

Indigenous Student Intake Test (ISIT)

The Indigenous Student Intake Test (ISIT) is a means of assessing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants for entry into undergraduate courses we offer.

ISIT can also be used to assess applicants for entry into bridging courses offered by both Edith Cowan University and TAFE.

It is also an opportunity for you, as a prospective student with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background to decide if the course options suit your needs and interests.

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ISIT occurs over one full day, with the morning session involving testing and the afternoon session focusing on interview and portfolio.

Morning Session: Introduction and Testing

You will need to complete the following things:

- **Questionnaire:** about your current or previous job experiences, any education or training you may have undertaken to this point and any community activities or organisations you may have been with or are currently involved in
- **Short Essay:** In this section you will be assessed on your writing skills. You will be required to analyse and comment on a short article by answering questions and writing one short essay.
- **Mathematics Test (Optional):** Please note the maths test takes three hours to complete and usually needs to be sat on another day. The mathematics test is optional. Should you sit this test and score a mark of 80% or more, you can be exempted from this unit if you are assessed to study our bridging course.

Afternoon session: Interview and Portfolio

You will need to attend an informal interview about your previous experiences and study goals and present your portfolio.

This session will run for approximately 40 minutes and will be a discussion between you and a Kurongkurl Katitjin staff member about your previous experiences and study goals.

Should you be unable to stay for your interview, you will be asked to nominate a time and day that is suitable for you during the week.

Interview Questions

We are likely to ask you:

- What kinds of interests to you have have?
- What would you like to study and why?
- What kinds of support (eg. family, transport, ABSTUDY etc.) do you have available to you?
- What sorts of lifestyle changes are needed to support your study?

You can ask questions of us during the interview.

Common ones are:

- What pathway of study do you recommend for my (vocational) goals?
- When will I be contacted about my application?
- How can I get more information on things like ABSTUDY, public transport, housing etc?

What you should include in your portfolio

You will be asked to talk about the contents of your portfolio as part of the interview process.

Your portfolio should include things like:

- Information on previous studies you have undertaken, such as previous results, certificates awarded and examples of your work if you have them
- Written references
- News clippings significant to you and your family
- Evidence of community involvement
- Sporting achievements
- Training programs that you have attended and work experience.

The purpose of your portfolio is to provide a point of discussion about your previous skills and experiences. Your portfolio also shows what you can do and forms part of your application.

If you don't have any portfolio material, we still encourage you to contact us and attend the ISIT

Sitting the ISIT at ECU was a positive and rewarding experience. I'm usually a little nervous and anxious about sitting tests, but I found that it actually wasn't that hard. I read through the mock paper to prepare myself but found that sitting the test was more about putting my thoughts, views and opinions down on paper to get my point across. It definitely gave me a boost to my confidence. You really don't have anything to lose by giving it a go. Whether you are recommended for the preparation course, degree or other training, this is a step forward in the right direction.

Thalia Skopellos – ISIT candidate

What needs to be done before attending the ISIT

1. If you live in the country, or are travelling from rural areas or interstate, you must complete the ABSTUDY 'Testing and Assessment Form' prior to attending the Testing. Spare forms will be available from Kurongkurl Katitjin.
2. An application for testing, Form D, is available from your local Centrelink office or agent. This application must be completed and forwarded to:
The Travel Officer at ABSTUDY.
Telephone: 1800 639 109
Mail: PO Box 1642, Perth WA 6845

What to bring

- Portfolio
- Money - for bus fare, telephone calls etc
- Lunch is provided on the day of the ISIT

What next?

Once you have completed the IST, you will be sent a letter informing you of our recommendations from Kurongkurl Katitjin.

The recommendations may be that you enrol into either:

- **Indigenous University Orientation Course (IUOC)**
If you are made an offer to enrol in IUOC you will be advised whom to contact at Kurongkurl Katitjin to progress through accepting your offer and enrolling into units
- **Undergraduate course**
The University will invite you to apply for a degree course in an area relevant to your interests. Please note that courses may have limited places available for students. You will need to wait for a Letter of Offer or invitation to enrol before you can progress through the process of accepting your offer, attending information session for new students in the School or course, and enrol into units

When and where is the ISIT held?

The ISIT is held on an as needed basis ON our Mount Lawley and South West (Bunbury) Campuses.

To register your interest and arrange to sit the test, please contact the following:

Mount Lawley Campus

Contact: Jackie Goldfinch
Tel: + 61 8 9370 6689

Bunbury Campus

Contact: Dellas Yarran
Tel: +61 8 9780 7777

The road is open!

We want to help you realise your ambitions and reach your destination, where ever that may be.

Edith Cowan University offers flexible study options including off-campus (online) courses, mid-year entry and relevant degrees across many study areas, including:

- Biology, Chemistry & Environmental Science
- Business
- Communications & Arts
- Engineering & Technology
- Exercise, Biomedical & Health Sciences
- Law & Justice
- Nursing, Paramedicine & Midwifery
- Psychology & Social Science
- Security & Computing
- Sport, Tourism & Hospitality Management
- Teacher Education
- Urban & Regional Planning
- Western Australian Academy of Performing Arts

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