVERSITY.

STUDENTS THAT
NEED FINANCIAL
SUPPORT.

STUDENTS FROM
RURAL AND REMOTE
BACKGROUNDS.

ABORIGINAL AND
TORRESS STRAIT
ISLANDER STUDENTS.

WOMEN
IN STEM.

MEMBERS OF THE AUS
DEFENCE FORCE AND
FAMILY MEMBERS.

There are many different places to find study scholarships suited to your circumstances. The best place to start is with your university provider as they will usually have a website dedicated to the scholarships on offer at that institution. Some of these scholarships will be more general while others are offered based on faculty or area of study.

Aside from universities, there are a number of other organisations that offer scholarships for higher education study. People from Cooma have been the recipients of the following scholarships:

COUNTRY EDUCATION
FOUNDATION SNOWY
MONARO.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL
SOCIETY FOUNDATION
RURAL SCHOLARSHIPS.

COMMONWEALTH
TEACHING
SCHOLARSHIPS.

BOOTS TO SCRUBS
(RURAL WOMEN
IN MEDICINE
SCHOLARSHIP).

NSW HEALTH RURAL
NURSING & MIDWIFERY
UNDERGRADUATE
SCHOLARSHIPS.

BENDIGO BANK
SCHOLARSHIPS.

YOU CAN SEARCH
FOR OTHER
SCHOLARSHIPS
VIA GOOGLE.
WHEN SEARCHING
TRY USING
SEARCH TERMS
THAT REFLECT
YOUR SITUATION.

SOME EXAMPLE TERMS INCLUDE

SCHOLARSHIPS TEACHING NSW

RURAL SCHOLARSHIPS ANU

WOMEN IN STEM BACHELORS GRANT

TAFE NSW SCHOLARSHIPS



FOR MORE
SPECIFIC ADVICE?

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THE APPLICATION PROCESS

Applying for degrees, scholarships, grants, placements, and other programs can be as challenging as the degree itself! While you can get free help from CUC Snowy Monaro, here are some top tips.

When applying for something, read the instructions carefully, as requirements vary. Some common documents include:



RESUME

Up to date and tailored to the purpose.



COVER LETTER

One A4 page with good spelling, grammar, and formatting.



A LETTER FROM YOUR EMPLOYER

May be requested if you are applying for a degree where your work experience is relevant.



TRANSCRIPT

Outlines previous qualifications you have studied, even if you didn't finish.

**GOOD ANSWERS ARE ALSO KEY
TO A QUALITY APPLICATION**

A good way to structure your answers is using the STAR method, which can be used in written applications and interviews!

SITUATION



Explain the situation just enough to give context – they don't need to know every detail!

ABOUT 20% OF YOUR RESPONSE.

TASK



Now outline the task, challenge, or event you are going to explain. This should be a specific example relevant to the question.

ABOUT 10% OF YOUR RESPONSE.

ACTION



Describe the actions you took, highlighting the skills or character traits that were mentioned in the question.

ABOUT 60% OF YOUR RESPONSE.

RESULTS



What were the positive results, or the outcome of your actions?

ABOUT 10% OF YOUR RESPONSE.

Here is a simple example of some ways you could start answering the question "How will your degree contribute to rural communities in the future?"



PROVIDING CONTEXT.

"Rural communities like Cooma struggle to retain skilled workers..."



DESCRIBE THE PROBLEM.

"Our community needs passionate nurses who are willing to stay in our town long term. I began nursing motivated by this cause and have taken steps to make sure my degree enables me to contribute in this way..."



DESCRIBE THE ACTIONS.

"For example, I arranged all of my placements in rural NSW to better equip me for rural nursing. This has included managing increased workloads and creating good community connections in the places I have worked. One experience that was particularly impactful was..."



EXPLAIN THE OUTCOMES.

"Ultimately, I am gaining confidence in rural health settings and intend to return to Cooma to work as a nurse upon graduation..."

SCAN THE QR CODE TO

**ACCESS THIS
RESOURCE
ONLINE**



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New England



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CANBERRA



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AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

WHETHER YOU'RE LEARNING
ONLINE, HEADING TO UNI, OR
TRAINING WITH TAFE

THE H.E & ME BOOKLET CAN HELP YOUR JOURNEY!



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