Applying to QTAC

In 2025





Who is QTAC?

- Not-for-profit organisation
- Apply through QTAC for over 1800 courses at 17 Queensland institutions
- Calculate and release the Queensland ATAR
- And so much more!

Apply through QTAC to study at any of these Queensland institutions































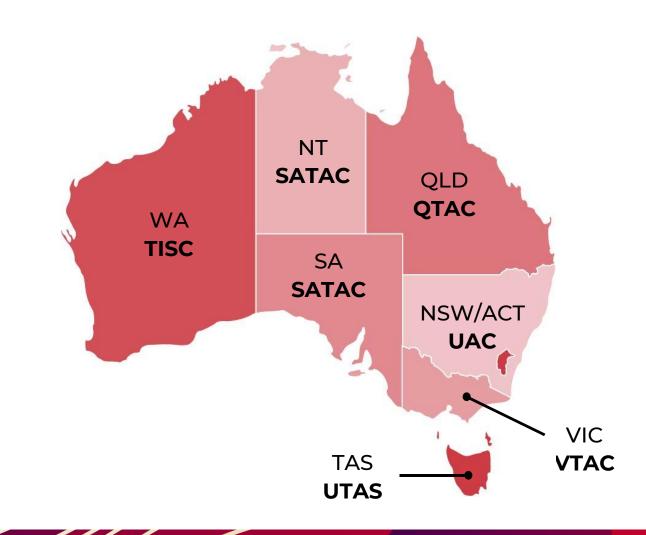




Looking to study interstate?

Check out





Admission Criteria 101

Institutions determine their own rules for admission and QTAC implements them.

Rules are applied consistently within institutions, but rules change from institution to institution.

Meet Samantha

- Samantha is a current Year 12 student on track to receive a Queensland ATAR.
- Her favourite subjects are Biology and Physics.
- She has her sights set on going to university in Brisbane.
- Samantha's dream career is nursing.





How can Samantha find her course options?

Find a course Q Nursing Select Institution ▼ Search



How can Samantha find her course options?

Once Samantha has found a course she would like to explore, she can click on the course for more information for:

- ✓ An overview of the course
- Admission Criteria
- Student Profile
- Career Possibilities

Bachelor of Nursing

Australian Catholic University - Brisbane



Overview

Admissions Criteria

Student Prof

Career Possibilities

Course outline

The Bachelor of Nursing develops caring professional nurses who are proactive and adaptable, competent and ethical clinicians, and creative and critical thinkers. Across the course, theory is consistently embedded in clinical practice through the inclusion of one integrating Practice unit every semester. Students will undertake clinical placements in a variety of areas including aged care, community nursing, high dependency nursing, medical/surgical nursing, mental health, paediatrics, palliative care, and perioperative nursing. Students may also choose to engage with communities overseas and gain unique educational and cultural experiences working in care facilities in developing countries.

For more course information, visit Bachelor of Nursing at ACU'

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This course is accredited by the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council (ANMAC).

Fee notes

Average first year fee. Indicative only; subject to passage of legislation

Other requirements

Students undertake at least 800 hours of professional experience. Before students can begin professional experience for this course, students should review the mandatory State or Territory legal and industry policy requirements. An overview of these requirements can be found at https://www.acu.edu.au/Wilsearch. Students must meet the inherent requirements – essential components of this course (capabilities, knowledge and skills) – to achieve the course learning outcomes. For more information see https://www.acu.edu.au/study-at-acu/how-to-apply/inherent-requirements.

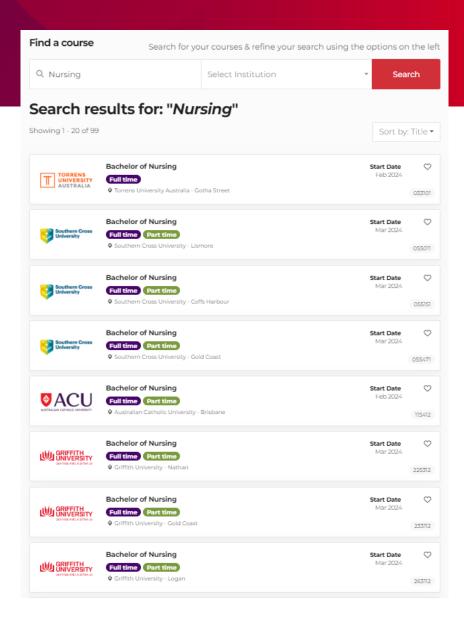




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To keep her options open, Samantha has entered a keyword for her course and clicked Search.

As you can see, the search results have returned a list of courses from various institutions relating to Nursing.



Preferences



What is preferencing?

Preferencing is an important part of the application process as **only one offer is received at a time**, based on your **highest eligible preference**.

You can list up to 6 preferences on your application.

If you change your mind, that's okay

You can change your preferences for free 3 times.

You can change your preferences after the application is lodged, even after an offer is made.

It is a good idea to keep 1 of your free changes of preferences until after your ATAR is released.

Ordering your preferences

- Desired Courses
 Courses you want to study the most
- Back-up courses
 Courses you would be happy to study
- Pathway CoursesCourses that will help you upgrade into the course you really want

Samantha's course preferences

- Bachelor of Nursing QUT
- **2** Bachelor of Nursing ACU
- **3** Bachelor of Nursing Griffith
- 4 Bachelor of Nursing UniSC
- 5 Bachelor of Heath Sciences-Griffith
- **6** Diploma of Nursing TAFE

What are Pathway courses?

Other tertiary study

- Less competitive degrees
- Different campuses
- Regional institutions
- Bridging and tertiary preparation courses

Combined diplomas/degrees

- Apply for entry into a Diploma
- Guaranteed entry into the Bachelor course if the Diploma is successfully completed
- Get credit for study done within the Diploma, and graduate with two qualifications

University may not be right for everyone

If you are not looking at going to university, you might like to consider:

- ✓ TAFE
- ✓ Employment
- ✓ Trade qualification

Everyone will have their own individual journey.

Don't forget QTAC is here to help match students with an opportunity that's right for them.

Eligibility and Merit

an unbreakable pair



Eligibility requirements

- Age requirements
- Subject prerequisites
- Portfolios, auditions, or interviews
- Essays or personal statements
- Questionnaires or exams (medicine and dentistry may require UCAT)

Some of these requirements might need to be submitted by a deadline. While researching your courses, make a note of early closing dates:

qtac.edu.au/key-info/

How is merit determined?

Your merit is determined by your QTAC Selection Rank.

Applicants are allocated ranks based on their assessable qualifications.

Selection ranks can come from:

- ATARs
- Overseas Year 12 qualifications
- Completed AQF qualifications (Cert III & IV)
- Diplomas, Advanced Diplomas
- Tertiary study (minimum 2 subjects required)
- Music, dance, and drama qualifications
- Bridging and preparation courses

Breaking it down



Minimum entry requirements met?





Merit

Is your selection rank above minimum?



Process repeated with next preference.

Offer Round

Compete for a place in course

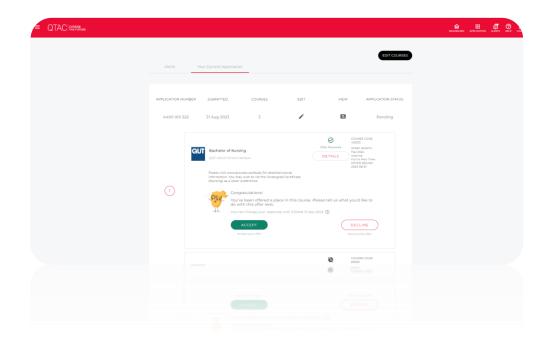
Offer Rounds



Congratulations, you received an offer. What now?



Responding to your offer



I'm happy & I'm ready to enrol

ACCEPT

Check with the institution for enrolment details and dates

I no longer wish to study this course

DECLINE

I'm happy, but I'm not ready to enrol yet

O DEFER

Check with the institution for deferment details

I'd like to be considered for my higher preferences

CONDITIONALLY RESPOND

Check in on the next offer round date to see if you've received a new offer

Congratulations, you have received an offer.

But what if you have changed your mind?

December Offer Round

ACCEPT

- Bachelor of Nursing QUT
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Adjustment Schemes



Selection Ranks and Adjustment Factors

ATARs are calculated only on the students' actual QCE subject results, which have been scaled.

Adjustment Factors (EAS, subject adjustments, etc) are applied **after** the ATAR is calculated.

ATAR + Adjustment Factors = Applicant Selection Rank

Educational Access Scheme (EAS)



- Helps if your studies have been negatively affected by circumstances beyond your control
- Applies adjustment points to your rank to help you compete more equitably for an offer
- You can apply to EAS as part of your QTAC application
- Must include all the appropriate application forms and documentary evidence
- Different institutions award different adjustment factors so one may allow more or less adjustments than another

EAS Categories

Home Environment and Responsibility





Financial Hardship

English Language Difficulties





School Environment

Personal Illness or Disability



Note: Outstanding EAS documents may stop you from receiving an offer. If you decide not to submit documents, let us know ASAP.

Other adjustment schemes

Each institution has their own adjustments that are applied at the time of application:

- Regional schools
- School relationships
- Subject Schemes
- Elite athletes
- Introductory study
- Equity
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

ATAR



QCE and the ATAR – What is the difference?

For questions about the QCE, including assessment and subject results, please contact QCAA (Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority).

Q qcaa.edu.au



QCE

Certifies learning, showing the individual has achieved a specific standard of education at senior schooling level and may be considered by employers and the general community.



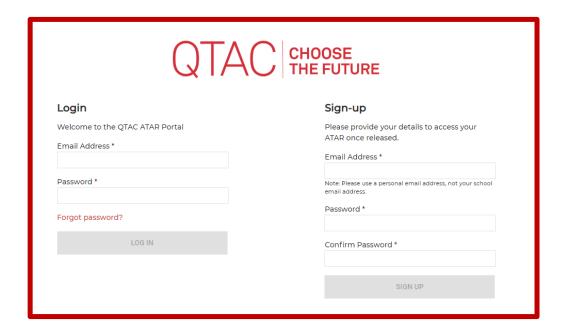
ATAR

Tells us about a student's position (or ranking) compared to all other students in the state. The only intended purpose for the ATAR is to assist with selecting applicants for tertiary study.

Accessing your ATAR

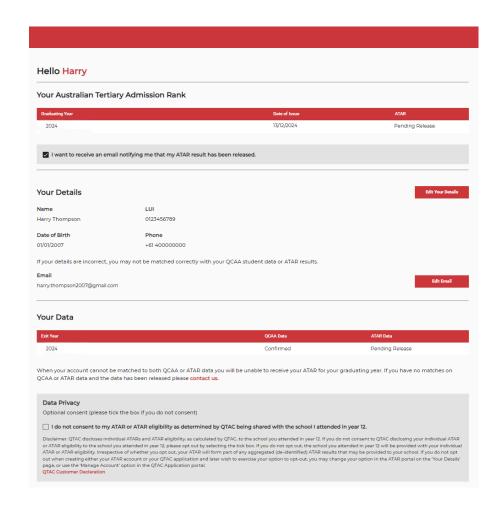
- Current Queensland Year 12 students can open their ATAR account with QTAC from August
- Students who wish to study interstate also need to create an ATAR account
- ATARs will be released in December
- If you wish to apply to commence tertiary study in 2025, you will also need to complete a QTAC application

You can register for your ATAR and access a range of resources at **qtac.edu.au/atar**



Setting up your ATAR account

- Once the registration is complete, the Dashboard shows the student's relevant personal information
- They can also see the data that is held for them, with confirmation from QCAA
- There is a function to enable students to change or update their details by lodging a request for assistance



ATAR Release

- 12pm Thursday 18 December 2025
- ATARs are released online only. There will be a facility to receive ATAR release notification via email.
- We have both an appeals and verification process. They sit in the policies page on our website

Have a question about ATARs?

You can call the ATAR hotline on 1300 193 173 or email atar@qtac.edu.au

For more details on changes to subjects and curriculum, visit the QCAA website

Extra Help



QTAC factsheets and publications

We have a range of resources available for students, parents and teachers at:

Q qtac.edu.au/media-centre







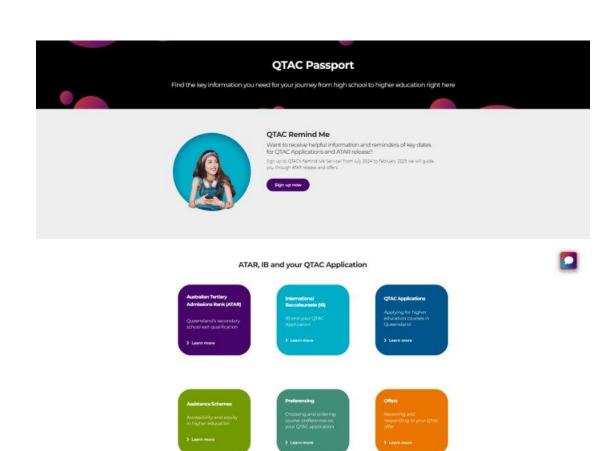


QTAC Passport



Choose your future





Remind Me

Receive helpful information and reminders of key dates for QTAC Applications and ATAR release





Any questions?

