

University of Southern Queensland  
**Pathways Guide**

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OF SOUTHERN  
QUEENSLAND



# At USQ, we understand the path to university is different for everyone.

If it's been some time since you studied, you didn't complete high school, or your career goals have changed, our pathway programs support you on your university journey.

Your pathway to university is tailored to your skills, experience and the degree you want to study. Gain the confidence to study at uni along the way.

	Tertiary Preparation Program	Diploma of University Studies	Accelerated Entry Pathway Program	Indigenous Higher Education Pathways Program	English language programs
<b>Is this program for me?</b>	You haven't studied for a while and want to ensure you're ready to study. You do not meet entry requirements, (subject pre-requisites, assumed knowledge requirements, etc) for a USQ degree. You are happy to complete an online test to find out which courses you should study.	You are new to study, haven't studied in a while, or haven't completed Year 12, and would like an introduction to your chosen study area at university. You want to graduate with a formal qualification or continue on with a bachelor degree.	You are currently in Year 12 and would like to start university in the new year, but have a low ATAR, no ATAR, or didn't study the subjects needed for your degree of choice. You want an introduction to university level study; to begin your degree with confidence, or to see if university is for you.	You are an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person. You are interested in a USQ degree but haven't studied for a while and want to prepare yourself for university study. You do not meet entry requirements, (subject pre-requisites, assumed knowledge requirements, etc) for a USQ degree.	You are from a non-English-speaking background and wish to improve your English and study skills to meet entry requirements to your chosen university degree.
<b>What will I study?</b>	Courses (subjects) that will develop your reading, writing, maths and general study skills. Introductions to the discipline area you would like to study.	4 core courses and 4 discipline courses from one of the 8 specialisations to prepare you for a bachelor degree.	2 courses (subjects) designed to help you transition from school to university and develop your academic skills before you commence your degree.	Courses (subjects), with an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander focus, to develop your writing, maths, general study and computing skills.	A variety of English language courses to develop your English and academic skills needed for study at university. USQ offers different English language programs, depending on your current skill level.
<b>How long will it take?</b>	1, 2 or 3 semesters (depending on your needs), consisting of 4 to 8 units. Start in Semesters 1 (February), 2 (July) or 3 (November).	2 semesters, consisting of 8 units. Start in Semesters 1 (February), 2 (July), or 3 (November). Part-time study is available.	Two 10-day sessions, consisting of 2 courses (subjects). The first 10-day session starts in late-November.	1 semester, except in circumstances where students require extra study. Start in Semesters 1 (February) or 2 (July). Part-time study is available.	On-campus: 10–60 weeks. Various start dates; please visit <a href="https://usq.edu.au/english-language-programs">usq.edu.au/english-language-programs</a> for the most up-to-date information.
<b>Are my classes on-campus or online?</b> <sup>1</sup>	On-campus at USQ Toowoomba, USQ Springfield, USQ Ipswich and online.	Online.	On-campus at USQ Toowoomba or USQ Springfield. Students requiring accommodation can apply for free residential places at USQ Toowoomba during the 10-day sessions.	Online (with 2 highly recommended residential schools on-campus at USQ Toowoomba).	Our General English (ELICOS) courses are offered on-campus at USQ Toowoomba. Our 2 Academic English courses are offered on-campus at USQ Toowoomba and USQ Springfield. Our 3 Advanced Communication Skills courses are delivered online and are for students aiming for an IELTS 6.5–7.5, or equivalent.
<b>What will it cost?</b> <sup>2</sup>	Free.	Fees apply. <sup>2</sup>	Free. <sup>3</sup>	Free.	Fee-free for Australian citizens and permanent residents. Fees apply for international students. <sup>2</sup>
<b>Will it give me entry into a USQ degree once I graduate?</b> <sup>4</sup>	You will be eligible to apply for direct entry into selected USQ undergraduate degrees.	You will receive a USQ qualification and be eligible to apply for direct entry into selected USQ undergraduate degrees. Some of your studies could also count as credit toward your undergraduate degree.	Successful completion will provide you with the required English subject pre-requisite and ensure you are eligible to apply for a wide range of USQ degrees.	You will be eligible to apply for direct entry into selected USQ undergraduate degrees.	You may be eligible to apply for direct entry into selected USQ undergraduate and postgraduate degrees. Degree entry may require higher levels of achievement in some courses.

<sup>1</sup> Courses offered at various campuses are subject to enrolments.

<sup>2</sup> Find more details on university fees at [usq.edu.au/fees](https://usq.edu.au/fees)

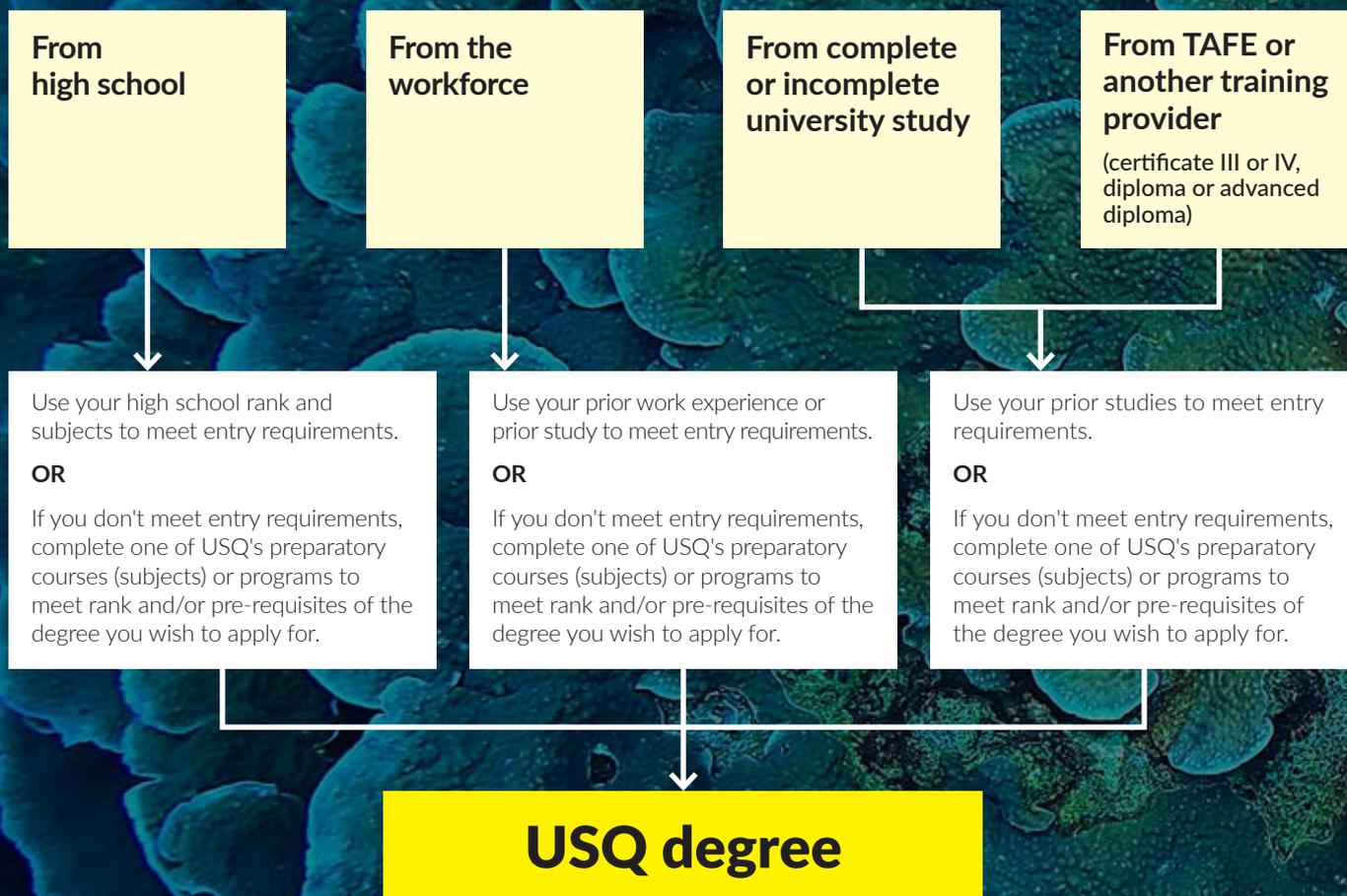
<sup>3</sup> The AEPP program is funded through the Australian Government's Higher Education Participation and Partnership Program.

<sup>4</sup> Other degree-specific entry requirements will need to be met.

To find out more, visit [usq.edu.au/pathways](https://usq.edu.au/pathways)

# Pathways to uni

There is more than one way to get into uni. Whether you're a school leaver or returning to study, we have a pathway for you.



## Not sure what's the right path for you? Get in touch.

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