

JCU Prep Your fee-free pathway to university

Course details

LOCATION: Online, Cairns, Townsville

COMMENCING: January, May, September

DURATION: 3–12 months full-time or part-time equivalent. Duration dependent on student's individual circumstances and study plan.

PREREQUISITES: None

FEES: No course fees

What to expect

JCU Prep is a flexible pathway program that enables you to gain the skills and knowledge you need to enter your preferred course of undergraduate study at JCU. Designed around the individual, you will receive a personalised study plan and only take the subjects you need.

Led by the JCU Pathways team, you will benefit from a supportive framework as you develop key academic skills and build the foundational knowledge required to meet subject prerequisites. Successful completion can lead to direct entry into many JCU undergraduate degrees.*

WHO IS JCU PREP FOR?

Those who are returning to study or making a career change.

- Recent school leavers who need to meet ATAR or subject requirements (English, Maths, or Science) for entry into a JCU Bachelor's degree.
- Those who have completed a TAFE/VET qualification and need to meet subject prerequisites.
- Those who wish to build their knowledge, confidence, and study skills before commencing an undergraduate degree.
- Anyone who would like to get a taste of university before committing to a degree.

*For students wishing to apply to the Bachelor of Dental Surgery; Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery; Bachelor of Physiotherapy; or Bachelor of Veterinary Science (Honours),



JCU Prep can only be used to fulfil subject prerequisites, not ATAR entry requirements.

What can I study?

The choice of subject(s) you enrol in will be dependent on your individual circumstances. Subjects available in JCU Prep:

- Introduction to Academic Learning
- Developing Academic Skills
- Mathematics A1
- Essential Maths
- Preparatory Maths
- Essential Science
- Preparatory Chemistry
- Learning in a Digital Environment
- Cultural Intelligence for Professionals.

Career opportunities

JCU Prep is an enabling course designed to equip you for success in a variety of bachelor's degrees.

When you graduate with a JCU Bachelor's degree, you'll enter the workforce with targeted knowledge and skills designed to align with current employer demands. JCU graduates excel in roles within government, private and not-for-profit organisations, and embrace the diverse challenges associated with careers in rural and remote communities, major metropolitan areas and overseas markets.

The JCU Careers and Employability team can provide you with resume and application support, interview coaching and a Career Ready Plan while you are still studying. Benefit from subjects, services and industry connections designed to ensure that your JCU studies prepare you for a range of exciting career opportunities.

How to apply

Applications for JCU Prep can be submitted directly to JCU rather than through QTAC, whether you have an ATAR score or not.

USING THE JCU APPLICATION PORTAL

To apply for the JCU Prep course, you may need to prepare supporting documentation. If you were not born in Australia, you will need to provide your citizenship documents (e.g. passport, visa, citizenship certificate). If you have previously studied at JCU and have since changed your name, you will need to provide change of name documents.

Once your documents are ready, open the JCU Application Portal and follow the prompts to complete your application.

UPON YOUR APPLICATION

Once you have submitted your application, you will automatically receive an offer for entry to JCU Prep as well as a conditional offer for your chosen Bachelor's degree via email.

You can accept your offer using the JCU App. You can also reach out to Pathways Student Advisors for assistance with accepting your offer and subject selections.

Note: Check the JCU application due dates to ensure you meet the deadline for your chosen trimester.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

JCU Prep is available to Australian citizens (students must be turning 18 in the first year of study) or permanent residents. No previous qualifications are required to enrol.



"JCU Prep has definitely prepped me for my bachelor's and it's made me a lot more confident."

Hayden Moore

For further information

If you have questions about JCU Prep, your circumstances, and how JCU Prep can help you realise your career goals, our friendly Future Student Advisors are available Monday - Friday, 8 am - 5 pm (AEST) to provide you with individual study advice.

Call: 1800 246 446 within Australia.

Email: study@jcu.edu.au

Enquiry form: Submit a study enquiry via our **webform** and we'll get back to you.

jcu.edu.au/courses/jcu-prep

