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The Tertiary Preparation Pathway (TPP) prepares you for university. Gain the skills and knowledge to succeed in undergraduate degree studies and get a taste of university life.

TPP can even provide you with an entry pathway to tertiary study if you need additional qualifications in order to meet admission requirements for your chosen degree. If you already have QTAC entry qualifications, you can still do TPP, though you may choose to study just one or two TPP courses to bring your study skills up to date.



Money matters

Because the TPP program is supported by the Federal government, TPP courses are free-of-charge to domestic students, ie Australian and New Zealand citizens and Australian permanent residents and permanent humanitarian visa holders. Domestic students who study three or four courses in one semester (full-time) may also be eligible for income support payments from Centrelink, eg Youth Allowance, Austudy, ABSTUDY.

Please note that tuition fees apply for international students. Further information can be found at

www.usc.edu.au/feesandcosts

Entry requirements

TPP applicants must be a minimum of 17 years of age (International students must be 18 years old).

Students from non-English speaking backgrounds must satisfy the University's English language requirements.

www.usc.edu.au/englishrequirements

How to apply

Applications for TPP are lodged through QTAC. Full details of the application process are available at www.usc.edu.au/tpp

USC offers the TPP Educational Access Grant to eligible students to reimburse the cost of the QTAC application fee. Details of the Grant are available at www.usc.edu.au/tpp

International students should complete an International Student Application Form available at www.usc.edu.au/internationalforms

Flexible study locations

Study TPP at Sippy Downs, Noosa, Gympie, Caboolture or North Lakes. All courses are offered at Sippy Downs, with various courses available at the other locations. Timetable information for each location is published online at www.usc.edu.au/timetables



When Anja Jennings enrolled in TPP to pursue a career in education she had no idea of the snowball effect it would have on her family, with her success inspiring her partner, father, brother and brother-in-law to enrol in the program and continue on with undergraduate studies at USC.

"We are a TPP family success story. It is such a worthwhile program. Now, as a TPP tutor, I love to see the change—that moment when students say, 'Hang on, I can do this. Uni isn't scary ... it's achievable'."

Anya Jennings | TPP tutor

TPP courses CRICOS code: 058561K

TPP101 ACADEMIC SKILLS FOR SUCCESS

In this course, you have the opportunity to develop the writing and study skills necessary to manage tertiary study effectively. As well as general instruction in time management and effective reading and note-taking skills, this course introduces you to the common features of academic writing and includes how to conduct academic research at the University's library and how to use an approved referencing system for your written assessment tasks. You will be given opportunities to apply and develop these study and academic writing skills in a number of formative (not assessed) tasks undertaken during tutorial/workshop sessions.

TPP102 COMPUTER LITERACY

The prevalence of Information Communication Technologies (ICT) at University and in the workplace means it is essential for you to have knowledge of and capacity to adapt to the shifting world of ICT's. Through a self-exploratory journey into your study and career aspirations you will learn to use different applications to communicate, collaborate, reflect and report on your learning. This course enables you to acquire computer skills that will empower your engagement as creative and critical thinkers with the notions of academic research, self-reflective practice and communication.

TPP103 CHEMISTRY

This course enables you to acquire knowledge in the basic principles of chemistry. This course also seeks to link those basic principles to elements of biology so that you can better undertake study in first year level university chemistry, cell biology and related disciplines. The course is specifically designed for those students who have not taken senior high school chemistry, or who have done so and wish to refresh their knowledge and understanding.

TPP104 MATHEMATICS

This course is designed to upgrade your mathematical skills for entry into academic programs at the University. It has been specifically designed if you have not taken senior high school mathematics, or if you have done so but wish to refresh your knowledge and understanding of the discipline. An understanding of mathematics concepts is important for any undergraduate. It is, however, an essential skill for all science undergraduates regardless of discipline. In this course you will cover: order of operations, fractions, algebra, graphing, geometry, scientific notation and significant figures, logarithms, and trigonometry.

TPP105 STATISTICS

This course is designed to introduce you to basic statistical skills for entry to academic programs at the University. You will gain an understanding of the research process. The ability to apply statistical concepts is an essential skill for all undergraduates regardless of discipline. This course consists of a weekly lecture where you will be presented with theoretical knowledge. This will be followed by a weekly tutorial, where the theoretical concepts are illustrated, reaffirmed and complemented with practical exercises.

TPP106 INTRODUCTION TO ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SOCIETIES

It is an imperative of the reconciliation agenda in Australia and in Universities to learn and teach about Australia's First Peoples. This course provides you with an introduction to Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander societies and cultures. There is a focus on Indigenous ways of knowing and you will use the course content to acquire and develop a range of skills and understandings needed for meaningful and successful engagement with Indigenous communities. This knowledge and understanding will assist you in your future studies in a diverse range of undergraduate programs.

TPP107 CONTEMPORARY AUSTRALIA

This course is designed to help you explore what it means to be Australian. You will discuss and analyse some of the social, political and environmental issues that currently affect Australia; the country and the nation. This course will help you to understand how Australia currently relates to other nations and the varied historical events that have shaped Australia's perspective on the rest of world.

TPP108 AN INTRODUCTION TO WORKING WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

TPP108 provides an introduction to some of the critical conceptual understandings that underpin effective human services practice. TPP108 will provide you with a general overview of the community sector and introduce you to some of the issues that surround inequality and disadvantage. You will draw from a broad range of research providing critical insights into a range of inequalities and inequities that impact, on several levels, on an ideally socially just and sustainable society. This course directly introduces you to notions of the welfare state, social justice issues, human rights, inequality and cultural diversity.

TPP109 BIOLOGY

This course enables you to acquire sufficient basic knowledge in the principles of biology so that you can better undertake study in first year university biology related courses. The course is specifically designed for those students who have yet to complete high school biology, or who have done so and wish to refresh their knowledge and understanding of the discipline.

TPP111 BUSINESS STUDY SKILLS

This course prepares you for the academic study of business through a range of business content, business language and tertiary business study skills. You are introduced to many key topics of general business study namely economics, marketing, management, information communication technology, entrepreneurship, business law and ethics, plus accounting and Human Resource Management [HMR]; developing skills in case study analysis, business report writing, and group oral presentations. The course covers basic research skills including: sourcing relevant information from printed sources and using research tools such as Google Scholar and ProQuest database. Business Study Skills provides you with strategies and competencies to undertake undergraduate courses in business.

TPP—the facts

Some TPP courses will provide more appropriate skills and knowledge than others in preparing you for a particular undergraduate program. The recommended TPP course enrolment patterns for students intending to apply for USC undergraduate degrees are available on the USC website at www.usc.edu.au/tpp

You can enrol in up to four TPP courses in one semester and complete TPP in one semester, or enrol in as little as one TPP course per semester and complete the program part-time (International students on a Student visa are required to be enrolled on a full-time basis at the Sippy Downs campus).

TPP courses are offered in Semester 1 and Semester 2, with some offered in intensive mode over the Summer Semester (Session 8). Please note, students studying over the Summer Semester are encouraged to not enrol in four courses, due to the intensive nature of the program.

You will receive certification if you complete TPP (four courses of which one is TPP101), however, as TPP is not an award program under the Australian Qualifications Framework, (eg Certificate III, Diploma) the TPP courses completed cannot be used as credit towards an award program.

What comes next ... how to gain admission to a university degree

Students who successfully complete TPP are eligible to apply directly to USC for an undergraduate place. Students who want to use TPP to gain entry to another university should contact the admissions office of their preferred institution for advice on how to apply and check whether they accept the Tertiary Preparation Pathway as a basis for admission.

The University of the Sunshine Coast applies two selection principles to all applications to undergraduate programs:

- **Eligibility**—Applicants of a program must satisfy the Minimum Entry Requirements (eg English language proficiency and subject prerequisites). If an applicant does not satisfy the entry requirements for a program, their application is not considered for that program.
- **Merit**—Applicants who do satisfy the Minimum Entry Requirements then compete for a place on the basis of their Selection Rank. Offers are made to applicants in descending rank order until all quota places are filled.

What is a selection rank?

A selection rank or set of ranks is determined for each applicant on the basis of the applicant's qualifications and experience.

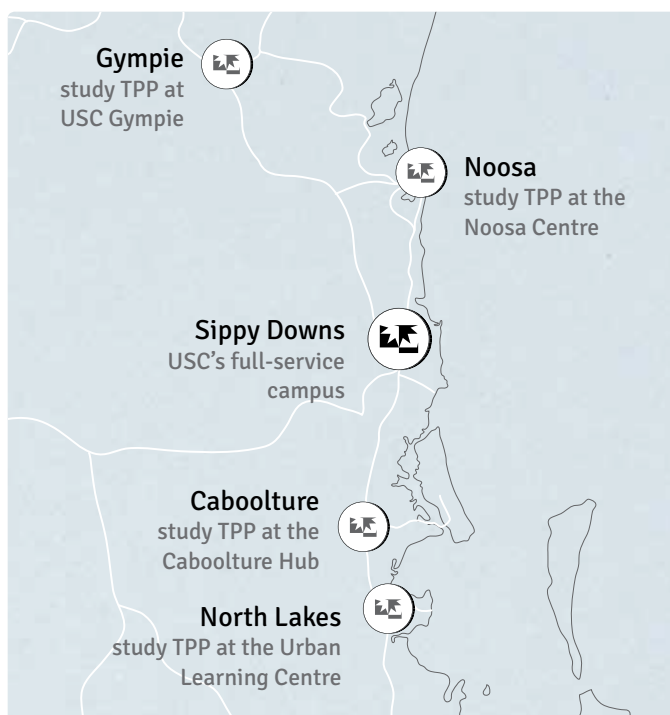
If applicants have more than one qualification or type of experience, they will usually be allocated more than one selection rank.

Selection ranks are awarded on a scale from 1 to 99 (99 being the highest).

The selection rank achieved through participation in the Tertiary Preparation Pathway will be between 67 and 82 for applicants applying to USC. The calculation of this rank will depend on the number of courses successfully completed and the grade point average (GPA) achieved.

Successful completion of four TPP courses is strongly recommended for all applicants with no other qualifications or experience that would provide a selection rank.

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Got more questions?

For personalised advice and assistance regarding the Tertiary Preparation Pathway, contact:

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