

Course





Available at this campus  
Ballarat - SMB



Duration (Effective Full Time Student Load)  
24 months



Intakes

## Course outline

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You will become an expert in residential and commercial construction methods and materials along with assessment and advice on the compliance of these builds, and you will make a significant contribution to the development and construction of our built environment. So if you love combining theory and practice, this course could be the fit for you.

Upon completion, you will play a crucial role in construction projects - from the initial planning stages through to final inspections.

With the Australian Government recognising a skills shortage in this industry, your specialist skills will be highly sought after.

## Career opportunities

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- Building certifier
- Building surveyor

## Entry requirements

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### Entry requirements (non year 12)

#### Extra requirements

Year 12, VET qualification, work and life experience

#### Pre-training review (VET)

Compulsory: All applicants must complete a pre-training review form prior to enrolment. The form will assist in determining your suitability to enrol in the program that you have applied for. You should complete the green section of the form and then bring it along to your pre-enrolment interview where the teacher/coordinator will complete the rest of the form with you. Visit our website for [more information and to download the form](#).

#### Language literacy and numeracy assessment (VET)

Compulsory: All applicants must complete a literacy and numeracy review prior to enrolment. The review is designed to assess your skills to ensure you have the foundations for successful completion of your studies. It will also enable teachers to identify any gaps in your current skills and allow them to offer additional support with literacy and/or numeracy to assist you to manage the requirements of your program. [For more information and to complete the review visit our website](#).

Rated the number one university in Australia for graduate employability\*, Federation University is the ideal place for you to learn to succeed.

## Graduates among Australia's best

Federation University has been rated the best university in Australia for graduate employability, technical and adaptive skills\*.

Federation University also has the highest rate of graduates in overall employment of any Victorian-based public university and our graduates receive the highest median starting salary too<sup>^</sup>. We're also rated the highest Victorian based University for teaching scale and student support<sup>^</sup>.

\*Employer Satisfaction Survey (ESS), 2018.

<sup>^</sup>qilt.edu.au, 2017

## Ideal class sizes

Our class sizes are smaller than most metropolitan institutions. Our teachers are passionate, approachable and have an open door policy, meaning you will receive a more personalised learning experience from your lecturer or tutor.

## Experience

Federation University has a strong and proud history spanning more than 145 years. We were Australia's first regional, multi-sector university and are the third oldest site of higher learning in Australia.

## Get job-ready

Our teaching facilities and equipment meet the very highest standards to ensure you are well prepared for industry.

## About Federation University

Federation University Australia is one of Australia's leading regional universities. With a reputation for relevance and excellence, Federation University has a strong tradition of education and training delivery spanning more than 145 years. We were Australia's first regional, multi-sector university and are the third oldest site of higher learning in Australia.

We offer access to vocational, undergraduate, postgraduate and higher research degrees. With campuses in Ballarat, Berwick, Brisbane, Gippsland and the Wimmera, our programs are also delivered online and via a range of partner institutes across Australia and around the globe.

Courses are regularly reviewed to ensure they have national and international relevance, giving you the best start in your career.

## Support to succeed

We have developed a range of student focused support options.



## Quality lifestyle

The Ballarat, Berwick and Gippsland campuses provide a peaceful natural setting to undertake study. These campuses provide a full university experience and quality study environment. The Brisbane Campus in Queensland's capital city offers a vibrant city experience in an industry lead professional environment.

We have around 20,000 international and domestic students. We are committed to serving regional Victorian communities, yet have a broad national and international outlook. We offer the best of both worlds; combining a strong tradition of tertiary education with the freedom and dynamism that comes with being a multi-sector university with close links to local industry and technology.

## Accommodation

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Federation University Living offers a range of safe, convenient and affordable accommodation options located on or close to campus.

Living in university residences enables you to meet a diverse range of people from different backgrounds and cultures studying a variety of courses. This creates an instant support network and connects students with a vibrant and exciting living learning community.

Our halls and residences provide a range of options including fully furnished single study bedrooms, shared facilities, self-contained apartments, ensuite rooms, studios, houses, on and off campus and so much more.

Living with us provides great value, with accommodation options starting from around AU\$165 per week. This includes bills, internet, 24 hour access to residential support, various residential programs, events and activities plus pool and gym access.

For more information visit  
[federation.edu.au/accommodation](https://www.federation.edu.au/accommodation).

The university's domestic campuses stretch across Victoria - from the Wimmera in the west, to our founding campuses in historical Ballarat, our new city campus in Berwick, and finally, to our Gippsland Campus in picturesque Churchill. Our campus in Brisbane also gives post graduate students even more choice.

All campuses have easy access to a wide range of facilities including medical centres, swimming pools, gymnasiums, sporting facilities, art galleries, eateries and much more – either on campus or conveniently located nearby.

## Ballarat

### Mt Helen

Located 10 kilometres from the city centre of Ballarat, the Campus is set on 110 hectares of natural bushland which attracts colourful bird species and resident kangaroos and koalas.



The Campus boasts a state-of-the-art science and engineering building, immersive nursing labs, specialist equipment, lecture theatres, 24 hour access computer labs, library, spiritual facilities, student lounges, café, eating areas and a children's centre. There is also a range of recreation spaces including a 25m indoor heated swimming pool, a fully equipped gymnasium, gymnastics hall, get active studio and tennis courts.

The Mt Helen Campus is home to the thriving and innovative Ballarat Technology Park, with major employers such as IBM® and the State Revenue Office among its tenants.

### Camp St

Home to the Arts Academy, you will find the Camp Street Campus in Ballarat's city centre. Both new and historic buildings have been cleverly integrated creating a vibrant arts and cultural precinct for the University's visual and performing arts.



The 144 seat Helen Macpherson Smith Theatre showcases the work of our performing arts students and is fully equipped with the latest in sound and light technology.

Spacious studios are ideal for rehearsals and students' own workspaces. Printmaking and papermaking facilities are also on campus.

### SMB

Situated in the centre of Ballarat, our SMB Campus incorporates an historic setting dating back to 1870. Quality TAFE vocational education and training courses are delivered, with the IndustrySkills Centre focusing on apprenticeship and skills training. Also on campus is Federation College, providing a range of English preparatory courses. On campus student facilities includes spacious library and computer labs for all your study needs.



The Ballarat Technology Park – Central location at the SMB Campus hosts approximately 20 small to medium enterprises.

## Gippsland

### Churchill

The Gippsland Campus is Federation University's second largest Campus and is located in the town of Churchill, at the foothills of the Strzelecki Ranges, in Victoria's south-east. The Campus features modern architecture and is set on 60 hectares of stunning landscaped grounds. Science, engineering, nursing and midwifery labs have the latest equipment, and students have access to a multi-level library, computer labs, as well as high-speed wireless internet access throughout the Campus.

A wide range of facilities for students are provided including a sporting centre, golf course, indoor heated pool, gymnasium, student lounge, art gallery, bistro, dining areas and more.



### Berwick

Located about 40km south east of the Melbourne CBD, the Berwick Campus is only a five minute walk from the Berwick Station on the metropolitan Pakenham train line, and adjacent to the Princes Freeway.



The multi-level complex of modern architecturally-designed buildings is surrounded by spacious grounds with landscaped gardens and internal courtyards.

The Campus is also close to many facilities available at the attractive Berwick Village Centre.

## Queensland

### Brisbane

In the heart of Brisbane, one of the top-ranked lifestyle cities in the world, you will find our Brisbane Campus. This new facility has the latest in technology and comfort; large teaching spaces, PC labs, full Wi-Fi access and charging points, after-hours access to library, group study rooms, spaces to socialise, and quiet spaces for reflection. It's conveniently located near our preferred accommodation provider, StudentOne, and the central train station, and is within walking distance of great eateries, shopping and entertainment.



### Wimmera

Access undergraduate, postgraduate and research level study in education, nursing and business in Horsham.



The Wimmera Campus features modern and specialised training facilities, a fully functional hairdressing salon, industry standard plumbing, automotive and building and construction workshops.

The campus also houses art and design, and nursing training facilities and computer training rooms.

## Study off-campus

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With a range of off-campus study options to choose from, studying remotely has never been easier!

### **Online learning**

Studying with Federation University Australia online allows you to complete exactly the same program as an on-campus student, but with the flexibility of studying anywhere you choose, anywhere around the world – whether that's your home, local library or from your small business.

It's the perfect option if you need to balance your studies with work, family or other commitments.

To have a successful online learning experience you will need to ensure you have the right computer hardware and software. [Find out more about minimum IT requirements.](#)

### **Flexible Delivery**

Get the best of both worlds with our flexible delivery model!

Flexible delivery refers to online study that is integrated with on-campus study. You may read class notes and work through assessments online, but also come on campus for face to face contact throughout the semester. Your on campus experience may include attending evening classes, weekend classes, a five day block, a full day class every couple of weeks... This will vary depending on the course you're studying.



As a student at Federation University there are a wide range of services and support to assist you.

We understand that starting your life as a university student is exciting, but that is also involves change with a challenge or two along the way. To help you meet these challenges and succeed, we have a range of student-focused programs and services available.

We promote a culture of support on campus and off, encouraging our students and staff to look out for each other. We provide free confidential counselling services on campus and online, to assist you through stressful times. We have staff dedicated to ensuring equity and diversity are championed at Federation University, and that no student is marginalised. We provide targeted support to indigenous students and to those from non English speaking backgrounds, to ensure they can flourish at University. And we provide wonderful childcare facilities, to ensure the parents and carers in our community can focus on what they need to, when they are on campus.

This is just a snapshot of the services we proudly provide. Further information on the range of support available can be found at:

<https://federation.edu.au/future-students/study-at-feduni/student-support>

[https://federation.edu.au/current-students#Support\\_and\\_services](https://federation.edu.au/current-students#Support_and_services)

## Ask Federation University

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If you've got questions, there is a good chance that Ask Federation University has the answers! Our online portal delivers answers from the Library, ITS and Student HQ, all in the one place. And just in case you can't find what you're looking for, it also includes links for further support when and where you need it, in a way that suits your needs; make sure you check it out!

## Get the best start

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From the very first moment you enquire about studying with Federation University, we've got you. From supporting you through the application process, to enrolling into classes, to providing programs to ensure you hit the ground running, and have the skills to keep it up!

Equip yourself with the skills and knowledge to succeed at university with FedReady, before you even start! If the idea of writing assignments is daunting, if referencing sounds scary, or you're worried about using our computer systems, then our FREE FedReady program is for you! It runs before the start of Semester One and Two each year.

All commencing undergraduate students have the support of a mentor who is a senior student in your School. Your mentor can help smooth your way to study at Federation University by linking you up with the people and places you need to know. You will meet catch up with them and other new students weekly when you first begin studying your undergraduate degree, ensuring you form a great support network from the very beginning.

Once you are settled in to Federation University, you may like a little extra academic support. We offer numerous academic support programs, and are particularly proud of our Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS) program. Here students work together to reinforce key concepts and develop effective study strategies, under the facilitation of a senior student who excelled in that course.

## Scholarships, bursaries and grants

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Learn how to kick start your studies financially by browsing the range of scholarships, bursaries and grants we offer, in the 'Let's talk about money' section of this guide.

## What applicant type are you?

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This will determine how you can apply, how your application will be assessed, and what to include with your application.

## Are you a current Year 12 student or a recent secondary student?

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Current Year 12 students are completing secondary education in the current year. Recent secondary students completed Year 12 within the previous two years, with no further study.

Your application will be assessed based on your Year 12 results, including your adjusted ATAR which factors in considerations based on SEAS or subject adjustments, and any 'essential requirements' detailed in [study.federation.edu.au](http://study.federation.edu.au)

We can access your Year 12 results, you do not need to provide us with a copy.

## Are you a non year 12 applicant?

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- You previously studied all or part of a HE course, including a bridging course such as the Foundation Access Studies Program (FAST).
- You previously completed VET studies at Certificate III level or higher.
- You left secondary education more than two years ago and have not undertaken further study.

Your application will be assessed based on your previous university or VET studies, or the combination of any previous studies undertaken and your work and life experience, plus any 'essential requirements' detailed in [study.federation.edu.au](http://study.federation.edu.au).

Your application must include

- Evidence of previous studies
- Completed 'essential requirements', where applicable.
- Your CV detailing your work experience and any relevant volunteer experience.

## What are 'essential requirements'

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In addition to your application, some courses have essential requirements. This essential requirement may include things such as auditions, entrance tests or interviews. You must complete this to be considered for an offer.

Check if these apply to the course you intend applying for via [study.federation.edu.au](http://study.federation.edu.au)

## What is an 'adjusted ATAR'?

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This is where additional points are added to your ATAR aggregate, increasing your rank accordingly. The adjustments include subject adjustments, where points are added based on achieving minimum scores in identified subjects, and also based on SEAS applications lodged with VTAC.

Consideration on equity grounds

We believe all students should have equal opportunity. Year 12 applicants should look at the Special Entry Access Scheme (SEAS) at [vtac.edu.au/seas](http://vtac.edu.au/seas) to see what special circumstances may apply to them (i.e. disability or financial disadvantage).

Check the potential impact a SEAS application could have on your ATAR with our online SEAS calculator, and get an estimate of your adjusted ATAR: [federation.edu.au/seas-calculator](http://federation.edu.au/seas-calculator)  
Non Year 12 applicants who feel their education was impacted by disadvantage can ask for this to be considered in their application. Learn more via [federation.edu.au/seas](http://federation.edu.au/seas)

## Deferring (put your studies on hold)

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Do you want to study, but need some time away first?

Some of our courses offer a deferral of up to one year, but a few require you to either accept or decline your offer when you receive it. We have listed the courses that do not offer deferral online; check [federation.edu.au/defer](http://federation.edu.au/defer)

## Just follow these steps and you're on your way

### Step 1 Check the entry requirements

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[study.federation.edu.au](http://study.federation.edu.au)

Year 12 students need to meet VTAC entry requirements that may include achieving specified scores in pre-requisite subjects and ATAR.

Non Year 12 students may need to have completed pathway courses or other studies, or have a significant level of relevant experience to gain admission.

If you have met or will meet the entry requirements, move on to Step 2.

### Step 2 Check for any essential requirements

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[study.federation.edu.au](http://study.federation.edu.au)

These need to be completed in addition to applying, and may include auditions, tests or interviews.

If you have registered for or submitted documentation for any applicable essential requirements, move on to Step 3.

### Step 3 Submit your application

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Via VTAC

[vtac.edu.au](http://vtac.edu.au) | 1300 364 133

The following applicants must apply through VTAC

- Current Year 12 applicants applying for undergraduate degrees listed in VTAC.
- Applicants that are applying to study with more than one institution.
- International applicants studying VCE in the year of application.
- Applicants studying VCAL or the International Baccalaureate (IB) in Victoria.

Federation Direct

[federation.edu.au/apply](http://federation.edu.au/apply) | 1800 333 864

The following applicants may apply direct to Federation:

- Recent secondary students who are applying to study at Federation only
- Non-year 12 applicants who are applying to study at Federation only
- Applicants for mid-year entry (visit [study.federation.edu.au](http://study.federation.edu.au) for available courses)
- Applicants for courses not listed in VTAC
- Applicants for apprenticeships, traineeships and short courses

If you need a hand getting started, we are here to support you through the application process.

We can help you navigate entry requirements, determine the right starting point for you, discuss pathway options, and can point you to study support programs that you can access prior to and throughout your studies.

Call us on 1800 333 864 or chat with us online [ask.federation.edu.au](http://ask.federation.edu.au)



## Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP)

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A Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) is a higher education place available to domestic students for which the University receives some Commonwealth government funding. Students enrolled in these places are required to pay a student contribution amount for each course of study undertaken.

## Domestic Full Fee

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If you are not enrolled as a Commonwealth supported student, you will be enrolled as a fee paying student. A full fee-paying place is one for which the University does not receive any government funding. Students enrolled in full fee-paying places contribute to the full cost of their fees.

## Non Award Fees

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All domestic and international non-award enrolments are charged at the full-fee rate as Commonwealth government funding is not offered for single subject enrolments.

A Non-award course enrolment applies to a prospective student who seeks to enrol for 1 or more courses within an academic year for professional development or personal interest.

For more information visit [federation.edu.au/fees](http://federation.edu.au/fees).

## VET (TAFE) fees

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For information on VET (TAFE) fees, your first port of call is online at [federation.edu.au/tafeees](http://federation.edu.au/tafeees)

Can I get a government-subsidised place?

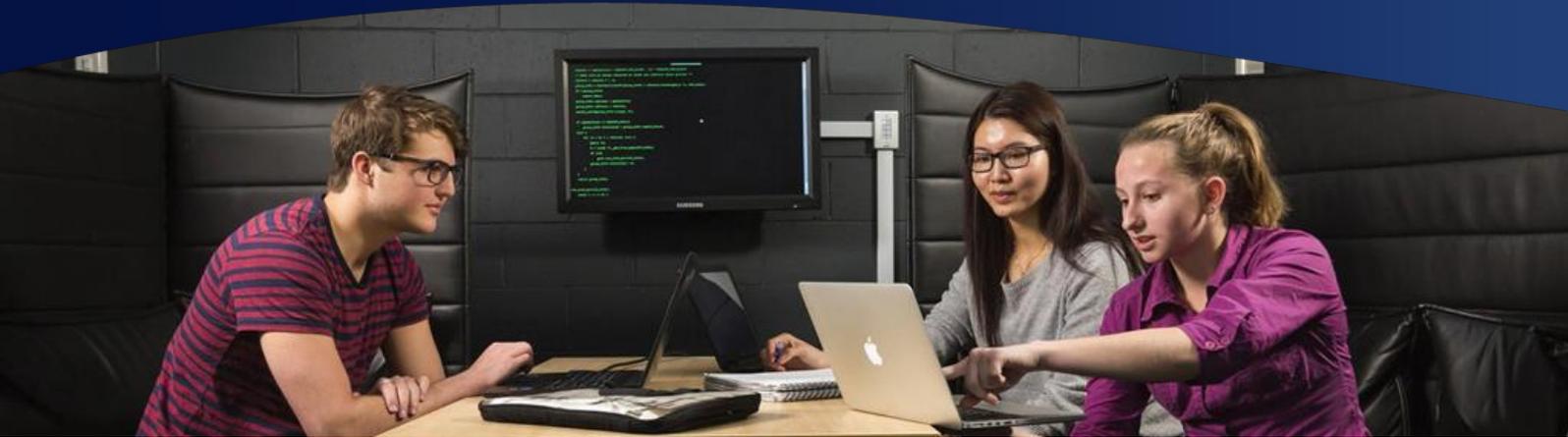
If you meet certain citizenship and other eligibility criteria, you may be eligible for a government-subsidised place. You can find all the important details about government subsidised training and requirements online at [federation.edu.au/tafeees](http://federation.edu.au/tafeees)

Keep in mind that for some courses, there'll be material and excursion fees. You can find this information from the course area.

What if I'm an eligible concession card holder?  
Then you may benefit from a lower tuition fee in certain courses.

What are VET Student loans?  
These are part of an Australian Government loan program that helps eligible students enrolled in an approved VET course (at Diploma level and above) pay for all or part of their tuition fees.

If you're an eligible student, you may be able to defer all or part of your tuition fees. The loan is then repaid via the Australian taxation system.



## Financial support

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Managing money is an important learned skill, and we are here to help you develop this!

Student Financial Support can assist you with budgeting and developing your financial skills, by providing you with information and options, and referring you to other targeted services when required. We can provide emergency aid, student loans and student grants.

Assistance is available by appointment in person, or remotely via phone or Skype, depending on your location and availability.

For more information, visit [federation.edu.au/financialsupport](https://federation.edu.au/financialsupport).

## Scholarships, bursaries and grants

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Opportunities to thrive!

Like most universities, we recognise academic excellence when we see it. We reward those who've achieved top results at school, and we do everything we can to shape the next generation of leaders.

But we also offer so much more than this. Here, support isn't limited to the chosen few. Your goals carry just as much weight as your grades – no matter what you want to study, where you're coming from or what you're up against.

Further information on the range of scholarships available can be found at:

<https://federation.edu.au/current-students/assistance-support-and-services/scholarships/find-a-scholarship>

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The commencement of all programs is subject to available funding and enrolment quotas.

All information provided here including the availability of programs and fees, is correct at the time of brochure creation. The University reserves the right to alter any program, procedure or fee. Prospective students should confirm course information by visiting [federation.edu.au](http://federation.edu.au) or by contacting the university directly. Federation University Programs are delivered with Victorian and Commonwealth Government funding to eligible applicants.

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