

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER FOUNDATION PROGRAM

OVERVIEW

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation Program helps to build the skills needed for study at the University of Canberra. It is designed for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who do not meet university admission requirements but have a reasonable chance of success in higher education. The program also provides entry to university for those students who have not studied for some years, and would like to develop their communication and study skills needed for success at university.

Students:

- will receive a conditional offer to the University of Canberra based on your nominated degree;
- must achieve equivalent ATAR for entry into your nominated degree.

Note: Some courses through this program are not available (www.canberra.edu.au/future-students/courses/pathways/domestic-students)

The program is delivered through the University of Canberra College in close collaboration with the Ngunnawal Centre.

THE PROGRAM

You can undertake the program full time or part time.

A full-time study load includes:

- two foundation units
- one or two core units from your nominated degree.

Details on foundation units are as follows.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER FOUNDATION STUDY SKILLS

The subject introduces the student to methods of independent learning including time management, short and long term planning, reinforcing learning, developing effective study habits, overcoming writer's block, developing examination techniques and adjusting to the university community generally. The student will be encouraged to explore their own reactions to the stresses of university life and to develop strategies for managing their involvement in study so as to maximise their success.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER FOUNDATION COMMUNICATION SKILLS

The subject introduces the practical communication skills required for success in undergraduate degrees. Writing skills development will begin with a creative writing approach and continue on to writing for particular purposes including the academic essay. Students will develop academic reading and research skills and will become familiar with library systems. The development of technical academic, reading and research skills, will enable students to become more confident information gatherers. Students will have practice in group-work and preparing and delivering presentations.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

You must meet the required age for entry. Assessment will be based on your previous education and/or work experience and an informal interview with the Program Coordinator and the Manager of the Ngunnawal Centre.



STUDENT PROFILE

My name is Emily Bamblett. I am studying the Bachelor of Education at the University of Canberra. I am now in my first semester of my second year in the course. Once I have finished my degree, I would like to work in primary schools all around Australia and overseas. I went through The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation Program to help me get into University. I did not receive an ATAR when I was in high school so I found the Foundation Program, and they helped me enter University. Going through the Foundation Program helped me prepare for my degree and the different challenges I would have to face. My favourite thing about University is meeting new people and having so many opportunities to do great things.

FEES

Places in the program are Commonwealth Supported so there are no course fees for students. However, there is a Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF).

STUDENT SUPPORT

Student support for the program is offered through the University of Canberra and the Ngunnawal Centre.

Support includes:

- accommodation assistance
- scholarship advice
- inclusion and Welfare registration (if applicable, for students with disabilities)
- free Health and Counselling services
- free one-on-one academic tutoring for core university of Canberra units
- 24 hour access to the Ngunnawal Centre which includes the use of our computer lab, free printing and photocopy services and loan of student laptops.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND APPLICATION

Please visit the website for further information about applying for the program www.canberra.edu.au/future-students/courses/pathways/indigenous-students/the-ngunnawal-foundation-program

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