

Tertiary Preparation Program (ACEQorPREPorTPPG) - TPP

	On-campus	Online
Start:	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July) Semester 3 (November)	Semester 1 (February) Semester 2 (July) Semester 3 (November)
Campus:	Toowoomba, Springfield, Ipswich	-
Fees:	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place	Commonwealth supported place Domestic full fee paying place International full fee paying place
Standard duration:	1 semester full-time, 2 semesters part-time	
Program articulation:	To: Undergraduate programs across all disciplines of the University.	

Notes:

The Tertiary Preparation Program is a non-award program.

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Program aims

The Tertiary Preparation Program (TPP) has two general aims. One of these is to enable people to achieve equitable access to tertiary studies to gain entry to an undergraduate program. The other general aim is to assist people to adequately prepare themselves to successfully undertake undergraduate study. Achievement of the first general aim is supported by the University's policy under which people who successfully complete the TPP are admitted to specified undergraduate award programs of the University. Both general aims are served through achievement of the more specific program aim of enabling students to achieve mastery of the generic skills and knowledge that are essential for the successful undertaking of studies in undergraduate programs.

Program objectives

The general objectives of the program are to increase:

- the numeracy, literacy, digital literacy and study management skills of people who want to gain entry to tertiary education;
- the student's knowledge of the academic discipline which the student aspires to study at the higher education undergraduate level;
- the student's core academic skills to enable the student to meet entry requirements and transition successfully to tertiary education programs;
- the capacity for people to make an informed choice when contemplating a career requiring study in a tertiary education program; and

- the individual and social competencies required within an academic environment for students seeking to undertake formal study in a higher education program.

Admission requirements

To be eligible for admission, applicants must satisfy the following requirements:

There is no specified minimum educational achievement entrance standard.

Normally, to be eligible for enrolment in the program a person will have attained an age of at least 18 years in the year of the proposed enrolment.

All applicants are strongly encouraged to complete Tertiary Preparation Program placement tests in Mathematics and Academic Literacy levels. Applicants will then be directed into the most appropriate courses in the TPP. Students who do not undertake these tests will be enrolled in [TPP7111 Communicating at University A](#) and/or [TPP7180 Preparatory Mathematics](#) during their first semester of study. For students who did not complete schooling in Australia these tests are mandatory.

This program normally requires a minimum of IELTS 5.5. English language proficiency or equivalent through study or employment. In exceptional circumstances, based on results of the TPP Academic Literacy Levels (ALL) placement test, alternative entry approval may be given.

Program fees

Commonwealth supported place

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of a students' higher education and students pay a [student contribution amount](#), which varies depending on the courses undertaken. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Commonwealth Supported students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [HECS-HELP](#).

Domestic full fee paying place

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#) provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements.

Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are not eligible for [FEE-Help](#).

International full fee paying place

International students pay full fees. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken and whether they are studied on-campus, via distance education/online. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Finder](#).

Program structure

The program consists of a compulsory component and a chosen specialisation course.

Upon successful completion of TPP, eligible students will articulate into undergraduate study at USQ.

The compulsory components consists of a minimum of four (4) unit points made up of:

- [TPP7122 Study Management](#);
- [TPP7123 Communicating at University B](#);
- any TPP mathematics course;

- *plus* any other TPP course.

It is strongly recommended that all applicants initially enrol in [TPP7122 Study Management](#). Applicants will also be directed to enrol initially either in [TPP7111 Communicating at University A](#) or in [TPP7123 Communicating at University B](#) on the basis of results of their TPP Academic Literacy Levels placement test.

An applicant's eligibility for initial enrolment in a particular TPP mathematics course will be determined from the results of their TPP placement test in mathematics. A student's eligibility to enrol in a TPP mathematics course subsequent to the student's initial enrolment in a TPP mathematics course will be determined by the highest level TPP mathematics course that the student has successfully completed.

The optional additional courses are:

- [TPP7145 Introduction to the Humanities](#)
- [TPP7155 General Science](#)
- [TPP7160 Preparatory Physics](#)
- [TPP7165 Digital Literacy](#)
- [TPP7175 Introduction to Psychology and Counselling](#)
- Any TPP additional mathematics course selected from:
 - [TPP7181 Mathematics Tertiary Preparation 1](#)*
 - [TPP7182 Mathematics Tertiary Preparation 2](#)*
 - [TPP7183 Mathematics Tertiary Preparation 3](#)*

* subject to the student's eligibility to enrol in the course as specified in the previous paragraph.

Students who are directed to enrol in [TPP7111 Communicating at University A](#) are required to successfully complete this before they will be enrolled in [TPP7123 Communicating at University B](#).

Students who are directed to enrol in [TPP7180 Preparatory Mathematics](#) are required to successfully complete this before they will be enrolled in any other TPP mathematics course.

Program completion requirements

To successfully complete the core component of the Tertiary Preparation Program students are required to successfully complete the following courses, consisting of a total of four (4) unit points:

- [TPP7122 Study Management](#);
- [TPP7123 Communicating at University B](#);
- any TPP mathematics course in which the student is eligible to enrol, and
- any other TPP course.

Required time limits

Students may take a maximum of three (3) semesters in total to complete the compulsory component of the program.

IT requirements

Students who enrol in the online mode are required to have reliable and ready access to email and the Internet. For information technology requirements, please see the [minimum computing standards](#).

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, external or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

Recommended enrolment pattern

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, external or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

Program articulation map

The articulation map which follows provides a guideline for the selection of TPP courses in order to best prepare for each undergraduate program.

To complete TPP, students **choose a minimum of four courses** and should prioritise the following categories of courses:

- (1) **Required Core Courses** – these must be completed to be eligible to apply for entry into specified undergraduate programs (the prerequisite [TPP7111 Communicating at University A](#) may be waived depending on the outcome of academic literacy placement test).
- (2) **Assumed knowledge (A) and Recommended Study (R)** – successful completion of these courses is highly recommended as the skills and knowledge gained through these courses is required for successful completion of undergraduate courses in specified undergraduate programs.
- (3) **Preferred electives** - these are courses that will provide valuable preparatory knowledge and skills that will increase success in undergraduate study.
- (4) **Other electives** – these courses provide valuable knowledge and skills that will increase success in undergraduate study.

Students who complete a minimum of four (4) TPP courses as specified in the table below will be considered for direct entry into their undergraduate program based on their **successful completion** of these courses. Students who select TPP courses that vary from the table below will be assessed for undergraduate entry based on their performance (GPA) in their selected TPP courses.

Program	1. Required Core Courses	2. Assumed knowledge (A) and Recommended Study (R) to complete TPP	3. Preferred elective	4. Other electives
Associate Degree of Business and Commerce	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123	TPP7181(A)	TPP7165	
Associate Degree of Criminology and Criminal Justice (All Majors)**	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123		TPP7181	TPP7165
Associate Degree of Construction	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123 TPP7182	TPP7183(R)	TPP7165	TPP7160
Associate Degree of Engineering	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123 TPP7182	TPP7183(R)	TPP7165	TPP7160
Associate Degree of Spatial Science	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123 TPP7182	TPP7183(R)	TPP7165	TPP7160
Bachelor of Arts**	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123		TPP7145	TPP7165

Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Business and Commerce	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123	TPP7181(A)	TPP7165	
Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science**	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123 TPP7182 Some majors require TPP7183	TPP7155(R)		
Bachelor of Aviation (Aviation Management)	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123	TPP7181	TPP7165	TPP7182
Bachelor of Aviation (Flight Operations)	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123	TPP7181	TPP7165	TPP7182
Bachelor of Business and Commerce (All Majors)**	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123	TPP7181 (A)	TPP7165	TPP7182
Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123	TPP7181 (A) TPP7155 (R)		
Bachelor of Business and Commerce and Bachelor of Information Technology (All Majors)**	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123 Some majors require TPP7183	TPP7183 (R) (Some majors)	TPP7165	
Bachelor of Business and Commerce and Bachelor of Science**	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123 Some majors require TPP7183	TPP7155 (R) TPP7183 (R or A for some majors)		
Bachelor of Communication and Media	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123	TPP7180	TPP7145	TPP7165
Bachelor of Construction (Honours)	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123 TPP7182	TPP7183 (R)	TPP7165	TPP7160
Bachelor of Creative Arts**	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123	TPP7180	TPP7145	TPP7165
Bachelor of Early Childhood**	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123 TPP7181 TPP7155			

Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood)**	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123 TPP7181 TPP7155			
Bachelor of Education (Primary)**	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123 TPP7181 TPP7155			
Bachelor of Education (Secondary)**	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123 TPP7181	Choose a TPP Elective based on selected Secondary teaching area(s)		
Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123 TPP7183	TPP7160 (R)	TPP7165	TPP7155
Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) Bachelor of Business and Commerce	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123 TPP7183	TPP7160 (R)	TPP7165	
Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) Bachelor of Information Technology	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123 TPP7183	TPP7160 (R)	TPP7165	TPP7155
Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) Bachelor of Science	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123 TPP7183	TPP7160 (R)	TPP7165	TPP7155
Bachelor of Engineering Science	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123 TPP7183	TPP7160 (R)	TPP7165	TPP7155
Bachelor of General Studies	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123	TPP7180	TPP7145	TPP7165
Bachelor of Human Services	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123	TPP7180	TPP7175	
Bachelor of Information Technology	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123	TPP7180	TPP7165	TPP7182
Bachelor of Information Technology (Applied Computer Science)	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123	TPP7181 (R)	TPP7165	TPP7182

Bachelor of Information Technology (Data Analytics)	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123 TPP7181	TPP7182 (R)	TPP7165	TPP7182
Bachelor of Information Technology (Networking and Security)	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123	TPP7181 (R)	TPP7165	TPP7182
Bachelor of Laws**	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123	TPP7145 (R)	TPP7181	TPP7165
Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123	TPP7181 (A) TPP7155 (R)		
Bachelor of Nursing**	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123	TPP7181 (A) TPP7155 (R)	TPP7165	TPP7182
Bachelor of Paramedicine	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123	TPP7155 (R) TPP7160 (R) TPP7181	TPP7182	
Bachelor of Psychology (Honours)	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123	TPP7181 (R)	TPP7175	
Bachelor of Science (Astronomical and Space Sciences)	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123 TPP7183	TPP7155 (R) TPP7160 (R)		
Bachelor of Science (Biology)**	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123 TPP7181	TPP7182 (R) TPP7155 (R)	TPP7183	
Bachelor of Science (Counselling)	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123	TPP7181 (A)	TPP7175	TPP7182
Bachelor of Science (Computing)	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123 TPP7181	TPP7182 (R)	TPP7182 (R)	
Bachelor of Science (Environment and Sustainability)	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123 TPP7181	TPP7182 (R) TPP7155	TPP7183	
Bachelor of Science (Food Science)	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123 TPP7181	TPP7182 (R) TPP7183 TPP7155		

Bachelor of Science (Information Technology)	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123 TPP7181	TPP7182 (R)	TPP7183	
Bachelor of Science (Human Physiology)	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123 TPP7181	TPP7182 (R) TPP7155	TPP7183	
Bachelor of Science (Mathematics)**	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123 TPP7183			
Bachelor of Science (Mathematics and Statistics)	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123 TPP7183			
Bachelor of Science (Physical Sciences)	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123 TPP7183	TPP7160 TPP7155		
Bachelor of Science (Plant Agricultural Science)	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123 TPP7181	TPP7182 (R) TPP7155 (R)	TPP7183	
Bachelor of Science (Psychology)	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123	TPP7181 (A)	TPP7175	
Bachelor of Science (Wine Science)	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123 TPP7181	TPP7155 (R) or TPP7160 TPP7182	TPP7183	
Bachelor of Spatial Science (Honours)	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123 TPP7183	TPP7160 (R)	TPP7165	TPP7155
Bachelor of Spatial Science Technology	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123 TPP7183	TPP7160 (R)	TPP7165	TPP7155
Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science (Applied Sport and Exercise) (Sport and Exercise Science)	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123	TPP7181	TPP7182	TPP7160
Diploma of Arts	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123	TPP7180	TPP7145	TPP7165

Diploma of Human Services and Development	TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123	TPP7180	TPP7175	TPP7165
Diploma of University Studies		TPP7111* TPP7122 TPP7123 TPP7180	Choose a TPP Elective based on selected Diploma of University Studies Major	

Footnotes

* Students placed in TPP7123 on the basis of their completed Academic Literacy Level Placement Test (ALL Test) are exempt from completing TPP7111. Note that completion of TPP still requires completion of a minimum of 4 courses.

** Additional entry requirements or course enrolment requirements apply to this program. Please consult the relevant program Handbook for further details.

Students studying over two semesters

The recommended enrolment patterns for completion of the compulsory components of the TPP within two (2) semesters are as follows:

Students who are directed to initially enrol in TPP7111 Communicating at University A

First semester of enrolment	Second semester of enrolment	Special enrolment requirements
TPP7122 Study Management and TPP7111 Communicating at University A	TPP7123 Communicating at University B	
TPP mathematics course, as directed	TPP7145 Introduction to the Humanities or TPP7155 General Science or TPP7160 Preparatory Physics or TPP7165 Digital Literacy or TPP7175 Introduction to Psychology and Counselling or a second TPP mathematics course as permitted	Students enrolling in TPP7160 must enrol in TPP7182 as a pre or co-requisite.

Students who are eligible to initially enrol in TPP7123 Communicating at University B

First semester of enrolment	Second semester of enrolment	Special enrolment requirements
TPP7122 Study Management and TPP7123 Communicating at University B	TPP7145 Introduction to the Humanities or TPP7155 General Science or TPP7160 Preparatory Physics or TPP7165 Digital Literacy or TPP7175 Introduction to Psychology and Counselling or a second TPP mathematics course as permitted	Students enrolling in TPP7160 must enrol in TPP7182 as a pre or co-requisite.
TPP mathematics course, as directed		

Students studying over one semester only

Students who are initially directed to enrol in [TPP7123 Communicating at University B](#) may choose to complete TPP in one (1) semester by undertaking the four (4) required courses during a single semester. The recommended enrolment patterns for completion of the compulsory components of the TPP within one (1) semester are as follows:

First semester of enrolment	Special enrolment requirements
TPP7122 Study Management and TPP7123 Communicating at University B	
TPP mathematics course as directed	
One of the following:	
TPP7145 Introduction to the Humanities	
TPP7155 General Science	
TPP7160 Preparatory Physics	Students enrolling in TPP7160 must enrol in TPP7182 as a pre or co-requisite.
TPP7165 Digital Literacy	
TPP7175 Introduction to Psychology and Counselling	