

# South West Guide to Careers & Courses



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Creative thinking.  
It's essential for tackling challenges.  
Seizing opportunities.  
For today.  
But more importantly, tomorrow.  
Creativity is how we move forward.  
It sparks innovation.  
In every industry.  
And at ECU, it's at the core of  
everything we do.

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At ECU, we recognise and respect the significance of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' communities, cultures and histories.

We also acknowledge and respect the Noongar people as the traditional custodians of the land on which our campuses are located.





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# Welcome to ECU South West

ECU South West comprises Western Australia's largest regional campus in Bunbury and a series of progressive Regional Learning Hubs across the South West. These iconic and scenic locations, nestled within Western Australia's fastest growing region, make for the ultimate study destination and provide our students with an incredible range of lifestyle opportunities.

The South West is a preferred regional destination for health professionals as it's a model of integration and collaboration between the co-located clinical training and research, public and private healthcare systems. We take great pride in the University Department of Rural Health South West being situated on campus, offering enriching rural and remote training and placement opportunities across key community settings and making for an experience not always available in metropolitan areas.

Alongside health advancement, the South West region's priorities comprise an ever-expanding range of industries, committed to sustainability and future-readiness. These include creative tech and digital connectivity, advanced manufacturing, the resources sector (mining and agriculture are some of the South West's most significant economic contributors), and biodiversity and sustainability.

At ECU we are problem solvers, always finding new and better solutions through innovation, across all our courses. Creativity and ingenuity are highly sought by global employers across all industries, and we are committed to ensuring you are world ready.

Whatever you choose to study here, we provide a supportive and personalised learning environment to help you along the way. This environment extends beyond Bunbury to our Regional Learning Hubs program. Our Hubs are located across the South West region including Busselton, Mandurah and Collie, offering quiet study spaces, quality academic support, social connection and industry networking. They also bridge the gap for our online students, overcoming geographical barriers.

On behalf of our team at ECU South West, I welcome you as you embark on an exciting journey of learning and exploration with us.



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**Professor Cobie Rudd**

Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Regional Futures),  
Vice-President ECU and Head, ECU South West



# Rural health opportunities for students

**The University Department of Rural Health South West (UDRH SW) has been established to increase multidisciplinary health training and learning opportunities within community organisations in rural and remote areas in and around the South West.**

It's one of 19 locations across Australia funded by the Commonwealth Government's Department of Health and Aged Care.

The UDRH SW offers student clinical placements and interdisciplinary activities in allied health, nursing, and midwifery.

For ECU South West students, this applies to these courses:

- Bachelor of Science (Nursing)
- Bachelor of Science (Nursing)/Bachelor of Science (Midwifery)
- Bachelor of Social Work
- Bachelor of Health Science (Nutrition)



As a participant in the program, you'll have access to a range of support services to facilitate your clinical placements across the regions. This includes accommodation and travel allowances, as well as networking opportunities.



Find out more –  
[udrhsw.ecu.edu.au](http://udrhsw.ecu.edu.au)



# Why study at ECU?

There are so many good reasons to choose ECU for study.  
Here are some of the better ones.



## Get career ready while you study

During your studies, we'll help you build your personal brand to prepare you for a new career.



## Become a creative thinker

Creative thinking is a skill that's highly valued by employers and we'll help you make it your superpower.



## Use our facilities for online study

If you're studying an ECU course online, you can drop into ECU South West or one of our Regional Learning Hubs and use the support services.



## Experience 5-star teaching and student support

Your lecturers and tutors will help you get the best out of yourself and will introduce you to new networks and possible employers.



## Know you'll be supported

We'll help you adjust to your new life as a student, whatever your study or personal challenges.



## Feel right at home

Your uni experience is made even better at ECU South West, where you'll have smaller class sizes, modern facilities and cool study spaces.



## Get practical experience outside the classroom

You'll quickly turn theory into practice with work experience opportunities like internships, practicums and more.



## Apply for a scholarship

Our scholarships are awarded to students from all kinds of backgrounds and for all kinds of reasons. It's not just the academically brilliant ones. This includes people who've had a challenging life without the same opportunities as others. A scholarship can help you realise your ambitions by paying for fees, textbooks and living expenses.



## Grow your professional network

You'll have opportunities to make new contacts and connections thanks to our many industry partners in the South West region.



Find out more –  
[ecu.edu.au/scholarships](https://ecu.edu.au/scholarships)

## Top rated university



**World University  
Rankings  
Young  
2024 TOP 100**

Ranked in the world's top 100 universities under 50 years old.



**QILT**

Quality Indicators for  
Learning and Teaching

The top public university in Australia for undergraduate overall experience.



Rated 5 stars for undergraduate teaching quality for 18 straight years in a row.

# Start your career

**It's not unusual for uni students to be unsure about careers or what course to study. Here are some ways to help you decide what to study.**

## Try our 5-minute Career Finder quiz

This quiz might surprise you with a suggested career direction and courses that take you there.

→ Take the quiz —  
[ecu.edu.au/study/career-finder](https://ecu.edu.au/study/career-finder)



## Check out our study areas

Our eight study areas cover courses that lead to different careers and industries.

→ Find out more —  
[ecu.edu.au/degrees/study-areas](https://ecu.edu.au/degrees/study-areas)



## Parents' guide to university study

Whether your child is the first in the family to go to university or you've been here before, this little guide will help you understand some of the mysteries of higher education.

→ Download the guide —  
[ecu.edu.au/industry/career-counsellor-resources](https://ecu.edu.au/industry/career-counsellor-resources)



# Come to an event

Visit one of our campuses and attend an Open Day or information session.

→ Find out more —  
[ecu.edu.au/events](https://ecu.edu.au/events)



# Life as a student

**It doesn't matter if you've just left high school or you haven't been a student for a few years, study at uni is a whole new world.**

The good news is, no matter what your study challenges, we're ready to help you succeed.

## Adjusting to study whatever your situation

At ECU, we'll support you through your studies whatever your personal circumstances.

Our Access and Inclusion team will work with you to identify reasonable adjustments to your study and uni life.

This includes if you have a medical condition or disability or have responsibilities for caring for a family member in a similar situation. It might also include ensuring you can continue to observe any cultural or religious practices.

## Adjusting to academic life

Learning at university can be a bit daunting to begin with, but we've got you covered whatever help you need.

That includes help with preparing assignments, help with researching or referencing, help with online study and loads more. You can even get a peer leader in your first semester!

## Free counselling service

If you need to discuss any personal issues that may be affecting your ability to study, we have a free, professional and confidential counselling service.

## Career advice and job skills

You can get support and resources to help you plan your future career, as well as find work or volunteering experience while you're a student.

This includes career-based workshops, industry events, one-to-one career advice and more.

## Childcare for parents

If you're a student with children, we offer short term care (Crèche) on campus and long term care (Day Care) at the College Community Childcare Centre, located on the South Regional TAFE campus.



## Do you identify as an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

If that's your background and you'd like assistance with choosing a university entry pathway, please let us know.

Our team at the Centre for Indigenous Australian Education and Research, called Kurongkurl Katitjin, can also help you better understand and adapt to university life.

And we provide services on campus like:

- Nala Karla Student Rooms and facilities
- Tutorial Assistance
- Elder-in-Residence Program



Find out more —  
[ecu.edu.au/indigenous](https://ecu.edu.au/indigenous)



# Study online from campus or a learning hub

**If you decide to study your course online or the course requires you to do so, you can still use the excellent facilities on campus at ECU South West.**

Take advantage of our campus support services and do some socialising away from home.

If you can't get to Bunbury, you should consider one of our Regional Learning Hubs in Busselton, Collie or Mandurah if that works for you.

The hubs give you the opportunity to meet other students, get help with assignments, receive technical support or talk to staff about your studies.

It's a dedicated space for you to study, socialise, connect and engage with ECU.

→ Find out more



## Come and live on campus

We also have student accommodation on campus at ECU South West.

Living on campus has many benefits, including meeting new friends, enjoying group activities like a BBQ or the pool and not getting stuck in traffic.

You'll never be late for a lecture again!

Shops and sport and recreation facilities are also within walking distance of the village or easily accessible by public transport.

→ Find out more —  
[campuslivingvillages.com](http://campuslivingvillages.com)

# The courses we offer

**Over the next few pages, you'll see the undergraduate courses we'll be offering at ECU South West in 2026.**

All courses allow you to study full-time or part-time. For some, there's also an online option.

Some courses offer majors. This is your chosen area of in-depth study in an undergraduate course, usually one-third of the units you'll study in a 3 or 4-year degree.

Please note: After the first year of some courses, you'll need to study online or at another ECU campus to complete your qualification. Follow the web link or scan the QR code to see more details.

## Bachelor of Commerce

**Indicative ATAR:** 70

**Minimum Duration:** 3 years

**Location:** South West\*, Online

**Study Mode:** Full-time, Part-time

\*If you're studying Commerce at ECU South West, some core units and electives may be available to complete on campus, but you will need to complete the remaining units online or at ECU City.

### Overview

Our Bachelor of Commerce will equip you with the business knowledge and skills to set you up for career success. This includes critical skills in the areas of leadership, teamwork, critical thinking, communication, sustainability, ethics, and problem-solving.

Starting from day one, you'll be supported to develop your career. You'll be advancing your networking by learning from industry-experienced academics, participating in industry-ready activities, and gaining practical experience in real organisations through Work Integrated Learning (WIL), including internship opportunities.

With a Bachelor of Commerce, you can tailor your study to your interests by choosing one or two majors that are developed in consultation with industry. Create your own mix of majors, minors, and electives, then choose your study modes from a mix of on-campus, online, and on-the-job activities.

## Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood Studies)

**Indicative ATAR:** 70

**Minimum Duration:** 4 years

**Location:** South West\*, Online

**Study Mode:** Full-time, Part-time

\*Study at ECU South West is a combination of on campus and online.

### Overview

Do you want to make a difference in young children's lives? Enrol in our highly esteemed Bachelor of Education program, birth to eight years. Gain recognition and be in high demand in early learning and school settings.

Our comprehensive degree equips you with exciting practical experiences and deep insights into how young children learn and grow. In addition to your early childhood qualification, you can also specialise in one of these areas of interest in your final year:

- Arts
- Catholic Studies
- Leading for Engagement in Early Childhood
- Special Education

Make a difference - embark on this journey to shape young minds and futures!

### Professional Recognition

This course is accredited by the Teacher Registration Board of Western Australia (TRBWA) and Australian Children's Education & Care Quality Authority (ACECQA).

➔ See more course information —  
[ecu.edu.au/courses/W23](https://ecu.edu.au/courses/W23)



➔ See more course information —  
[ecu.edu.au/courses/Y42](https://ecu.edu.au/courses/Y42)





# Bachelor of Education (Primary)

**Indicative ATAR:** 70

**Minimum Duration:** 4 years

**Location:** South West\*, Online

**Study Mode:** Full-time, Part-time

\*Study at ECU South West is a combination of on campus and online.

## Overview

Thinking about being a Primary School Teacher? This popular course will put you in a classroom before you know it. In fact, it happens in your first semester!

Expect loads of practical experience during the course and you can choose to specialise in one of these learning areas of interest in your final year:

- Arts
- Catholic Studies
- English
- Health and Physical Education
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Languages
- Mathematics
- Music
- Science
- Special Education

## Professional Recognition

This course is accredited by the Teacher Registration Board of Western Australia (TRBWA).

→ See more course information – [ecu.edu.au/courses/Y41](http://ecu.edu.au/courses/Y41)



# Bachelor of Education (Primary, 1-10)

**Indicative ATAR:** 70

**Minimum Duration:** 4 years

**Location:** South West\*, Online

**Study Mode:** Full-time, Part-time

\*Study at ECU South West is a combination of on campus and online.

## Overview

This course will give you the flexibility to teach children from Year 1 to Year 10.

It also prepares you for working as a dedicated Primary or lower Secondary School teacher and equips you to teach in regional, rural and remote settings. During your studies, you'll receive diverse professional experiences in a range of schools.

You'll also have a chance to specialise in one of these learning areas of interest:

- Health and Physical Education
- Mathematics
- Science

## Professional Recognition

This course is accredited by the Teacher Registration Board of Western Australia (TRBWA).

→ See more course information – [ecu.edu.au/courses/C99](http://ecu.edu.au/courses/C99)



# Bachelor of Health Science

**Indicative ATAR:** 70

**Minimum Duration:** 3 years

**Location:** South West, Online

**Study Mode:** Full-time, Part-time

## Overview

Health Science is about enhancing the health of communities, including tackling health-related societal problems such as obesity, harmful alcohol and drug use and even dealing with a global pandemic.

At ECU, you'll develop skills to not only assess and monitor health situations, but you'll also learn intervention strategies so you can make a difference to the lives and health of others. And you'll gain valuable industry experience through a work placement in your final year.

You have a choice of one or more major subjects in this degree, so you'll learn specific skills in an area that interests you:

- Health Promotion
- Nutrition
- Occupational and Environmental Health and Safety
- Occupational Safety and Health

→ See more course information – [ecu.edu.au/courses/K97](http://ecu.edu.au/courses/K97)



# Diploma of Environmental Health

**Indicative ATAR:** Not applicable

**Minimum Duration:** 1 year

**Location:** South West, Online

**Study Mode:** Full-time, Part-time

## Overview

Want to join a profession that's fit for a pandemic?

This course is ideal for starting a career in environmental health. You'll learn about population health, epidemiology, communicable disease control, health promotion planning and much more.

You'll graduate with the ability to think critically about prevention and control of communicable and environmental disease and other environmental health issues, and to plan and coordinate environmental health projects.

The course also includes a 200-hour placement in an environmental health department.

After graduating, you can study the Bachelor of Health Science (Occupational and Environmental Health and Safety major) and receive 8 units of credit.

→ See more course information – [ecu.edu.au/courses/C54](http://ecu.edu.au/courses/C54)



## Studying Nursing & Midwifery at ECU's South West

ECU South West student Sharna Allan hadn't considered a career in nursing until she observed the important role of a midwife during a family pregnancy.

→ Hear Sharna's story



# Bachelor of Science (Nursing)

**Indicative ATAR:** 70

**Minimum Duration:** 3 years

**Location:** South West

**Study Mode:** Full-time, Part-time

## Overview

Nursing is a global profession that plays a vital role in improving health outcomes for society. Do you want to make an impact? This course prepares you to become a registered nurse in Australia, able to practise in all kinds of healthcare settings. You'll study in some of the country's best facilities, including simulation wards that are like those in a hospital. And you'll balance the theory with lots of reality checks at practicums with our healthcare partner hospitals.

## Professional Recognition and Registration

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council have accredited this course. When you graduate, you'll be eligible to register with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, a pre-requisite to practice in the profession.

→ See more course information – [ecu.edu.au/courses/C33](http://ecu.edu.au/courses/C33)





# Bachelor of Science (Nursing)/Bachelor of Science (Midwifery)

**Indicative ATAR:** 75

**Minimum Duration:** 4 years

**Location:** South West

**Study Mode:** Full-time, Part-time

## Overview

Thinking about a nursing career? Interested in bringing newborn humans into the world? Why not study our double degree? This double dose of nursing is unique to ECU in Western Australia. It prepares you for entry-level practice as both a registered midwife and a registered nurse. And it seriously widens your career options.

## Professional Recognition

The Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council have accredited this course. When you graduate, you'll be eligible to register with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, a pre-requisite to practice in the profession.



See more course information –  
[ecu.edu.au/courses/Y76](https://ecu.edu.au/courses/Y76)



"The degree I am studying is interesting as the course is so broad, therefore it can lead to many different future career options."

**Andrew Denton**

ECU South West Environmental Management and Conservation Biology student

# Bachelor of Science

**Indicative ATAR:** 70

**Minimum Duration:** 3 years

**Location:** South West\*

**Study Mode:** Full-time, Part-time

\*Units undertaken at ECU South West campus will be delivered as a series of lectures and weekly laboratory classes, supported by technology enhanced learning and digital content. There are also practicum weeks in which fieldwork activities are carried out.

## Overview

In this course at ECU South West, you can major in Environmental Management and Conservation Biology. In your final year, you'll have the opportunity to gain work experience via a semester long professional placement, the only one of its kind in Australia!

In this major, you will develop a specialisation in the core areas of environmental management and conservation biology, including the sustainable management of natural areas and urban landscapes. You will learn the biological and physical aspects of our environment and gain the knowledge and skills required to help protect and manage our precious ecosystems, including the ability to analyse complex interplays between humans and the natural world and devise approaches to important conservation issues. This major also covers multidisciplinary topics including scientific, economic, legal and societal issues.



See more course information –  
[ecu.edu.au/courses/M04](https://ecu.edu.au/courses/M04)



# Bachelor of Social Work

**Indicative ATAR:** 70

**Minimum Duration:** 4 years

**Location:** South West, Online

**Study Mode:** Full-time, Part-time

## Overview

Social workers champion eco-social justice, equality and human rights. We stand alongside individuals and communities to improve society's overall wellbeing, especially for the most vulnerable populations. In this accredited course you'll develop professional and relational skills for a career that can take you in many directions, including working in mental health, community development, child protection or social research. Are you ready to stand for something and create real change?

## Professional Recognition

This course is accredited by Australian Association of Social Workers (AASW).



See more course information –  
[ecu.edu.au/courses/K41](https://ecu.edu.au/courses/K41)



# What pathway can you take?

**If you don't have an ATAR, or you do but got a lower ATAR than expected, you still have pathway options into university courses.**

For some of these pathways, you may need to have completed WACE or meet English competency requirements.

## University Preparation pathway\*

Our free UniPrep course is recommended for students who didn't get the ATAR result they were hoping for, or don't have an ATAR. This short enabling course is even available over the summer break, from November to January, in time to start uni in Semester 1.

→ Find out more – [ecu.edu.au/uniprep](https://ecu.edu.au/uniprep)

## Experience Based Entry pathway

This pathway allows school leavers and other applicants to be considered for entry to an undergraduate course by providing a portfolio of evidence that proves your ability to succeed in higher education.

→ Find out more – [ecu.edu.au/experience](https://ecu.edu.au/experience)

## VET pathway

If you've completed or started a VET course at a TAFE or another training organisation, this pathway is for you. A completed Cert IV or higher might make you eligible to go straight into an undergraduate course.

→ Find out more – [ecu.edu.au/pathways](https://ecu.edu.au/pathways)

# What are you studying this year?

4+ ATAR subjects

### ATAR pathway

Apply for an ECU undergraduate course

3+ ATAR subjects & 1 general subject

### Experience Based Entry pathway

Apply for an ECU undergraduate course

Certificate IV/ Diploma

### VET pathway

Apply for an ECU course

General subjects only

### UniPrep pathway

Apply for one of ECU's UniPrep courses

#### Notes

1. All Year 12 students applying for ECU courses need to apply via TISC, meet English competency requirements and achieve WACE.
  2. Depending on your current school, you may qualify for an adjustment to your ATAR (higher). Ask us about this.
- \* This pathway also applies to Year 12 students completing a recognised university enabling program that leads straight into an undergraduate course.



# How to apply

## Application options can vary, depending upon your situation and your chosen pathway.

Australian universities have 4 standard categories that cover student applications. These are:

- Recent secondary education (typically most school leavers)
- Work and life experience (people who left secondary education 2+ years ago, haven't studied a VET course and have professional or work experience)
- Vocational education and training (VET)
  - includes TAFE students and other VET providers
- Higher education student (people who may have studied a higher ed course or completed a bridging or enabling course)

We won't try to explain these here, but we suggest you visit our Applying page and see which category is your best fit. The page also details your different entry requirements and options.

If you're ready to apply now, don't forget to have scanned copies of qualifications, your résumé or other required paperwork, ready to upload.

→ Find out more –  
[ecu.edu.au/apply](https://ecu.edu.au/apply)

## Become an ECU student in 6 steps

- 1 Choose your course**  
Consider having a back-up course in case you've applied for a popular course, and it's oversubscribed. You can apply for up to 3 courses at once.
- 2 Check course entry requirements**  
Some courses have special admission or 'inherent' requirements so check these too.
- 3 Check the application date**  
Don't miss the deadline for your chosen course(s).
- 4 Apply for a scholarship**  
These are awarded to all kinds of people, not just high achievers. You can do this when you apply for a course.
- 5 Have your paperwork ready and go online**  
You'll need scanned copies of other qualifications, your résumé or other required paperwork ready to upload.
- 6 Accept your offer**  
If you're successful, we'll send you an offer of a place. We hope you accept it and become an ECU student!



If you'd rather talk to us about applying for courses, we'd love to hear from you.



Call 134 328 or drop into your nearest ECU campus.









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