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

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AREAS OF STUDY

**SO, YOU'RE THINKING
ABOUT STUDYING?**

THAT'S
GREAT!

**HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT
WHAT AREA YOU ARE
INTERESTED IN STUDYING?**



Universities and TAFE offer a wide variety of study areas to suit your goals and interests. Universities offer more advanced and theoretical education in disciplines such as business, law, medicine, engineering, education, and sciences. TAFE offers vocational education in fields like trades, IT, creative industries, and hospitality. At CUC Snowy Monaro, 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!



JASMIN

**BACHELOR OF
BUSINESS STUDIES.**



JOHN

**STUDYING A MASTER OF
HEALTH SERVICES.**

**GOT MORE
QUESTIONS?**

**CONTACT
CUC SNOWY MONARO
[HERE](#)**

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.



HAYLEY

STUDYING A MASTER
OF SOCIAL WORK.



ALEX

STUDYING A BACHELOR
OF EDUCATION
(SECONDARY STEM).



DENISE

STUDYING A GRADUATE
DIPLOMA IN TESOL & FOREIGN
LANGUAGE TEACHING.

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.

GOT MORE QUESTIONS?

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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. More information can be found

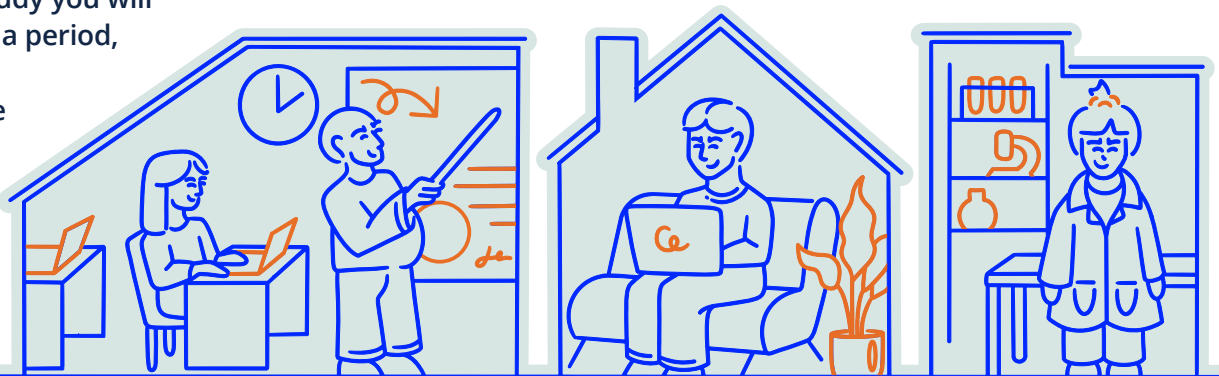
HERE.

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.

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:

WORK EXPERIENCE.

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

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.



ATAR/YEAR 12 STUDY.

OTHER STUDY.

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

ASK YOUR UNI OR TAFE PROVIDER:

More general information about entry to university can be found [HERE](#).

Information about TAFE can be found [HERE](#).

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

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?

FEEES

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, covering course costs like staff, equipment, and libraries, are required for both international and domestic students.

UNIVERSITY:

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

[LEARN MORE HERE.](#)

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.

[LEARN MORE HERE.](#)

ASK YOUR UNI OR TAFE PROVIDER:

1.

DOES MY COURSE
OFFER CSPs?

2.

WHEN DO I START
PAYING OFF MY
DEFERRED LOAN?

FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

There are several ways you can access financial support during your studies. Scholarships or bursaries are the most common and are not just awarded for academic achievement. The best place to find

scholarships is your

UNIVERSITY PROVIDER.

There are other places to look too. Here in our region, the Country Education Foundation **CEF** offer annual financial support for young people.

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?

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:

**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!

FULL
BREAKDOWN
ON NEXT
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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.



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..."