

Health & Community Foundation, Pathways & Teaching Indigenous Education

Course Guide 2027



STUDENT OF THE YEAR 2025



Before starting this course, I spent 30 years as a detective with Victoria Police. I then enrolled in the Certificate III in Commercial Cookery at Bendigo TAFE, and the experience has been incredibly impressive.

I also completed placements at an incredible French restaurant with two chef's hats, which was an unforgettable experience. This course has genuinely changed my life. I never thought I would leave the police force, but now I have a qualification that I can take anywhere in Australia, or even overseas.

CAMPBELL MCNAIR
CERTIFICATE III IN COMMERCIAL COOKERY
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Open night

Discover our facilities, learn about course options and meet our dedicated teachers and support staff.

Find out more and register here



The information in this publication is correct at the time of release (March 2026) and some courses are subject to change.

Bendigo TAFE acknowledges their campuses are located on the ancestral lands of the Djaara people of the Dja Dja Wurrung and the Yorta Yorta People. The institute respects traditional custodians, Elders and their cultural heritage.



UNLEASH YOU AT BENDIGO TAFE

Bendigo TAFE is one of the largest and most trusted education and training providers in Victoria. With more than 155 years of educational excellence backed by industry connections, our graduates learn real skills and gain the confidence to succeed in life.

With an established network of industry partners and a strong reputation with employers across Victoria, our courses are developed to respond to their employment needs. We ensure our training is relevant and will provide you with the skills and knowledge you need to match the demands.

We focus on providing you with work-ready training including practical, hands-on experience, industry projects and work placements.

LEARN FROM INDUSTRY EXPERTS

Our outstanding training educators come with extensive industry experience and connections. Our personalised approach means you get one-on-one attention in classes.

GAIN HANDS-ON PRACTICAL SKILLS

Our focus is all about getting you work-ready. With an emphasis on practical training, industry projects and work placements, you will gain real experience and the latest industry knowledge. So, when you graduate, you will have the skills that employers are looking for.

ACCESS OUR INDUSTRY PARTNER NETWORK

Bendigo TAFE has established a vast network of industry partners and a strong reputation with employers across regional Victoria. By developing our courses in consultation with industry partners, we make sure that you gain the most current and up-to-date skills.

Our focus is to ensure industries have access to well trained, highly skilled tradespeople and professionals. This may be through an apprenticeship or people refreshing their skills to ensure they have the most current knowledge and work practices to bring to their workplace.

**CHOOSE A COURSE THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU
WITH THIS FREE PERSONALISED QUIZ**

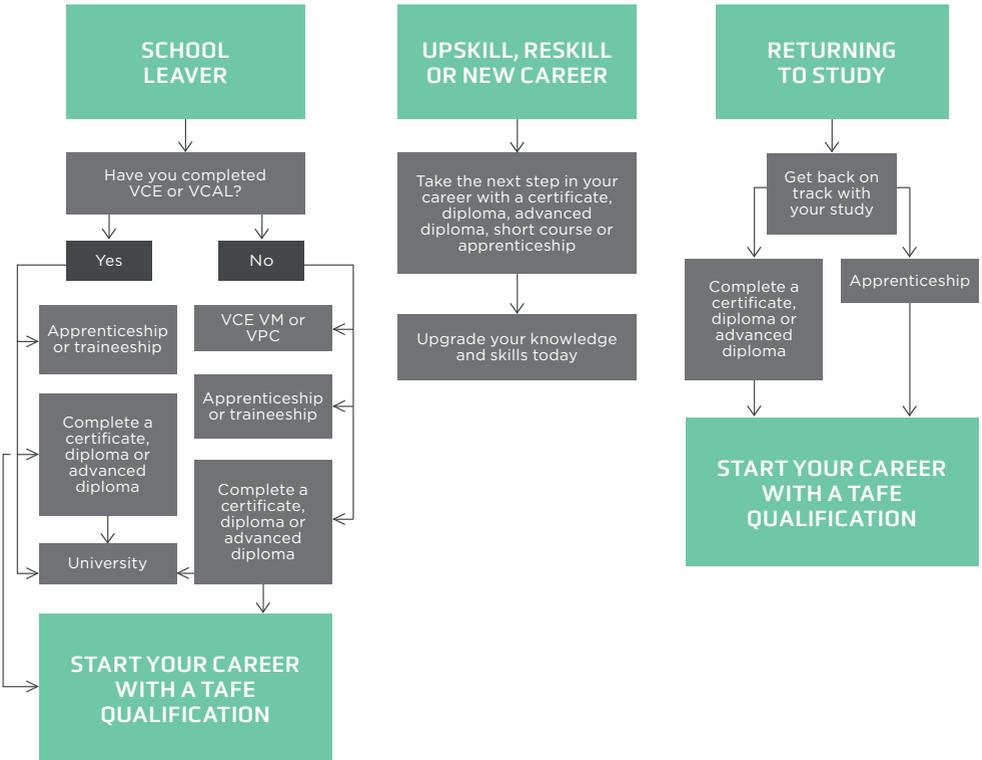
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WHY CHOOSE TAFE

With hands-on practical learning, high levels of student support and opportunities to work with our key industry partners, TAFE gives you the skills you need to achieve your future career goals.

Whether you have recently finished school or university, have decided to change careers or further develop your skills, TAFE can support you to achieve the skills that you require to gain employment.



FREE TAFE COURSES

Whether you're looking to commence your career, reskill or upskill, we offer a wide range of Free TAFE courses*, providing you study opportunities to fill identified in-demand industry jobs.

Free TAFE can help cover the cost of tuition for selected courses. See if you meet the eligibility criteria below.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Residential status: Any Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident or New Zealand citizen living in Victoria is eligible for a Free TAFE course.

Previous qualification: You can do your first Free TAFE course no matter what qualifications you already hold. This applies to all qualifications - whether they be through TAFE or university.

You will be charged for any additional non-tuition fees relating to your studies, which may include material and consumable fees.

FREE TAFE PRIORITY PATHWAYS

Free TAFE Priority Pathways are courses that progress within a study area, for example you can progress from a Certificate to a Diploma in the same study area. (e.g. from a Certificate IV in Accounting and Bookkeeping, to a Diploma of Accounting).

Free TAFE priority pathways are courses in priority areas that need skilled workers.

Free TAFE will cover your tuition fees for both courses. You'll need to finish one course before starting the next course.

Free TAFE priority pathways do not include apprenticeship pathway courses.

Some Priority Pathway courses are not offered at Bendigo TAFE. See the full list of priority pathways at vic.gov.au/free-tafe.

You can continue to study your Priority Pathway at Bendigo TAFE even if you have started the Pathway at another TAFE.

JOBTRAINER

If you have completed a Free TAFE course under the JobTrainer program, you can also do another Free TAFE course. The second course can be in a pathway or non-pathway program.

*Free TAFE on selected courses only. Eligibility criteria apply. Tuition is free. Other fees and charges, including materials and consumables may apply.

Visit freetafe.vic.gov.au

WHERE DO I START?

PREREQUISITES

You may need to meet some entry requirements in order to enrol in one of our programs. These requirements vary for each course, but may include:

- A minimum age (some courses require that you are over 18 so that you can legally work in the industry).
- Satisfactory language, literacy and numeracy skills.
- A Police Check or a Working with Children Check (if you are working in an industry that has contact with children or the public).
- Evidence of immunisations. Some courses such as health care may require additional immunisations.

These prerequisites are not designed to be a blocker to entry in the course, but to ensure that you are compliant and ready to be employed in the industry once you complete your training with us.

To find out more about our prerequisites, please contact us on 13 TAFE (13 8233).

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL) AND SKILLS RECOGNITION

If you have acquired relevant skills and knowledge in your workplace through previous training, or even via volunteer work, you may not need to complete further study to obtain a qualification.

With our skills recognition program you can save time and get an accredited qualification to improve your career prospects.

Find out more at [bendigotafe.edu.au/study-with-us/prospective-students/Skills-Recognition-and-Change-of-Preference](https://www.bendigotafe.edu.au/study-with-us/prospective-students/Skills-Recognition-and-Change-of-Preference) or contact us on 13 TAFE (13 8233).

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Bendigo TAFE provides all international students with a supportive learning environment and staff committed to meeting your needs.

Your training will be practical and relevant to industry and takes place in our high quality facilities, helping you gain rewarding employment wherever you choose to work and live.

For more information about our courses available to international students please visit [bendigotafe.edu.au/international](https://www.bendigotafe.edu.au/international) or call 1300 175 176 to discuss your options.



INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT CENTRE

The Indigenous Engagement Centre (IEC) at Bendigo TAFE is an innovative environment that fosters and promotes Indigenous learning, while supporting Indigenous students undertaking study and training in a wide array of courses across the institute.

Honouring the traditional landowners of the area, across Bendigo and Echuca which include the Dja Dja Wurrung and the Taungurung Peoples of the Kulin Nation and Yorta Yorta Nation. The centre merges the cultural heritage and values of these landowners with contemporary Aboriginal culture and strong networks with key Aboriginal organisations to ensure that our students are supported through their time with us.

As one of the state's largest providers of training and education, Bendigo TAFE delivers a wide range of courses and programs. Our courses are designed in consultation with communities and employers which means that Aboriginal students gain skills and knowledge while improving their networks and employment options.

OUR STUDENTS

The IEC welcomes all Indigenous Australians. Our students come from many different backgrounds ranging from early school leavers to people over 50.

We support students engaged in a variety of courses across the institute and conduct a number of events through the year, celebrating Aboriginal culture and key milestones to which all the students are invited to along with their friends and family.

Most importantly, we have a dedicated Koorie Student Support Officer, Koorie Liaison Officer as well as a Koorie Counsellor Officer based at the IEC to assist students in accessing the full range of support services and assistance in dealing with government agencies and other relevant organisations.

To speak with one of our Koorie Liaison Officers please contact us on 1300 328 329.

OUR PARTNERSHIPS

The IEC has forged strong relationships with key Aboriginal organisations across Victoria. We work closely with these organisations to ensure that our students have access to all the resources they require throughout their time with us.

INDIGENOUS CULTURAL AWARENESS TRAINING (ICAT)

We are committed to supporting organisations in gaining a greater understanding of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander History and Culture. This program enables workforces to build successful working relationships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

The ICAT program is designed to provide participants with a practical understanding required for successfully working with the Victorian Indigenous Community. It also builds awareness of Indigenous issues in every day situations and aims to eradicate apprehension or misconception about Indigenous people.

We focus on developing improvement of strategies targeted at Indigenous recruitment and employment with follow-up support and ongoing consultation.

Contact the Indigenous Engagement Centre for more information on 13 TAFE (13 8233) or visit bendigotafe.edu.au/study-with-us/indigenous-education



WE SUPPORT YOU THROUGH YOUR JOURNEY

LIBRARY

Our Library services are available to all Bendigo TAFE students. Located at our City campus, the Library has an extensive range of books, online databases, video streaming and e-books.

Open access computers are available for you to use the internet, email, Microsoft Office and more. The Library catalogue is available at libguides.mylibrary.bendigokangan.edu.au/home/bendigo

For further information students can contact 5434 1516.

RECONNECT

Reconnect is a free service that can provide wrap-around support and course related financial assistance to disengaged, high needs learners. This service works with your strengths, individual learning style and non-learning goals to support you back into study or employment pathways.

To be eligible for the Reconnect program you must meet the eligibility requirements listed at bendigotafe.edu.au/study-with-us/reconnect

With locations in Echuca, Bendigo, Castlemaine, Maryborough, Wedderburn and Macedon Ranges contact us on 1300 327 328 to find out how we can help you or go to info.bendigotafe.edu.au/reconnectprogram

VICTORIAN EARLY LEAVER CONNECTION INITIATIVE (VELCI)

VELCI Career Advice Service provides free, one-on-one career advice to school-aged young people who have left school before completing Year 12 and have obtained a formal exemption from the Department of Education.

This service aims to ensure every young person has the support they need to make informed decisions and successfully transition into further education, training or employment.

Call 1300 100 606 to get in touch or visit: bendigotafe.edu.au/velci

EMPLOYMENT CENTRE

Our Employment Centre is specifically dedicated to helping you develop your employability skills. Our experts can help you with your job search, one-on-one coaching and access to the weekly vacancy listing and other useful resources.

You can contact the centre to register for this free online service on 1300 484 335 or email employmentcentre@bendigotafe.edu.au

SKILLS AND JOBS CENTRE

Supporting informed career pathways at Bendigo TAFE City Campus and Echuca Campus.

The Skills and Jobs Centre provide FREE impartial career advisory services to Bendigo TAFE students and members of the broader community. Our professional staff offer guidance in navigating education and training pathways, employment opportunities, volunteer work, and personal career development.

The Skills and Jobs Centre team is here to help you find your way. This is your first port-of-call when you are looking to enter the workforce, start training, re-skill or for employers to meet their workforce needs.

To make an appointment or to find out more, visit bendigotafe.edu.au/study-with-us/skills-and-job-centre

Call 1300 100 606 or email skills&jobscentre@bendigotafe.edu.au

WE SUPPORT YOU THROUGH YOUR JOURNEY

COUNSELLING

Bendigo TAFE Counselling Services provides free, confidential, short-term counselling to currently enrolled students. In-person, telephone and video consultations are available at all campuses.

Our counsellors are available to talk about any issues you may have – whether they are personal issues, mental health and wellbeing issues or study-related issues. You don't need to be in crisis or dealing with a serious problem to go to counselling.

To make an appointment, call 13 TAFE (13 8233) or email studentsupportservices@bendigotafe.edu.au

WELFARE

Student Welfare Support can assist you with budgeting skills, Centrelink advice and assistance, housing advice and referrals and accessing emergency relief for students experiencing financial stress. The team can also assist with applying for scholarships available to Bendigo TAFE students.

To make an appointment, call 13 TAFE (13 8233) or email welfare@bendigotafe.edu.au

STUDY SUPPORT

If you're studying a Skills First program, you can get FREE support with reading, writing, mathematics and digital skills.

You'll be supported by specialist teachers during your regular classes – no extra time needed. Learning Support is free and doesn't count towards your enrolment cap. Our teachers work with your course content and help you build skills using real examples. You'll learn alongside your classmates in a supportive environment.

Contact us for more information:

Email: learningsupport@bendigotafe.edu.au

YOUTH WORK

Our Youth Workers assist young people in a variety of ways including supporting health and wellbeing, and acknowledges the social and cultural environments in which young people live. The key difference between Youth Workers and other support services is that young people are their primary focus. Their primary role is to ensure young people feel supported in developing the skills they need to succeed while at Bendigo TAFE.

To make an appointment, call 13 TAFE (13 8233) or email studentsupportservices@bendigotafe.edu.au

DISABILITY SUPPORT

The Disability Liaison Officer (DLO) provides essential support and accommodations to students with disabilities or conditions that affect their ability to study or participate fully in student life. We recommend you schedule a meeting with the DLO at Bendigo TAFE at your earliest convenience. The DLO will assist in implementing suitable strategies for your participation and learning needs. They can also propose and discuss reasonable adjustments to provide the necessary support for successfully completing your studies.

To make an appointment, call 13 TAFE (13 8233) or email disabilityofficer@bendigotafe.edu.au

ELIGIBILITY & FEES

How much you pay is determined by the course you enrol in, the scheduled hours you commit to undertake, your eligibility for a government subsidised place and any concession entitlements you might be eligible for.

GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES

You may be eligible for government subsidised training if you meet the eligibility requirements.

ADDITIONAL FEES

In addition to the tuition fee you may be required to pay materials and consumables fees relating to your course.

To find out more about government subsidies, concessions fees and charges refer to bendigotafe.edu.au/courses/fees or call 13 TAFE (13 8233).

FULL FEE

If you are not eligible for government subsidised training you will pay the full fee listed on the respective course page.

PATHWAYS TO UNIVERSITY

Getting started on your journey after finishing school can be tough. With so many choices, expenses and paths to follow it can be a challenge to work out what's right for you.

TAFE is the perfect transition between school and university.

Your ATAR score is no barrier to further study because you can gain a Bendigo TAFE qualification and still go to university too.

Bendigo TAFE has formalised pathways with reputable universities.

To find out more about our pathways, visit bendigotafe.edu.au/study-with-us/pathways-to-university

CONCESSION

You may be entitled to a concession on your tuition fees if you are in a government subsidised place and you meet the eligibility criteria.

If your tuition fee concession application is successful, your concession fee will be charged at 20% of the government subsidised tuition rate for your course.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students in a government subsidised place will receive a fee waiver for tuition fees under the current Skills First Program at all program levels (including diploma, advanced diploma, vocational graduate certificate and vocational graduate diploma programs).

You will still have to pay the materials and consumables fee (if studying a government subsidised course) and other non-tuition fees (if applicable) at the time of enrolment.

There are benefits to completing your studies at TAFE before you start university:

- Develop your knowledge with hands-on, industry specific learning.
- Work in your chosen field while studying.
- Start off in a supportive environment with small class sizes and one-on-one interaction with teachers.
- Gain credits towards the completion of your degree course which could reduce the duration.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

FLEXIBLE PAYMENT PLAN

Bendigo TAFE offers eligible students the option of paying their course fees over time by setting up either weekly or fortnightly instalment payments to cover their tuition, materials and consumables.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

At Bendigo TAFE, we believe in rewarding hard work and achievement. We offer a number of scholarships and grants to help pay for your course.

Find out more on what you can apply for at bendigotafe.edu.au/scholarships

VET STUDENT LOANS

A student loan scheme is available for eligible students and only applicable to Diploma and Advanced Diploma level courses to assist in the payment of tuition fees whilst studying at TAFE. These are called VET Student Loans and are capped according to the course you are studying. These loans are income contingent and interest free and are repaid via the Australian Taxation Office when your income reaches a certain threshold. For 2025-2026 income year, the threshold is \$67,000. The loan will continue to be a debt to the government until it is repaid.

For further information visit studyassist.gov.au

You will still have to pay the materials and consumables fee (if studying a government subsidised course) and other non-tuition fees (if applicable) at the time of enrolment.

You must meet the eligibility criteria to access a VET Student Loan. For details and more information visit bendigotafe.edu.au/study-with-us/prospective-students/vet-student-loan

APPRENTICESHIPS INCENTIVES PROGRAM

The Australian government has established the Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program to encourage genuine opportunities for people to enter into skills based training through Australian Apprenticeships.

Apprentices may be eligible for a range of payments to assist them with the initial set up costs and completion of their apprenticeship.

For more information about the different incentives available to you, please refer to: apprenticeships.gov.au or your local Apprentice Connect Australia Provider.



SCHOOLS INFORMATION

Our schools team provide schools with a single point of contact when dealing with us, to help you get the best value from our services.

Our resources and support for schools ensure that you and your students are well equipped with information about career paths and further study options.

The schools team can assist your school to create career pathways for your students through:

SCHOOL VISITS

We can visit your school and talk to your students about our training programs via a tailored presentation or at a careers expo.

CAMPUS TOURS

Our campus tours provide school groups with the opportunity to get a glimpse of campus life and an overview of what vocational and higher education is all about.

CAREER ADVISORS NEWSLETTER

Our regular newsletter for career advisors and practitioners will help you stay abreast of upcoming events, new and updated courses and other relevant information about our organisation.

FUTURE OPTIONS

Our Future Options events provide secondary school students with the opportunity to visit our facilities and gain an insight into vocational education through a series of interactive workshops.

COURSE GUIDE

We've designed our course guides as helpful reference tools for you and your students. They provide an overview of the wide range of courses we offer, study pathways and possible career outcomes.

CAREER ADVISORS SEMINAR

Our annual career advisors seminar offers a professional development opportunity for career advisors to learn more about courses offered at Bendigo TAFE. This event has a strong education and employment pathway focus with our Industry partners, current students and teaching staff actively participating to reinforce the value of undertaking a VET qualification at Bendigo TAFE. Find out more at bendigotafe.edu.au/for-schools



APPRENTICESHIPS & TRAINEESHIPS

Apprenticeships and traineeships are customised training programs that are developed to meet evolving industry needs.

They are a great way to kick-start your career in a variety of industries and roles by combining your training and paid employment.

WHAT ARE APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS?

If you are interested in working in a skilled trade such as building, hairdressing, automotive or electrical then an apprenticeship is for you. If you are interested in working in a vocational role such as office administration or information technology then a traineeship will get you started. All our apprenticeship and traineeship programs incorporate learning that takes place in the workplace to help you graduate with confidence, experience and be ready for the workforce with real skills.

APPRENTICESHIP SUPPORT PROGRAM

Apprenticeship Support Officers (ASOs) are located across Victoria and offer a free and confidential support and advice service to registered apprentices and employers. They're part of a Victorian Government initiative to keep more apprentices in jobs and help more people complete their training.

This means you can get help with the kind of workplace, training or personal issues that sometimes affect apprentices.

For further information, please check the following: [bendigotafe.edu.au/courses/apprenticeships-and-traineeships/Apprenticeship-Support-Officer-Program](https://www.bendigotafe.edu.au/courses/apprenticeships-and-traineeships/Apprenticeship-Support-Officer-Program)

To contact a Bendigo TAFE ASO, email: bendigoapprenticeshipsupportprogram@bendigotafe.edu.au

For further information, please contact, 1300 311 820 or email: apprenticeship.support@edumail.vic.gov.au

WHY DO AN APPRENTICESHIP OR TRAINEESHIP?

There are many reasons to consider an apprenticeship or traineeship including:

- Start earning money while you study.
- Train on-the-job, on-campus or both.
- Develop knowledge and skills from expert teachers with extensive industry experience.
- Learn with the latest technology and tools in our well-equipped facilities.
- Graduate with a nationally recognised qualification.
- Access our Employment Centre after you graduate.

STEPS TO BECOME AN APPRENTICE

STEP 1

PREPARATION AND RESEARCH

Figure out what trade you are interested in, do research on job opportunities and write or update your resume.

You can also speak to one of our friendly Skills and Jobs representatives on: 1300 100 606 who can advise on job opportunities or vocational training. bendigotafe.edu.au/skills-and-jobs

STEP 2

JOB HUNTING

Start applying for jobs through networking with people you know, online or via Jobactive providers.

You can register with our Employment Centre to receive our weekly vacancy list and access other useful resources.

1300 484 335
bendigotafe.edu.au/employment-centre

STEP 3

SIGN UP

Once you've found an employer, you both must contact an Apprentice Connect Australia Provider (ACAP). Select Bendigo TAFE as your preferred training provider to get started. If you are eligible for a Health Care Card, make sure you apply for one prior to enrolling so you are eligible for concession fees.

FOR APPRENTICES

Group Training Organisations (GTOs)

GTOs partner with a range of businesses and offer you expert advice and assistance to find you the right apprenticeship. GTOs can place you with the right employer and also monitor your progress and support you as you need it. Find out more at naen.com.au

Apprentice Connect Australia Provider (ACAP)

ACAPs are contracted by the Government to support and facilitate the apprenticeship process for employers and individuals. ACAPs can also help you with the recruitment process and provide mentoring and career advice. Visit australianapprenticeships.gov.au for more information or call them on 13 38 73.

Pre-apprenticeships

A pre-apprenticeship with Bendigo TAFE can get you in the fast lane and give you the skills and confidence to start your apprenticeship. Whether you are currently doing your VCE VM, VPC or you've left school early, a pre-apprenticeship also combines literacy and numeracy skills units to give you extra support to get employed and into an apprenticeship.

FOR EMPLOYERS

Workplace delivery

To help your business grow, we work closely with you and your apprentices to develop training plans and deliver high quality training to improve staff satisfaction and productivity in your business.

Your apprentices learn the latest and most relevant skills from industry experts with extensive experience.

Why send your apprentice to us?

We know that a successful business is built on delivering exceptional levels of service to create lasting relationships with your clients.



OUR CAMPUSES

BENDIGO CITY

154 Hargreaves Street

Study areas: Business, Hospitality, IT, Hair and Beauty, Health, Community, Foundations, Art and Design, English, Indigenous Education, VCE VM and VPC.

Bendigo TAFE's City campus has undergone a major revitalisation as a result of a \$60 million investment by the Victorian Government. With a mix of new and refurbished heritage buildings, our modern campus provides the latest equipment and audio visual, with formal and informal teaching and collaborative learning spaces throughout. Joining our state-of-the-art Health and Community Centre of Excellence, is our new hairdressing and beauty salon, which is open to the public, equipped with the latest equipment to train on clients in real-world situations; as well as our new hospitality training building that includes industrial sized commercial kitchens, retail baking equipment and barista training areas.

We are located close to public transport, including regular train access to Melbourne.



BENDIGO, CHARLESTON ROAD

62-104 Charleston Road

Study areas: Trades, Automotive, Animals, Plants and Sciences.

Bendigo TAFE's Charleston Road campus is home to our trades facilities, including carpentry, plumbing, automotive and electrical. The Food and Fibre Centre of Excellence is home to purpose built agriculture, animal studies, horticulture and farming training centres.

Nestled amongst a natural bushland setting, the campus boasts its own student amenities area and cafe. Vast parking makes this campus accessible to anyone driving, as well as being only a 20 minute walk from the Bendigo Railway station for people travelling to and from metropolitan and regional areas.





ECHUCA

Corner of Hare and Darling streets

Study areas: English Language, Indigenous and General Education, Community Services, Health, Trades and VCE VM or VPC.

Bendigo TAFE's Echuca campus is a modern facility in Hare Street and is the hub of community based industry partnerships and activities, aimed at providing a skilled workforce for the local community.

CASTLEMAINE

Castlemaine Community Health and Learning Hub: 142 Cornish Street

The Mill: 1/9 Walker Street

Bendigo TAFE is offering training courses in Castlemaine to help locals gain valuable qualifications and build meaningful careers close to home. These courses make it easier for people to live, work and study in their own community, supporting the growth of a skilled local workforce and strengthening services across the region.

INDUSTRY CONNECTIONS

We work with some of the best industry brands to give our students access to practical work placements, the latest industry tools and real skills.

AUTOMOTIVE CONNECTIONS



HEALTH & COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



HAIR, BARBERING, BEAUTY & CREATIVE CONNECTIONS



ANIMALS, PLANTS & SCIENCES CONNECTIONS



TRADES CONNECTIONS



HEALTH & COMMUNITY

ALLIED HEALTH

INDIVIDUAL
SUPPORT

PATHOLOGY
COLLECTION

NURSING

MENTAL HEALTH

YOUTH SERVICES

ALCOHOL &
OTHER DRUGS

RESPONDING TO
FAMILY VIOLENCE
& RISK

JUSTICE

HEALTH
ADMINISTRATION

SCHOOL BASED
EDUCATION
SUPPORT

EARLY CHILDHOOD
EDUCATION & CARE

COMMUNITY
SERVICES

DENTAL ASSISTING

AGEING SUPPORT

DISABILITY SUPPORT



Begin your career in one of Australia's fastest growing and most in demand sectors with Bendigo TAFE's Health and Community Centre of Excellence. Our programs pair quality teaching with state of the art facilities, keeping the focus on applied learning for real practice.

You will build current industry knowledge through engagement with health professionals, guest speakers and community projects. We combine education theory with hands-on experience through structured placements, training programs, simulated labs and operational environments. These settings give you exposure to the technologies and work practices used across the health and community sectors.

Simulation based learning is central to our training, building situational awareness and confidence through guided, immersive experiences. Graduates leave with the skills and knowledge needed to succeed in a dynamic and rewarding field.

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FIND OUT MORE AND APPLY: 13 TAFE | [BENDIGOTAFE.EDU.AU](https://www.bendigotafe.edu.au)

PATHWAYS TO YOUR CAREER

HEALTH SERVICES

Career opportunities:

- Allied Health Assistant
- Physiotherapy Assistant
- Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Therapy Assistant
- Rehabilitation Assistant

Course to get you there:

- Certificate IV in Allied Health Assistance (HLT43021)

Career opportunities:

- Senior Admissions Clerk
- Senior Ward Clerk
- Medical Receptionist
- Medical Assistant
- Health Administration Worker

Course to get you there:

- Certificate IV in Health Administration (HLT47321)

INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT

Career opportunities:

- Personal Care or Disability Support Worker
- Community Care Worker
- Residential Care Worker

Courses to get you there:

- Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing and Disability) (CHC33021)
- Certificate III in Individual Support (Disability) (CHC33021)

Career opportunities:

- Personal Care Worker (Aged Care)
- Home and Community Care Worker
- Day Activity Worker
- Care Team Leader
- Community Program Coordinator

Course to get you there:

- Certificate IV in Ageing Support (CHC43015)

PATHOLOGY

Career opportunities:

- Specimen and Pathology Collector

Course to get you there:

- Certificate III in Pathology Collection (HLT37215)

NURSING

Career opportunities:

- Rehabilitation Nurse
- Community Nurse
- Mental Health Nurse
- Acute Medical or Surgical Nurse
- Enrolled Nurse

Course to get you there:

- Diploma of Nursing (HLT54121)

MENTAL HEALTH

Career Opportunities

- Rehabilitation Worker
- Community Rehabilitation and Support Worker
- Mental Health Outreach Worker
- Assistant Community Services Worker

Course to get you there:

- Certificate IV in Mental Health (CHC43315)

YOUTH SERVICES

Career opportunities:

- Community Development Manager
- Youth Program Manager
- Youth Services Coordinator
- Youth and Family Services Manager
- Youth Housing Support Manager
- Youth Mental Health Manager
- Juvenile Justice Manager

Course to get you there:

- Diploma of Youth Work (CHC50421)

ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUGS

Career Opportunities:

- Alcohol and Other Drugs Support Worker
- Community Outreach Worker
- Rehabilitation Counsellor
- Case Manager
- Community Worker
- Residential Worker
- Needle and Syringe Program Worker
- Peer Worker

Courses to get you there:

- Certificate IV in Alcohol and Other Drugs (CHC43215)
- Alcohol and Other Drugs Skill Set (CHC550093)

JUSTICE

Career opportunities:

- Australian Customs Officer
- Youth Justice Legal Assistant with Legal Firms, Government Departments, Law Enforcement Agencies and Legal Aid Agencies
- Local and Municipal Law Enforcement
- Officer (Policing State and Federal Forces)
- Prison Officer
- Community Corrections Officer
- Investigator
- Loss Prevention Work
- Court Services Work

Course to get you there:

- Diploma of Justice (22594VIC)

SCHOOL BASED EDUCATION SUPPORT

Career opportunities:

- Education Support
- Integration Support
- Education Assistant - Special Needs
- Home Tutor
- Support Worker for Children With Disabilities

Course to get you there:

- Certificate III in School Based Education Support (CHC30221)

Career opportunities:

- Education Support
- Integration Support
- Assisting Students with Special Needs
- Home Tutor
- Support Work for Children with Disabilities

Course to get you there:

- Certificate IV in School Based Education Support (CHC40221)

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION & CARE

Career opportunities:

- Early Childhood Educator
- Family Day Care Educator
- Kindergarten Assistant
- Out-of-School Hours Care Educator

Course to get you there:

- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care (CHC30121)

Career opportunities:

- Early Childhood Educator
- Kindergarten Assistant
- Family Day Care Educator
- Early Intervention
- Centre Director

Course to get you there:

- Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care (CHC50125)

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PATHWAYS TO YOUR CAREER

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Career opportunities:

- Residential Youth Worker
- Case Support Worker
- Community Services Worker
- Community Support Worker
- Community Worker

Course to get you there:

- Certificate IV in Community Services (CHC42021)

Career opportunities:

- Family Services Worker
- Child Protection Worker
- Out of Home Care Worker
- Mental Health Support Worker
- Youth Worker
- Housing Worker
- Drug and Alcohol Worker

Course to get you there:

- Diploma of Community Services (CHC52025)

DENTAL ASSISTING

Career opportunities:

- Dental Assistant
- Dental Nurse

Courses to get you there:

- Certificate III in Dental Assisting (HLT35021)
- Certificate IV in Dental Assisting (HLT45021)

DISABILITY

Career opportunities:

- Volunteer Coordinator
- NDIS Support Worker or Provider
- Disability Support Team Leader
- Disability Support Worker
- Disability Officer
- Coordinator of Volunteers

Course to get you there:

- Certificate IV in Disability Support (CHC43121)



CERTIFICATE IV IN ALLIED HEALTH ASSISTANCE HLT43021

Bendigo City | Full-time: 11 months

FREE TAFE COURSE

Tuition is free. Other fees and charges, including materials and consumables may apply. Eligibility criteria applies. Find out more on page 6.

ABOUT THE COURSE

Start working in public and private hospitals including the rehabilitation sector. With an Allied Health Assistance qualification you will be trained to provide therapeutic and program related support under the guidance of an Allied Health Professional. Placement is a mandatory part of the course (120 hours) and is organised by Bendigo TAFE.

PREREQUISITES

Satisfactory language, literacy and numeracy skills to undertake this course; Must attend an Information Session; Current National Police Check (sighting no disclosable outcomes), Volunteer (or full) Working with Children Check (WWCC), Statutory Declaration, NDIS Worker Screening Check, Current Year Seasonal Influenza Vaccine, Completed Immunisation Form documenting evidence of immunity against a variety of nominated diseases per the publication *Vaccination for healthcare workers* published by the Victorian Department of Health, Infection Control Training (NHHI); Emotional competence and physical mobility; You will need to be over the age of 18 to complete the work placement/practical component of this course.

CERTIFICATE IV IN AGEING SUPPORT CHC43015

Bendigo City | Traineeship: 1 year
Work-based: 10 months

FREE TAFE COURSE

Tuition is free. Other fees and charges, including materials and consumables may apply. Eligibility criteria applies. Find out more on page 6.

ABOUT THE COURSE

This qualification prepares you to deliver specialised support in aged care across residential, home and community settings. You'll take responsibility for your work within organisational guidelines and ensure quality service through planning, facilitating and reviewing individualised care.

PREREQUISITES

To apply you must:

- Be 18 years or older
- Complete a pre-training review interview and a Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) assessment (ACSF Level 4 in Literacy and 4 Numeracy)
- Have access to a laptop/computer and internet

FURTHER STUDY

Further your career in healthcare with the Diploma of Nursing (HLT54121).

CERTIFICATE IV IN HEALTH ADMINISTRATION HLT47321

Workplace: 11 months

ABOUT THE COURSE

This program has been designed to develop leadership, communication and organisational skills for those working in a variety of organisational contexts within the Victorian Health Services. Themes include: Demonstrate leadership in the workplace, communicate effectively, managing behaviours of concern, lead team effectiveness, risk management, medical terminology, reflect on professional practice and patient record keeping.

PREREQUISITES

If your current role is not an administration role, some assessments will require you to either complete a short placement in an admin role or attend our Bendigo campus to complete them. You will also need to complete a Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) assessment.

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INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT

CERTIFICATE III IN INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT (COMPETENCY CERTIFICATION PATHWAY)

CHC33021

Bendigo City | Full-time: 2 months or more

FREE TAFE COURSE

Tuition is free. Other fees and charges, including materials and consumables may apply. Eligibility criteria applies. Find out more on page 6.

ABOUT THE COURSE

This program is to help experienced Aged Care and Disability workers fast track their studies to achieve a Certificate III in Individual Support. The Competency Certification Pathway (CCP) is supported by your employer with the aim of recognising your professional development experiences and on-job competencies through an expedited, assessment focused learning pathway. This pathway has 3 streams available:

- Ageing Stream
- Disability Stream
- Dual Stream (Ageing and Disability)

PREREQUISITES

To apply, you must:

- Be currently working in aged care, home and community care or disability for three (3) or more years
- Complete a Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) assessment
- Complete a pre-training review interview

FURTHER STUDY

Further your career in healthcare with the Diploma of Nursing (HLT54121).



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CERTIFICATE III IN INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT (AGEING AND DISABILITY) CHC33021

Bendigo City | Full-time: 7 months

FREE TAFE COURSE

Tuition is free. Other fees and charges, including materials and consumables may apply. Eligibility criteria applies. Find out more on page 6.

ABOUT THE COURSE

Get qualified to work in a variety of aged-care settings, residential facilities, client homes and community groups. Our friendly and experienced teachers will equip you with the skills to help maintain client's personal care, health and wellbeing. Placement is a mandatory part of the course (120 hours) and this is organised by Bendigo TAFE.

PREREQUISITES

Satisfactory language, literacy and numeracy skills to undertake this course; Current National Police Check (sighting no disclosable outcomes), Volunteer (or full) Working with Children Check (WWCC), Statutory Declaration, NDIS Worker Screening Check paid check, Current Year Seasonal Influenza Vaccine and Infection Control Training (NHHI).

You will need to be over the age of 18 to enrol in this course to complete the work placement/practical component. Evidence of current immunisation status within one month of starting this course.

Note: Placement providers reserve the right to refuse you for placement based on the results of the above-mentioned declarations.

FURTHER STUDY

Further your career in healthcare with the Diploma of Nursing (HLT54121).

CERTIFICATE III IN INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT (DISABILITY) CHC33021

Bendigo City | Full-time: 7 months

FREE TAFE COURSE

Tuition is free. Other fees and charges, including materials and consumables may apply. Eligibility criteria applies. Find out more on page 6.

ABOUT THE COURSE

Get qualified to work in a disability support service, with a diverse group of clients in their homes. Our friendly and experienced teachers will equip you with the skills to help maintain client's personal care, health and wellbeing. Placement is a mandatory part of the course (120 hours) and this is organised by Bendigo TAFE.

PREREQUISITES

Satisfactory language, literacy and numeracy skills to undertake this course; A Working with Children Check (WWCC), NDIS Worker Screening Check paid check, NDIS Worker Orientation Module 'Quality, Safety and You' and a resume. You will need to be over the age of 18 to enrol in this course and complete the work placement/practical component.

Covid vaccinations are not mandatory for this course, however it is subject to the host organisation requirements.

Note: Placement providers reserve the right to refuse you for placement based on the results of the above-mentioned declarations.

FURTHER STUDY

Further your career in healthcare with the Diploma of Nursing (HLT54121).

PATHOLOGY COLLECTION NURSING MENTAL HEALTH

CERTIFICATE III IN PATHOLOGY COLLECTION HLT37215

Bendigo City | Full-time: 6 months

ABOUT THE COURSE

This qualification reflects the role of pathology collectors. You will learn the technical skills and be trained to follow routine procedures, use discretion and judgement in different situations and work under general supervision. Placement is a mandatory part of the course (35 hours) and this is organised by Bendigo TAFE.

PREREQUISITES

Satisfactory level of numeracy and literacy. You must be over the age of 18 to undertake this course. Please note: this course includes blood collection and students are required to provide evidence of immunity against hepatitis B. Vaccinations must commence once you have been accepted into the course. Within one month of commencing the course applicants must obtain: Current National Police Check (sighting no disclosable outcomes). Volunteer (or full) Working with Children Check (WWCC), Current Year Seasonal Influenza Vaccine. Completed Immunisation Form documenting evidence of immunity against Hepatitis B per the publication *Vaccination for healthcare workers* published by the Victorian Department of Health. Infection Control Training (NHHI).

FURTHER STUDY

Students who have completed this course can undertake the Certificate IV in Laboratory Techniques (MSL40122) or the Diploma of Nursing (HLT54121).



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DIPLOMA OF NURSING HLT54121

Bendigo City | Full-time: 2 years

Part-time: 2.5 years

FREE TAFE COURSE

Tuition is free. Other fees and charges, including materials and consumables may apply. Eligibility criteria applies. Find out more on page 6.

ABOUT THE COURSE

As an Enrolled Nurse you will work under the direction and supervision of a Registered Nurse to assist in the provision of preventive, curative and rehabilitative nursing care in hospitals, aged-care facilities, the community and other health care settings. Placement is a mandatory part of the course (440 hours) and this is organised by Bendigo TAFE and may be in Metropolitan Melbourne or Regional Victoria.

PREREQUISITES

The following are the prerequisites for this course:

- Be 18 years (within 2 weeks of course commencement) or older
- Have successful completion of Year 12 or equivalent or hold a current Certificate III or higher
- Mature-age applicants (22+) without Year 12 who meet the Language, literacy and numeracy (LLN) requirements will be considered
- Undertake a BKSB Assessment AND achieve the following results:
 - o Literacy (Exit Level 3 - working towards Level 4) or above,
 - o Numeracy (Exit Level 3 - working towards Level 4) or above and
 - o English Writing Skills (Exit Level 3 - working towards Level 4) or above.
- Meet the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia - English language skills requirement. It is important that you are able to meet these standards.
- Interview with Program Lead may be required
- Enrol in learning support as needed
- Meet the inherent requirements - physical, cognitive, emotional and interpersonal
- Meet the digital and technical skills

CERTIFICATE IV IN MENTAL HEALTH CHC43315

Workplace: 18 months

FREE TAFE COURSE

Tuition is free. Other fees and charges, including materials and consumables may apply. Eligibility criteria applies. Find out more on page 6.

ABOUT THE COURSE

This course is designed for individuals who are responsible for providing care and support to individuals with mental illness and psychiatric disabilities. This qualification will teach you how to provide psychological care for clients. You will learn the skills and knowledge you need to meet their needs and help them maintain their well-being.

Workers in this role implement community-based programs and activities that focus on mental health, mental illness, and psychiatric disability.

PREREQUISITES

All applicants for this course will complete an assessment to evaluate their language, literacy and numeracy (LLN) skills. A Working with Children Check (WWCC), NDIS Worker Screening Check paid check, and a resume.

Covid vaccinations are not mandatory for this course, however it is subject to the host organisation requirements.

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YOUTH SERVICES
ALCOHOL & OTHER DRUGS
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DIPLOMA OF YOUTH WORK

CHC50421

Bendigo City | Full-time: 18 months

FREE TAFE COURSE

Tuition is free. Other fees and charges, including materials and consumables may apply. Eligibility criteria applies. Find out more on page 6.

ABOUT THE COURSE

This qualification reflects the role of people who work in youth work and operate under a broad supervision framework. They work within clearly defined organisational guidelines, with responsibility for the development and the outcomes of programs and services for young people that are managed and designed to meet the social, behavioural, health, wellbeing, developmental and protection needs of young people. This work may be undertaken through employment in community, government and other agencies.

PREREQUISITES

All applicants for this course will complete an assessment to evaluate their language, literacy and numeracy (LLN) skills, or are mature age and have sufficient work experience to successfully undertake the course.

COURSE IN IDENTIFYING AND RESPONDING TO FAMILY VIOLENCE RISK [22660VIC]

Bendigo City | Part-time: 3 months

ABOUT THE COURSE

This course is designed to further develop the skills of workers in universal roles within the community who may encounter family violence through their work. This course provides foundational understanding of family violence and risk. Students may opt to undertake further levels of specialisation in family violence risk assessment and management through additional study and professional development.

PREREQUISITES

All applicants for this course will complete an assessment to evaluate their language, literacy and numeracy (LLN) skills. Must attend an interview. Generally students undertaking this course are working in roles where they may encounter family violence throughout the course of their work, though it is not their core role or specialisation.

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CERTIFICATE IV IN ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS CHC43215

Bendigo City | Full-time: 12 months

FREE TAFE COURSE

Tuition is free. Other fees and charges, including materials and consumables may apply. Eligibility criteria applies. Find out more on page 6.

ABOUT THE COURSE

This qualification reflects the role of workers within an alcohol and other drug setting who deliver person-centered services to individuals and/or groups. Workers may provide support, advocacy or interventions to individual clients, groups or communities across a range of services.

PREREQUISITES

All applicants for this course will complete an assessment to evaluate their language, literacy and numeracy (LLN) skills. Applications from mature-aged students with work experience in a related field are encouraged.

ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUGS SKILL SET CHCS500093

Bendigo City | Part-time: 16 weeks

ABOUT THE COURSE

This skill set reflects the skill requirements for support workers providing services to clients with alcohol and other drugs issues. This skill set is for workers with existing experience or qualifications in direct client care roles seeking to broaden their skills.

PREREQUISITES

This skill set has been endorsed by industry as suitable for individuals who:

- Hold a qualification at Certificate III level or higher in Community Services, Health or related field or
- Have skills equivalent to the qualification requirement validated through a recognition of prior learning process or
- Have substantial industry experience, on the job training and development along with supervisor assessment of capacity
- All applicants for this course will complete an assessment to evaluate their Language, literacy and numeracy (LLN) skills and must attend an interview

DIPLOMA OF JUSTICE 22594VIC

Bendigo City | Full-time: 1 year
Part-time: 18 months

ABOUT THE COURSE

This course will train you for work within the justice industry. This includes justice careers in the state or federal police forces, customs service, sheriff's department, local government, correctional services, courts, youth justice, community corrections and various non-government organisations.

PREREQUISITES

You need to have completed VCE (or equivalent) or be of mature age and have sufficient work experience. You also need to have a high level of language, literacy and numeracy skills following completion of a Language, literacy and numeracy (LLN) assessment.

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SCHOOL BASED EDUCATION SUPPORT

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION & CARE



CERTIFICATE III IN SCHOOL BASED EDUCATION SUPPORT

CHC30221

Bendigo City | Full-time: 9 months
Workplace I Traineeship: 12-18 months

FREE TAFE COURSE

Tuition is free. Other fees and charges, including materials and consumables may apply. Eligibility criteria applies. Find out more on page 6.

ABOUT THE COURSE

Start working as an education support worker in primary and secondary schools, specialist schools and community education environments. As part of this course, you will be required to complete a work placement component of 100 hours in a school setting during your studies organised by Bendigo TAFE.

PREREQUISITES

You will need to have satisfactory literacy and numeracy levels; A current Working with Children Check (WWCC) and a National Police Check prior to the commencement of placement.

FURTHER STUDY

You can further your study with a Certificate IV in School Based Education Support (CHC40221).

CERTIFICATE IV IN SCHOOL BASED EDUCATION SUPPORT

CHC40221

Bendigo City | Full-time: 1 year
Workplace I Traineeship: 12-18 months

FREE TAFE COURSE

Tuition is free. Other fees and charges, including materials and consumables may apply. Eligibility criteria applies. Find out more on page 6.

ABOUT THE COURSE

This course reflects the role of workers who assist teachers and support student learning in a range of classroom settings under the guidance of a teacher or other educational professional. In these roles, the education support worker sources and analyses information from diverse sources, may work with limited direct supervision and could provide guidance to other workers.

PREREQUISITES

You will need to have satisfactory literacy and numeracy levels, have a current Working with Children Check (WWCC) and a National Police Check prior to the commencement of placement.

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CERTIFICATE III IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE

CHC30121

Bendigo City | Full-time: 1 year
Workplace I Traineeship: 12-18 months

FREE TAFE COURSE

Tuition is free. Other fees and charges, including materials and consumables may apply. Eligibility criteria applies. Find out more on page 6.

ABOUT THE COURSE

Work while you get qualified in an early childhood service. We will provide you with the skills and knowledge to best enhance and enrich the growth, learning and development of children.

Placement is a mandatory part of the course (160 hours) and this is organised by Bendigo TAFE.

PREREQUISITES

Applicants must be able to demonstrate appropriate language, literacy and numeracy skills. A current Working with Children Check (WWCC) and a National Police Check prior to the commencement of placement.

FURTHER STUDY

Students who have completed this course can undertake the Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care (CHC50125)

Note: If you are enrolling in this course as a Traineeship, you must have employment in the relevant industry before commencing the course.

DIPLOMA OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE

CHC50125

Bendigo City | Full-time: 1 year
Workplace I Traineeship: 12-18 months

FREE TAFE COURSE

Tuition is free. Other fees and charges, including materials and consumables may apply. Eligibility criteria applies. Find out more on page 6.

ABOUT THE COURSE

Work and get qualified in early childhood education and care and be responsible for educating children and families, developing curriculum, supervising staff and volunteers. Placement is a mandatory part of the course (280 hours) and this is organised by Bendigo TAFE.

PREREQUISITES

Applicants must be able to demonstrate appropriate language, literacy and numeracy skills. A current Working with Children Check (WWCC) and a National Police Check prior to the commencement of placement.

Entry to this qualification is open to individuals who hold:

- CHC30121 Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care

OR

- CHC30113 Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care.

Alternatively, individuals may hold:

- An Australian Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care

OR

- An Australian Diploma or Certificate III in Children's Services.

AND

- Demonstrate at least 12 months of cumulative employment (full-time equivalent) within the last 5 years in a regulated education and care service in Australia, supported by verifiable evidence.

OR

- Hold the CHCSS00147 entry into Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care.

Note: If you are enrolling in this course as a Traineeship, you must have employment in the relevant industry before commencing the course.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES DISABILITY

CERTIFICATE IV IN COMMUNITY SERVICES CHC42021

Bendigo City | Full-time: 9 months

FREE TAFE COURSE

Tuition is free. Other fees and charges, including materials and consumables may apply. Eligibility criteria applies. Find out more on page 6.

ABOUT THE COURSE

The qualification reflects the role of community service workers who design and deliver person-centred services. Workers may provide support, advocacy or interventions to individual clients, groups or communities across a range of services. Roles may include residential youth worker, case support worker, community services worker or community support worker.

PREREQUISITES

You will be assessed to ensure that you have proficient oral and written communication levels, as well as satisfactory literacy and numeracy levels.

FURTHER STUDY

Students who have completed this course can undertake the Diploma of Community Services (CHC52025).



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DIPLOMA OF COMMUNITY SERVICES CHC52025

Bendigo City | Full-time: 21 months

FREE TAFE COURSE

Tuition is free. Other fees and charges, including materials and consumables may apply. Eligibility criteria applies. Find out more on page 6.

ABOUT THE COURSE

Learn counselling skills, group work skills, human rights, cultural inclusion and strategies for effective service delivery, all skills you will need to start working in individual and family case work and group work. Work placement is a compulsory part of this course. This course is also CAW (Community Work Australia) Accredited, which requires the completion of practical placement within a Community Service setting. Placement is a mandatory part of the course (400 hours) and this is organised by Bendigo TAFE.

PREREQUISITES

You need to have completed VCE or an approved equivalent course and the satisfactory completion of the work requirements (eligibility to transfer) or are mature age and have sufficient work experience to successfully undertake the course. (Mature age is anyone over the age of 18 who has been out of full-time education for more than 12 months). You need to have a high level of language, literacy and numeracy skills following completion of a Language, literacy and numeracy (LLN) assessment. A current Working with Children Check (WWCC), a Satisfactory National Police Check and a resume.

CERTIFICATE IV IN DISABILITY

CHC43121

Bendigo City | Traineeship: 1 year
Work-based: 6.5 months

FREE TAFE COURSE

Tuition is free. Other fees and charges, including materials and consumables may apply. Eligibility criteria applies. Find out more on page 6.

ABOUT THE COURSE

This qualification prepares you to support people with disabilities in homes and community settings, empowering them to achieve independence, self-reliance and wellbeing. You'll apply a person-centred approach, work to individualised plans and operate with minimal supervision. Roles may also include supervising or coordinating a small team.

PREREQUISITES

You must have the following:

Completion of: CHC33021 Certificate III in Individual Support (Disability)

OR

Completion of: CHC33015 Certificate III in Individual Support (Disability)

OR

Completion of: CHC30408 Certificate III in Disability PLUS the CHCSS00125 Entry to Certificate IV in Disability Support Skill Set.

- Be 18 years or older
- Complete a pre-training review interview and LLN assessment (ACSF Level 4 in Literacy and 4 Numeracy)
- Have access to a laptop/computer and internet

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DENTAL ASSISTING

CERTIFICATE III IN DENTAL ASSISTING HLT35021

Workplace | Traineeship | Full-time: 1 year
Part-time: 2 years

FREE TAFE COURSE

Tuition is free. Other fees and charges, including materials and consumables may apply. Eligibility criteria applies. Find out more on page 6.

ABOUT THE COURSE

This qualification provides the knowledge and skills needed to assist a Dentist, Dental Hygienist or Dental Therapist during all dental care procedures. Delivery combines work experience and supported self-paced to competently and safely assist the dental professional during oral health care procedures.

PREREQUISITES

You must be employed in a dental practice for a minimum of 15 hours per week. Have satisfactory literacy and numeracy levels.

FURTHER STUDY

You can further your study with a Certificate IV in Dental Assisting (HLT45021).



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CERTIFICATE IV IN DENTAL ASSISTING HLT45021

Workplace | Full-time: 1 year | Part-time: 2 years

FREE TAFE COURSE

Tuition is free. Other fees and charges, including materials and consumables may apply. Eligibility criteria applies. Find out more on page 6.

ABOUT THE COURSE

This qualification provides the knowledge and skills needed to provide an advanced level of assistance to a Dentist, Dental Hygienist, Dental Prosthetist or Oral Health Therapist, which contributes to the quality of oral health care. Delivery combines work experience and structured training to competently and safely assist the dental professional during oral health care procedures.

PREREQUISITES

You should be experienced at working in a dental practice for a minimum of 12 months. In your role, you should be: Mentoring and inducting new employees; Implementing and monitoring infection control and Work Health and Safety (WHS) policies and procedures; Monitoring compliance for WHS and infection control; Conducting workplace risk assessments. Have satisfactory literacy and numeracy levels.

Students need to have successfully completed Certificate III in Dental Assisting (HLT31812), Certificate III in Dental Assisting (HLT35015) or in Certificate III in Dental Assisting (HLT35021) before starting this course.

CERTIFICATE IV IN DENTAL ASSISTING (DENTAL RADIOGRAPHY) HLT45021

Workplace | Traineeship | Full-time: 1 year
Part-time: 2 years

FREE TAFE COURSE

Tuition is free. Other fees and charges, including materials and consumables may apply. Eligibility criteria applies. Find out more on page 6.

ABOUT THE COURSE

This qualification provides the knowledge and skills needed to provide an advanced level of assistance to a Dentist, Dental Hygienist, Dental Prosthetist or Oral Health Therapist, which contributes to the quality of oral health care. Delivery combines work experience and structured training to competently and safely assist the dental professional during oral health care procedures.

Radiography specialisation will enable the dental assistant to apply to the Department of Health (Victoria) for a licence to take both intra-oral and extra-oral radiographs under request from a licensed Dental Practitioner.

PREREQUISITES

You should be experienced at working in a dental practice for a minimum of 12 months. In your role, you should be: Mentoring and inducting new employees; Implementing and monitoring infection control and Work Health and Safety (WHS) policies and procedures; Monitoring compliance for WHS and infection control; Conducting workplace risk assessments. Have satisfactory literacy and numeracy levels.

Students need to have successfully completed: Certificate III in Dental Assisting (HLT31812), Certificate III in Dental Assisting (HLT35015) or in Certificate III in Dental Assisting (HLT35021) before starting this course.

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Our strong partnerships with schools, service providers and the Indigenous community across Victoria provide a wide range of education options for young people. We provide a safe and nurturing environment that delivers a variety of education programs designed as an alternative to complement the traditional education framework. Our courses provide the opportunity to complete a high school certificate in a supportive adult learning environment forming strong pathways.

We also work closely with schools to offer VET programs and deliver a large range of courses in a variety of industries. From VET Delivered to Secondary School Students, apprenticeships and certificates, through to advanced diplomas we are able to work with schools and students alike to find their right fit.

We also offer adult literacy and basic education courses to improve reading and writing skills. Providing you with extra help in a safe learning environment to improve your English skills. Our range of teaching courses includes Teaching English (TESOL) and Training and Assessment to enable you to transfer your knowledge, skills and experience to enter the world of teaching.

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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Designed for people learning English as a second language.

- Study further in a course of your interest

Courses to get you there:

- Course in Initial EAL (22636VIC)
- Course in EAL (22637VIC)
- Certificate I in EAL Access (22638VIC)
- Certificate II in EAL Access (22639VIC)
- Certificate III in EAL Access (22640VIC)

TRAINING & ASSESSMENT

Career opportunities:

- Enterprise Trainer
- Enterprise Assessor
- Registered Training Organisation (RTO) Trainer
- RTO Assessor
- Training Advisor or Training Needs Analyst
- Vocational Education Teacher (VET)
- Development and Learning Officer
- Officer for Human Resources Specialising in Trainers

Course to get you there:

- Certificate IV in Training and Assessment (TAE40122)

WORK EDUCATION

Courses designed for people with mild intellectual disability or permanent cognitive impairment.

Career opportunities:

- Labourer
- Administration Assistant
- Sales
- Kitchen Hand
- Office Administrator
- Store Clerk
- Gardening Assistant

Courses to get you there:

- Course in Initial Adult Literacy and Numeracy (22693VIC)
- Certificate I in Initial Adult Literacy and Numeracy (22694VIC)
- Certificate I in Transition Education (22705VIC)
- Certificate I in Work Education (22706VIC)
- Certificate II in Work Education (22631VIC)

VICTORIAN PATHWAYS CERTIFICATE [VPC0000001] & VICTORIAN CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION VOCATIONAL MAJOR [VCE VM] [VCE0000001]

These courses will enable students to complete their year 11 and 12 high school certificate developing vocational and applied learning skills for further studies and career opportunities.

Career opportunities:

- Our courses will develop skills and knowledge in literacy, numeracy, personal and work related skills allowing you to make informed choices and become eligible for pathways into further studies and employment in a variety of industries.
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ENGLISH LANGUAGE

COURSE IN INITIAL EAL 22636VIC

Bendigo City | Full-time: 6 months

ABOUT THE COURSE

This course is designed for pre-literate students many of whom arrive in Australia with severely interrupted education and little or no previous education or learning experiences. These pre-arrival experiences may influence their ability to settle in Australia and apply the skills required to learn a new language.

The course is intended to provide participants with the following educational outcomes:

- Basic decoding and encoding skills
- Handwriting skills such as copying and hand-eye coordination
- Recognition of common high-frequency function words and nouns
- Conventions of an Australian classroom such as punctuality and attendance.

PREREQUISITES

You must attend an assessment to make sure your English proficiency level is sufficient for this level.

FURTHER STUDY

Course in EAL (22637VIC).

COURSE IN EAL 22637VIC

Bendigo City | Full-time: 6 months | Part-time: 1 year

ABOUT THE COURSE

This course is designed for EAL participants who have little prior educational experience or whose circumstances have resulted in disrupted education and who need to develop initial level basic English speaking, listening, reading and writing, numeracy and learning skills prior to accessing further English language education and possible employment.

The course is intended to provide participants with the following education outcomes:

- Extremely familiar vocabulary for immediate needs
- Extremely simple grammatical structures (spoken and written)
- Written representations of sounds and words
- Numbers, time and dates related to time and location.

PREREQUISITES

Course in Initial EAL (22636VIC), or must attend an assessment to make sure your English proficiency level is sufficient for this level.

FURTHER STUDY

Certificate I in EAL Access (22638VIC).



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CERTIFICATE I IN EAL ACCESS

22638VIC

Bendigo City | Full-time: 6 months | Part-time: 1 year

ABOUT THE COURSE

This course focuses on the development of English language speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. The purpose of this qualification is preparation for participation in further English language study or vocational training which may include English language support or employment.

The course is intended to provide participants with the following education outcomes:

- Features and conventions of short and simple written and spoken texts
- Simple writing conventions for example in short and simple messages and forms
- Simple text and grammatical structures.

PREREQUISITES

Course in EAL (22637VIC), or

must attend an assessment to make sure your English proficiency level is sufficient for this level.

FURTHER STUDY

Certificate II in EAL Access (22639VIC).

CERTIFICATE III IN EAL ACCESS

22640VIC

Bendigo City | Full-time: 6 months | Part-time: 1 year

ABOUT THE COURSE

This course focuses on the consolidation of English language speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. The course is intended to provide participants with the following education outcomes:

- Responding to straightforward texts in different genres including informational, transactional and narrative texts
- Applying conventions and format to write straightforward texts
- Using straightforward text and grammatical structures

PREREQUISITES

Certificate II in EAL Access (22639VIC), or must attend an assessment to make sure your English proficiency level is sufficient for this level.

FURTHER STUDY

Students completing this course have further study opportunities in apprenticeships, traineeships, higher education, and training or directly into employment.

CERTIFICATE II IN EAL ACCESS

22639VIC

Bendigo City | Full-time: 6 months | Part-time: 1 year

ABOUT THE COURSE

This course focuses on the development of simple English language speaking, listening, reading and writing skills for everyday communication and community participation. The course is intended to provide participants with the following education outcomes:

- Responding to simple texts in different genres such as information and instructions
- Conventions of writing simple texts
- Features and conventions of simple written texts and conversations
- Simple text and grammatical structures
- Simple vocabulary for different contexts.

PREREQUISITES

Certificate I in EAL (22638VIC), or must attend an assessment to make sure your English proficiency level is sufficient for this level.

FURTHER STUDY

Certificate III in EAL Access (22640VIC).

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TRAINING & ASSESSMENT WORK EDUCATION



CERTIFICATE IV IN TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT TAE40122

Bendigo City | Echuca | Face-to-face | Online
Part-time: 9 months

FREE TAFE COURSE

Tuition is free. Other fees and charges, including materials and consumables may apply. Eligibility criteria applies. Find out more on page 6.

ABOUT THE COURSE

This is the qualification required by trainers and assessors to train and assess nationally recognised qualifications in the vocational education and training (VET) sector which includes TAFE or private registered training organisations (RTOs). It represents a great option if you are currently employed in a role that involves training others, are looking for a career change or upgrade your training and assessment qualifications.

PREREQUISITES

Those entering this qualification must be able to demonstrate vocational competence in their proposed training and assessing area. Vocational competence is defined as broad industry knowledge and experience, and may include, but is not limited to, holding a relevant unit of competency or qualification. Potential students are asked to attend a 'TAE Information Session'. All students undertake a Pre Training Review to ensure the Certificate IV Training and Assessment (TAE40122) course is suitable and appropriate for them; students are given feedback on that review prior to enrolment.

COURSE IN INITIAL ADULT LITERACY AND NUMERACY

22693VIC

Bendigo City | Part-time: 2 years

ABOUT THE COURSE

The Course in Initial Adult Literacy and Numeracy (22693VIC) is intended to support development of the literacy and numeracy skills of learners with intellectual disabilities.

FURTHER STUDY

Students completing this course can apply for and undertake the Certificate I in Initial Adult Literacy and Numeracy (22694VIC).

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CERTIFICATE I IN INITIAL ADULT LITERACY AND NUMERACY

22694VIC

Bendigo City | Part-time: 2 year

ABOUT THE COURSE

This course is designed to develop the literacy and numeracy skills of learners with intellectual disabilities. The program is delivered one day a week over two years and is for any student who requires the development of basic literacy and numeracy skills. It focuses on addition, subtraction, weighing, measuring, money and basic literacy.

FURTHER STUDY

Students completing this course can apply for and undertake the Certificate I in Work Education (22706VIC) or the Certificate I in Transition Education (22705VIC).

CERTIFICATE I IN TRANSITION EDUCATION

22705VIC

Bendigo City | Full-time: 1 year | Part-time: 3 years

ABOUT THE COURSE

This course is intended to support learners with permanent intellectual disabilities to develop the skills to find the most appropriate option for them in the community after leaving school. The program is delivered over 3 days a week over two years. You will also get the opportunity to work on producing and acting in your very own short film to be screened at our short film festival. We encourage you to apply whether you've just left school or are a mature aged student.

PREREQUISITES

You will be successful as long as you are motivated and able to study independently in an adult learning environment.

FURTHER STUDY

Certificate I in Work Education (22706VIC).

CERTIFICATE I IN WORK EDUCATION

22706VIC

Bendigo City | Full-time: 2 years | Part-time: 2 years

ABOUT THE COURSE

This entry-level course has been designed specifically for people who have a mild intellectual/learning disability. This course will give you the practical skills required to work in the retail, logistics, warehousing, event management, customer service, graphic arts, healthcare, hospitality and administration industries. You will practice in our specialised training facilities, such as our Building and Construction workshops at our Charleston Rd campus where you will learn a variety of skills such as woodworking, painting and Occupational Health and Safety.

PREREQUISITES

You will be successful if you are motivated to work and meet levels of independence required to study in an adult learning environment.

CERTIFICATE II IN WORK EDUCATION

22631VIC

Bendigo City | Part-time: 1 year

ABOUT THE COURSE

This course combines work placement with practical skills to support your classroom learning. You'll build a resume, learn how to find and apply for jobs and develop interview skills. You'll also gain an understanding of workplace expectations, health and safety and teamwork to strengthen your employability, literacy and numeracy skills.

PREREQUISITES

This course is a progression from the Certificate I in Work Education (22706VIC) and is designed for students with mild intellectual disabilities or permanent cognitive impairment to help prepare them for employment.

VPC VCE VM

VICTORIAN PATHWAYS CERTIFICATE (VPC) VPC0000001

Bendigo City | Echuca | Castlemaine
Full-time: 1 year

ABOUT THE COURSE

The VPC course provides you with practical, hands-on options and VET units. This program is designed for students who, for a range of reasons, may not feel ready or are able to complete VCE or VCE VM at this time. Your progress is supported and assessed through classroom activities and practical learning, allowing you to demonstrate your understanding in ways that feel manageable and meaningful. It aims to prepare students to transition successfully into the VCE Vocational Major, further study in apprenticeships, traineeships, higher education, and training or directly into employment. This course will support students to develop both academic and practical skills. It employs a more diverse range of assessment strategies rather than exams, alleviating some of the pressure that students face.

VICTORIAN CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION VOCATIONAL MAJOR (VCE VM) VCE0000001

Bendigo City | Echuca
Full-time: 2 years
Units 1 and 2 are completed in year 1
Units 3 and 4 are completed in year 2

ABOUT THE COURSE

We provide practical learning experiences and are inclusive to all kinds of learners. Our teachers and staff care about individual learning needs. We understand everyone learns differently and at their own pace. The VCE Vocational Major course provides you with a practical, hands-on option in Years 11 and 12. The course is a 2-year vocational and applied learning program within the VCE. The skills learned will prepare students to transition successfully into apprenticeships, traineeships, further education and training, university, or directly into employment. The course will support students in developing both academic and practical skills. It employs a more diverse range of assessment strategies rather than exams, alleviating some of the pressure students face when considering VCE options.



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VCE VM FOR YOUNG PARENTS

VCE0000001

Bendigo City | 4 days per week over a 2 year period
Adult entry available provided conditions are met

ABOUT THE COURSE

The new VCE VM Young Parents course includes literacy, numeracy, personal development skills and work-related skills in a practical hands-on course. Students enjoy a friendly, relaxed and inclusive environment to learn in. The course is designed to stimulate the parent and child with wellbeing for all, the focus of our approach. This course allows young parents of all genders to return to study with their children by their side. A care provider is on hand to assist with children's activities and fun, allowing the students to engage in classes. All childcare and needs remain the responsibility of the parent.

PREREQUISITES

Applicants must be aged 16 years and above.



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INDIGENOUS EDUCATION



The Djjimbayang Indigenous Engagement Centre at our Bendigo City campus is an innovative environment that fosters and promotes Indigenous learning, while supporting Indigenous students undertaking study and training in a wide array of courses across Bendigo TAFE campuses.

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PATHWAYS TO YOUR CAREER

INDIGENOUS EDUCATION

Career opportunities

- Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander Community Arts Workshop Assistant
- Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander Ceramics Studio Assistant

Course to get you there:

- Certificate II in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Cultural Arts (CUA20420)

Career opportunities

- Vocational arts practice
- Indigenous art worker
- Artist
- Further visual art tertiary study

Course to get you there:

- Certificate III in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Cultural Arts (CUA30525)

CERTIFICATE II IN ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CULTURAL ARTS

CUA20420

Bendigo City | Echuca | Part-time: 2 years

ABOUT THIS COURSE

This qualification reflects the role of individuals who are developing the basic creative and technical skills that underpin visual arts and craft practice in an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural arts context.

PREREQUISITES

Prospective students are expected to have an interest in and commitment to Indigenous Art practices and will be required to undertake an interview.

FURTHER STUDY

Certificate III in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Cultural Arts (CUA30525).

CERTIFICATE III IN ABORIGINAL AND/OR TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CULTURAL ARTS

CUA30525

Bendigo City | Echuca | Part-time: 2-3 years

ABOUT THIS COURSE

This qualification reflects the role of individuals who are developing a range of art and craft skills in an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural arts context and who take responsibility for own outputs in work and learning. Practice at this level is underpinned by the application of introductory art theory and cultural history.

PREREQUISITES

Prospective students are expected to have an interest in and commitment to Indigenous Art practices and will be required to undertake an interview.

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Campuses

Bendigo City campus
154 Hargreaves Street

Bendigo, Charleston Road campus
62-104 Charleston Road

Echuca campus
Corner of Hare and Darling Streets

Castlemaine campuses

- Castlemaine Community Health and Learning Hub: 142 Cornish Street
- The Mill: 1/9 Walker Street

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We have services that provide the support you need.

Student Support
bendigotafe.edu.au/student-support

Skills & Jobs Centre
bendigotafe.edu.au/skills-and-jobs

Employment Centre
bendigotafe.edu.au/employment-centre

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