Bridging science

Certificate IV in Science

Campus: Hawthorn, Wantirna
Duration: One year full-time or equivalent part-time
Prerequisites: Basic literacy and numeracy skills
Application: VTAC (March start) or direct (all intakes)
VTAC code: Hawthorn: 3400277024 (FTDP)
Wantirna: 3401077024 (FTDP)

In this course students will gain skills in the areas of mathematics, science, research and communication. These skills help students to undertake further study, fulfill career aspirations or improve employment opportunities.

Major study areas
- Building researching skills
- Investigating science-based learning resources
- Mathematics and its applications
- Physics, biology, chemistry, genetics

Pathways
Successful completion of this course may allow students to progress to another qualification with advanced standing.

Career opportunities
Graduates may have improved access to roles in fields such as applied science, aviation, information technology, engineering, nursing, paramedical, radiography/radiology and alternative medicine. Graduates may also be well prepared for further study in higher education or related VET programs.

English as a second language

Certificate IV in EAL (Further Study)

Campus: Hawthorn
Duration: Twenty weeks full-time
Prerequisites: English is not the first language
Application: Direct

In this course students will develop upper-intermediate to advanced levels of English in listening, speaking, reading and writing. Students undertake electives related to the Australian workplace or further study.

Certificate III in EAL (Access)

Campus: Hawthorn, Wantirna
Duration: Twenty weeks full-time
Prerequisites: English is not the first language
Application: Direct

In this course students will develop intermediate to upper-intermediate levels of English in listening, speaking, reading and writing. Students undertake electives related to the Australian workplace or further study.

Certificate I/II/III in Spoken and Written English

Campus: Croydon, Hawthorn, Wantirna
Duration: Twenty weeks full-time
Prerequisites: English is not the first language
Application: Direct

These courses focus on general language development; oral and written skills from beginner to post-beginner and pre-intermediate levels; and settlement issues. Certificate III has greater focus on further study or work preparation.

General education for adults

Certificate I/II/III in General Education for Adults

Certificate I in General Education for Adults (Introductory)

Campus: Croydon, Wantirna
Duration: Twenty weeks full-time; part-time available
Prerequisites: Applicants may enter at a range of skill levels, but must be able to speak some English
Application: Direct

These courses focus on improving students’ skills in reading, writing, mathematics, oral communication and computer use. There is also a strong emphasis on improving self-confidence, developing further training and vocational pathways, and preparing for employment.

Pathways
Successful completion of this course may allow students to progress to another qualification with advanced standing.

Career opportunities
Graduates will be encouraged to pursue employment or, where appropriate, further study and training.

VTAC FEE-TYPE CODES
FTDP: Fee type determined by provider
Visit www.vtac.edu.au to find your fee-type eligibility.
Certificate IV in Liberal Arts

Campus: Hawthorn, Wantirna
Duration: Six months full-time or equivalent part-time
Prerequisites: Satisfactory completion of Victorian Year 12 or equivalent, or mature age
Application: VTAC (March start) or direct (all intakes)
VTAC code: Hawthorn: 3400270094 (FTDP)
Wantirna: 3401070094 (FTDP)

This course prepares students for further study in humanities and social sciences or to enter the workforce in a variety of fields. Students explore a range of subjects within these disciplines, including literature, philosophy, anthropology and sociology.

The course also provides students with skills to assist their transition into an academic environment and is a suitable foundation for students who have had an extended break from study. Students learn skills and techniques in writing, text analysis, conducting and presenting research, effective communication and making presentations.

Major study areas
- Citizenship and the public sphere
- Economy and society
- Human transformations of nature
- Stories/narratives within cultures

Pathways
Successful completion of this course may allow students to progress to another qualification with advanced standing.

Career opportunities
Graduates may find employment in the fields of arts, communications and social sciences, plus fields where extensive researching, writing and other communication skills are required, or pursue further study.

Study skills

Course in Tertiary Transition Skills

Campus: Hawthorn, Wantirna, online
Duration: Two weeks full-time or 10 weeks part-time (online only)
Prerequisites: None
Application: Direct

This course assists TAFE and VCE students in making the transition to higher education. It is also for mature-age learners who are returning to study after a long period of absence.

The course will help students become familiar with academic writing; critical analysis; researching; note-taking; understanding the university environment and expectations; establishing independent learning skills; referencing, quoting and paraphrasing without risking plagiarism; group work; delivering presentations; exam preparation; and stress management.

VCAL

Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning – Senior

Campus: Croydon, Wantirna
Duration: One year full-time
Prerequisites: Senior – Applicants should be 16 to 19 years of age and have completed Year 11 or equivalent, and should have left or be leaving school
Intermediate – Applicants should be 16 to 19 years of age and have completed Year 10 or equivalent, and should have left or be leaving school
Application: Direct

The VCAL program is a senior-school certificate based on vocationally oriented applied-learning principles. The courses may allow students to study other vocational certificates while studying the core VCAL certificate.

The courses may include one of the following TAFE certificates:
- allied health assistance
- bricklaying
- carpentry
- conservation and land management
- desktop publishing
- electrotechnology
- engineering
- horticulture
- integrated technologies
- laboratory skills
- plumbing.
Lifelong skills for work and study

Our English language and study skills programs are for students who have had little formal education. They are also helpful for anyone from a non-English speaking background.

Courses are available in a range of areas and at a variety of levels. They will improve your confidence and help you prepare for further education. They can also improve your employment opportunities.

Finding the right course
An English language or study skills course might suit you if:
■ you have not had any formal further education
■ you have been unemployed for a long time
■ you need to improve your English language skills
■ you want to improve your maths or learn computer skills
■ you want to improve your learning performance
■ you want to learn how to set realistic study goals.

An English language or study skills course can help you with:
■ reading English
■ writing English
■ speaking English
■ listening skills
■ maths skills
■ progressing to higher levels of study
■ progressing to the workforce
■ general study skills
■ career planning
■ foundation accounting skills
■ foundation computer skills.
KEY DATES

Throughout 2014
One-on-one course adviser appointments

3 August 2014
Swinburne Open Day
Hawthorn campus
swinburne.edu.au/openday

CAMPUSSES

Hawthorn campus
John Street, Hawthorn

Melbourne CBD campus
196 Flinders Street, Melbourne

Croydon campus
12–50 Norton Road, Croydon

Wantirna campus
369 Stud Road, Wantirna

Sarawak campus
Kuching, Sarawak, Malaysia

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