Tertiary Pathway Program

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WHY STUDY AT NOTRE DAME?
The University of Notre Dame Australia is proud of its small class sizes and caring community atmosphere. Committed to excellence, social justice and pastoral care of students and staff, the University offers a uniquely personal approach to teaching and learning. Notre Dame empowers students to develop skills and confidence in order to succeed in their chosen field. As Notre Dame is a town university, students have access to all the social, sporting and cultural activities Fremantle has to offer, allowing learning to be both an educational and cultural experience.

INTRODUCTION
The Tertiary Pathway Program is designed for students who have not met the requirements for entry into the University’s Bachelor degree programs. The Program provides students with academic skills focusing on analysis, research and academic literacy. The course is an alternative pathway into The University of Notre Dame Australia whereby students can master competencies needed for successful undergraduate study.

The Tertiary Pathway Program is an innovative program that offers students:
- The opportunity to apply for entry into undergraduate studies upon successful completion.
- A study environment that is both challenging and supportive.
- Coursework that is contemporary.
- An excellent foundation for successful undergraduate study.

The Tertiary Pathway Program is available to students who are post-compulsory school leaving age and want to successfully undertake undergraduate study. Further admissions requirements are detailed overleaf.

Please note: direct entry to a number of degree programs such as Bachelor of Education (Secondary), Bachelor of Education double degrees, Bachelor of Health and Physical Education (Secondary), Bachelor of Laws, Medicine, and Bachelor of Physiotherapy are not available through the Tertiary Pathway Program. Other pathways to these courses are available.

COURSE STRUCTURE
The Tertiary Pathway Program is a thirteen week program (one full semester) offered in Semester 1 of each year. Mid-year applications will be considered for students who wish to undertake undergraduate studies on completion of the Tertiary Pathway Program in the Schools of Arts & Sciences, School of Business, School of Education, School of Health Sciences, School of Nursing & Midwifery and the School of Philosophy & Theology.

Students complete five units to ensure they are prepared for their future studies:
- Learning for University (intensive one week unit in Orientation Week)
- Academic Writing
- Communication Skills
- Essential Maths
- Research Skills and Information Literacy

Students wishing to transition into Bachelor of Nursing will complete the following units:
- Learning for University (intensive one week unit in Orientation Week)
- Academic Writing
- Communication Skills
- Essential Maths
- Foundations of Human Biology

Listed units are potentially subject to change and depend on a range of factors.

MODE OF STUDY AND ASSESSMENT
The course length is normally one semester (thirteen weeks). The Tertiary Pathway Program is available for students to study full-time.

Students should note that the unit ‘Learning for University’ runs during Orientation Week. This is the week before the start of the University semester. Students must successfully complete this unit before they progress to the remaining four units. This unit is designed to help students transition into University life.

The assessment tasks in each unit are varied and include written assessments, oral presentations, group work and final examinations.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Admission into the Tertiary Pathway Program is assessed on an individual basis.

Applicants will need to demonstrate potential for success within the Tertiary Pathway Program by outlining background experiences in a Personal Statement, as well as one of the following:

School leavers
- Year 12 school results that do not meet the minimum academic entry requirement for undergraduate course entry; or
- Completed an AQF equivalent of Certificate III or higher; or
- An international qualification equivalent to one of the above; or
- Other experience deemed relevant by the Manager of Admissions.
Mature age applicants

- A STAT score below 145;
or
- Completion of TAFE or RTO qualifications which do not meet minimum academic entry requirements for undergraduate studies; or
- Other experience deemed relevant by the Manager, Admissions Office.

Home-educated applicants and students from Montessori or Steiner schools may be considered for this program. An interview and literacy test may be requested.

Students must be of school leaving age.

Please note this is not an English Language Intensive Courses for Overseas Students (ELICOS) program.

POST-ENABLING COURSE OPTIONS

Students must apply for admission into the undergraduate course they wish to commence post completion of the Tertiary Pathway Program by way of a new application and submit the application to the Admissions Office on or before the relevant due date. The University is then able to assess the application while the student is completing the Tertiary Preparation Pathway.

To successfully complete the Tertiary Pathway Program students must achieve the approved University benchmark in each unit. Students who complete the Tertiary Pathway Program will be eligible to receive a Course Completion transcript, issued by the University, outlining their results at the end of the course.

Entry into some undergraduate courses may be through a competitive selection process where places are limited, for example the Bachelor of Nursing or Bachelor of Education (Primary) and Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood). Please contact the Prospective Students Office for more information.

Any application to undergraduate study upon successful completion of the Tertiary Pathway Program is subject to the interview process, as is the case for all students.

The overall admissions criteria into undergraduate studies at Notre Dame are as follows:

- Personal qualities, motivation to study and academic potential
- Contribution to church, school and community life
- Academic record
- Interview

Applicants will be considered for entry into undergraduate studies based on the strength of each of these areas. If a student successfully completes the Tertiary Pathway Program, but is not offered a place into their undergraduate course of choice, alternative degrees and pathways will be offered.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The information contained in this publication is designed as a guide. Further information regarding admissions, fees or the University itself can be found in the Notre Dame Course Guide.

Please consult the Course Guide or contact the Prospective Students Office for application due dates and further application information.