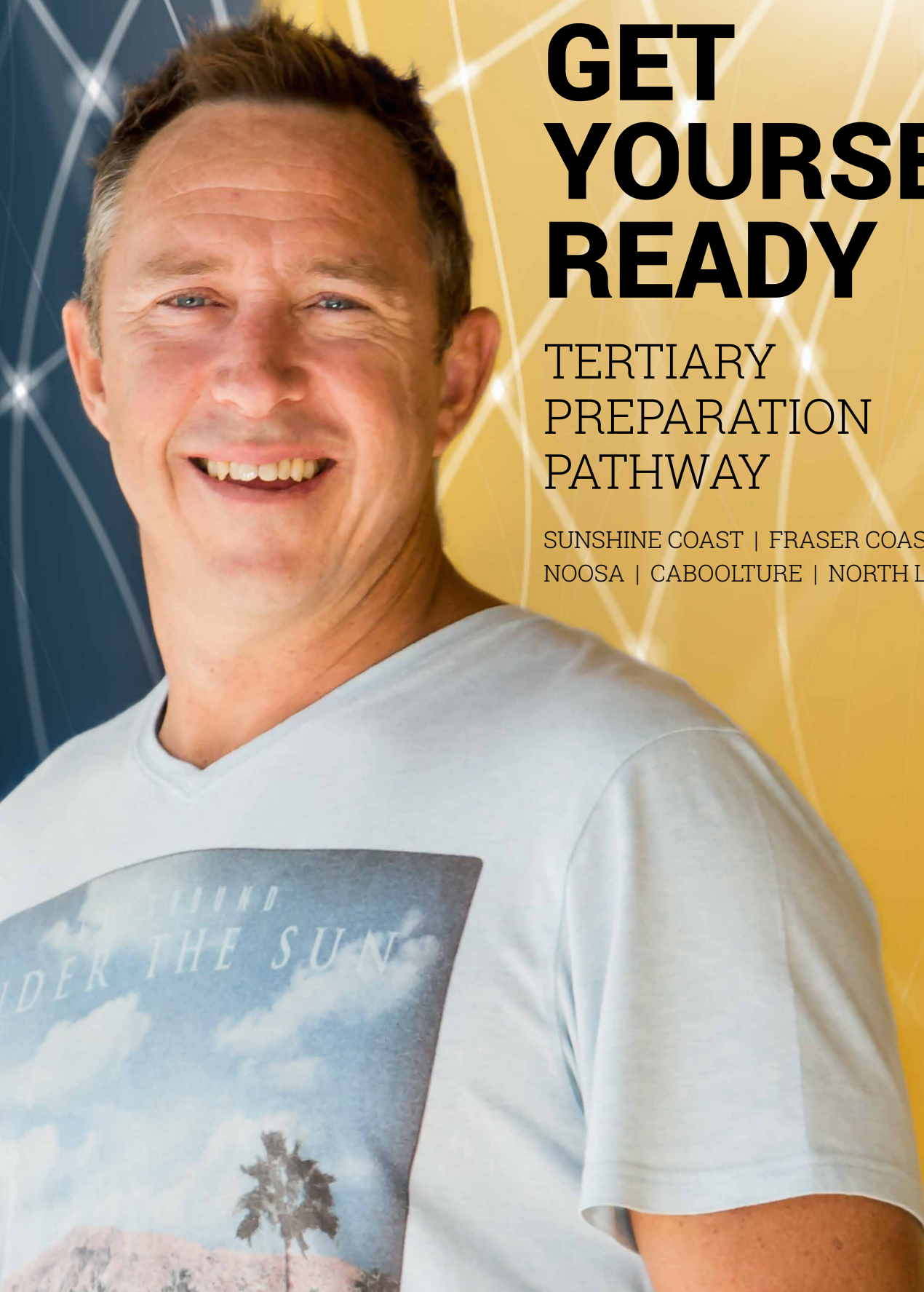


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Tertiary Preparation Pathway

If you're ready for university but not quite ready to launch into a degree, TPP is your perfect pathway. Whether you need to brush up on academic skills first, improve your eligibility for admission requirements or just want a taste of university life, a fee-free* TPP course can help you rise, and shine.



The Tertiary Preparation Pathway (TPP) helps to prepare you for your undergraduate degree – you can study up to four courses to gain the skills and knowledge to succeed in your university studies. On completion of the TPP program (four courses) you gain entry into most USC programs through direct application. If you already meet the admission requirements for your preferred degree, you can still do TPP – although you may choose only one or two courses to bring your study skills up to date.

Money matters

Because the TPP program is supported by the Federal government, TPP courses are free-of-charge to domestic students, ie Australian and New Zealand citizens and Australian permanent residents and permanent humanitarian visa holders. Domestic students who study three or four courses in one semester (full-time) may also be eligible for income support payments from Centrelink, eg Youth Allowance, Austudy, ABSTUDY.

*Please note that tuition fees apply for international students. Further information can be found at www.usc.edu.au/feesandcosts

Flexible study options

TPP courses are offered in Semesters 1 and 2 and Session 8 (Summer Session) and you can study full-time (four courses over one semester) or part-time. You can study TPP at Sippy Downs, Noosa, Gympie, Caboolture, North Lakes and Fraser Coast. All courses are offered at Sippy Downs, with various courses available at the other locations. Timetable information for each location is published online at www.usc.edu.au/timetables



HOW TO APPLY

Applications for TPP are lodged through QTAC. Full details of the application process are available at www.usc.edu.au/tpp

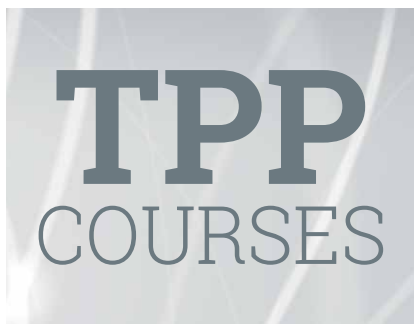
USC offers the TPP Educational Access Grant to eligible students to reimburse the cost of the QTAC application fee. Details of the Grant are available at www.usc.edu.au/tpp

International students should complete an International Student Application Form available at www.usc.edu.au/internationalforms

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

TPP applicants must be a minimum of 17 years of age (International students must be 18 years old).

Students from non-English speaking backgrounds must satisfy the University's English language requirements. Visit www.usc.edu.au/englishrequirements



TPP101 **Academic Skills for Success**

In this course, you have the opportunity to develop the writing and study skills necessary to manage tertiary study effectively. As well as general instruction in time management and effective reading and note-taking skills, this course introduces you to the common features of academic writing and includes how to conduct academic research at the University's library and how to use an approved referencing system for your written assessment tasks. You will be given many opportunities to apply and develop these study and academic skills during tutorial/workshop sessions.

TPP102 **Digital Futures**

Digital Futures enables you to navigate and adapt to the shifting world of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) at university and in the workspace. This foundational course will assist you in developing computer literacy skills needed at University. The skills developed will enable you to use technology to organise your studies, locate and research information, complete assessment tasks and facilitate your communication at university. This course offers a blend of practical technology skills, through a self-exploratory journey with an emphasis on your study and career development.

TPP103 **Chemistry**

Chemistry impacts every part of our daily lives—from the food we digest and how our bodies rid itself of toxins to the clothes we wear, the purification of our drinking water and the materials needed to place humans in space. Our future depends on science; imagine being part of new discoveries. You will acquire knowledge in the basic principles of chemistry. This course also seeks to link those basic principles to elements of biology so that you can better undertake study in first year level university chemistry, cell biology and related disciplines. The course is specifically designed for those students who have not taken senior high school chemistry, or who have done so and wish to refresh their knowledge and understanding.

TPP104 **Mathematics**

This course is designed to upgrade your mathematical skills for entry into academic programs at USC. It has been specifically designed to be inclusive of those who may not have undertaken senior high school mathematics, or for those who may wish to refresh knowledge and understanding of the discipline. This course sets out to nurture a growth mindset for students around basic mathematical concepts.

TPP105 **Statistics**

This course is designed to introduce you to basic statistical skills for entry to academic programs at the University. You will gain an understanding of the research process. The ability to apply statistical concepts is an essential skill for all undergraduates regardless of discipline. This course consists of a weekly lecture where you will be presented with theoretical knowledge. This will be followed by a weekly tutorial, where the theoretical concepts are illustrated, reaffirmed and complemented with practical exercises.

TPP106 **An Introduction to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Societies**

It is an imperative of the reconciliation agenda in Australia and in Universities to learn and teach about Australia's First Peoples. This course provides you with an introduction to Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander societies and cultures. There is a focus on Indigenous ways of knowing and you will use the course content to acquire and develop a range of skills and understandings needed for meaningful and successful engagement with Indigenous communities. This knowledge and understanding will assist you in your future studies in a diverse range of undergraduate programs.

TPP107 **Critical Thinking: Australian Society and Identity**

Critical thinking is vital for university students as it is the process by which we collect and evaluate evidence to reach rational, informed conclusions. Using the framework of the sociological imagination, TPP107 students will investigate contentious issues in contemporary society. You will learn how to debate topics based on fact and logic and to develop respectful, cogent and informed arguments. You will learn how to think, not what to think. You will have the opportunity to complete your assessments on a topic that interests you and is relevant to your future studies.

TPP108 **Introduction to working in the community**

Can you think of a course of study or an occupation that does not involve working with people? Undergraduate programs include group tasks, work experience and research opportunities, which will require skills and knowledge to work effectively with others in the classroom, in the field or electronically. This course prepares you for exactly that. University study requires you to have appropriate personal, social and technical skills, to know yourself as a learner and work ethically with diversity and difference; which will contribute to your overall success at university and working life beyond.

TPP109 **Biology**

Biology is the study of life, from the cells in our body to the ecosystems we live in. Biology introduces you to biological principles and language through an exploration of topics that highlight the interconnectedness of life and also provides you with a foundation for first year university biology related courses. The course is specifically designed for those students who are new to biology or wish to reacquire themselves with the discipline as well as those who are interested in learning more about themselves and the life around them.

TPP111 **Business Study Skills**

This course prepares you for the academic study of business through a range of business content, business language and tertiary business study skills. You are introduced to many key topics of general business study; developing skills in case study analysis, business report writing, and group oral presentations. The course covers introductory research and referencing skills including: sourcing relevant information from printed sources and using research tools such as library databases. Business Study Skills provides you with strategies and competencies to undertake undergraduate courses in business.

TPP115 **Mathematical Methods for Science and Engineering**

This course develops a foundation for further studies in mathematics. It covers some of the maths content of the Queensland Year 12 Mathematics B curriculum, excluding statistics. It satisfies the Maths B prerequisite for entry into Engineering at the University of the Sunshine Coast. A strong maths background in senior high school maths (or equivalent) is assumed knowledge for this course. A pre-test to assist in judging your assumed knowledge, which should be completed prior to commencing this course, will be available on the course's website.

TPP THE FACTS

Some TPP courses will provide more appropriate skills and knowledge than others in preparing you for a particular undergraduate program. The recommended TPP course enrolment patterns for students intending to apply for USC undergraduate degrees are available on the USC website at www.usc.edu.au/tpp

You can enrol in up to four TPP courses in one semester and complete TPP in one semester, or enrol in as little as one TPP course per semester and complete the program part-time (International students on a Student visa are required to be enrolled on a full-time basis at the Sippy Downs campus).

TPP courses are offered in Semester 1 and Semester 2, with some offered in intensive mode over the Summer Semester (Session 8). Please note, students studying over the Summer Semester are encouraged to not enrol in four courses, due the intensive nature of the program.

You will receive certification if you complete TPP (four courses of which one is TPP101), however, as TPP is not an award program under the Australian Qualifications Framework, (eg Certificate III, Diploma) the TPP courses completed cannot be used as credit towards an award program.

What comes next ... how to gain admission to a university degree

Students who successfully complete TPP are eligible to apply directly to USC for an undergraduate place. Students who want to use TPP to gain entry to another university should contact the admissions office of their preferred institution for advice on how to apply and check whether they accept the Tertiary Preparation Pathway as a basis for admission.

The University of the Sunshine Coast applies two selection principles to all applications to undergraduate programs:

- **Eligibility**—Applicants of a program must satisfy the Minimum Entry Requirements (eg English language proficiency and subject prerequisites). If an applicant does not satisfy the entry requirements for a program, their application is not considered for that program.
- **Merit**—Applicants who do satisfy the Minimum Entry Requirements then compete for a place on the basis of their Selection Rank. Offers are made to applicants in descending rank order until all quota places are filled.

What is a selection rank?

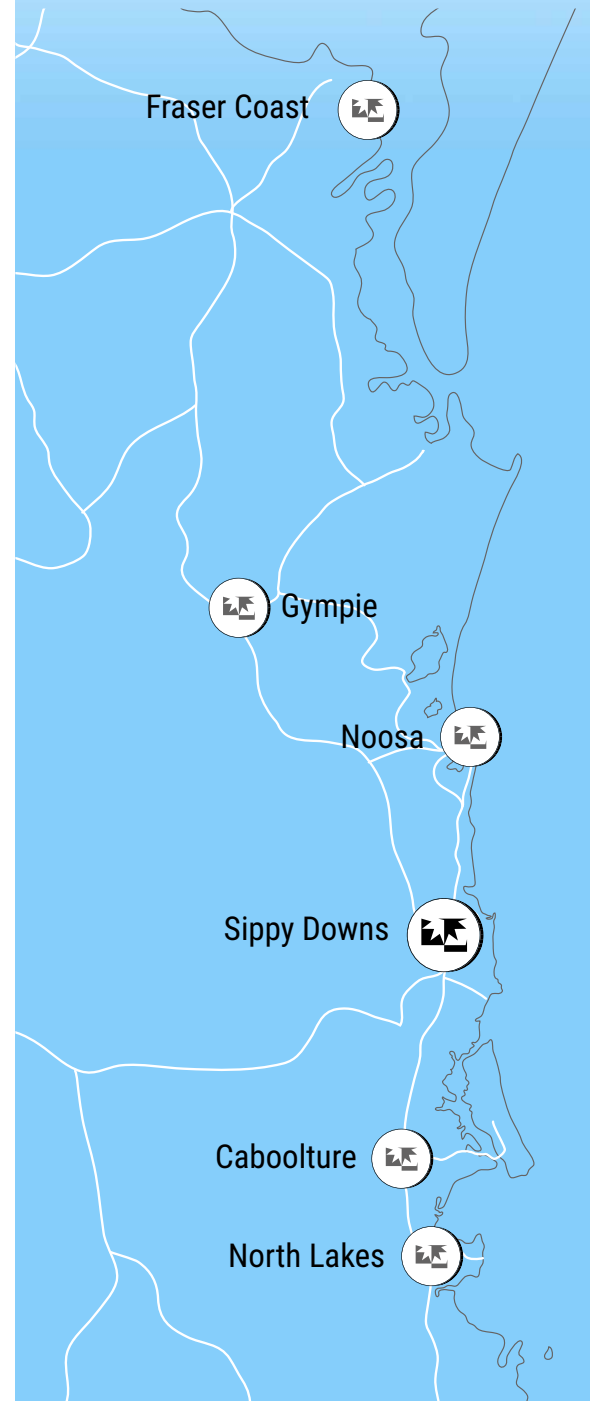
A selection rank or set of ranks is determined for each applicant on the basis of the applicant's qualifications and experience.

If applicants have more than one qualification or type of experience, they will usually be allocated more than one selection rank. Selection ranks are awarded on a scale from 1 to 99 (99 being the highest).

The selection rank achieved through participation in the Tertiary Preparation Pathway will be between 67 and 82 for applicants applying to USC. The calculation of this rank will depend on the number of courses successfully completed and the grade point average (GPA) achieved.

Successful completion of four TPP courses is strongly recommended for all applicants with no other qualifications or experience that would provide a selection rank.

YOU CAN STUDY TPP AT THESE LOCATIONS



More questions?

Contact Student Administration for personalised advice and assistance regarding the Tertiary Preparation Pathway.

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