

Diploma

Entrance Level

There are a range of pathways to the Diploma, including completion of Year 12 (subject to established prerequisites); mature age or special entry programs; bridging or foundation programs; completion of relevant VET qualifications including Certificate IV which may involve articulation and credit transfer arrangements. Entry to an undergraduate Diploma would not normally presume significant work experience or employment prior to or concurrent with study.

Duration

The Diploma is a qualification of one year's duration or equivalent (120 credit points).

Learning Outcomes (AQF)

Characteristics of learning outcomes include:

- Demonstration of understanding of a broad knowledge base incorporating theoretical concepts, with substantial depth in some areas
- Ability to analyse and plan approaches to technical problems or management requirements
- Ability to evaluate information from a range of sources using it to forecast for planning or research purposes;
- Transfer and application of theoretical concepts and/or technical or creative skills to a range of situations
- Development of generic employment-related skills relevant to a range of employment contexts;

Exit Standard

A Diploma qualification provides an introduction to the foundations of a discipline or across several disciplines.

A Diploma may be articulated with relevant Associate and Bachelor Degree programs. Such a course will vary in breadth and depth but will be taken to sufficient depth to provide a basis for full articulation with relevant Associate Degree or Bachelor Degree programs. Preparation to meet the practitioner requirements of the professional associations or industry would be expected to occur through subsequent completion of a professional Bachelor Degree

A course leading to a specialist form of the undergraduate Diploma may be focussed on a single discipline across first, second and third year levels and studied concurrently with another award program.

Award

Successful candidates are awarded a Diploma in (field of study/specialisation).