

Diploma of Higher Education



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Why JCU?

A STUDENT EXPERIENCE LIKE NO OTHER

- Personalised support
 - Access to world-class teachers
- Develop skills in state-of-the-art facilities
- Achieve exceptional employment outcomes
 - Benefit from small class sizes
- Discover great accommodation options

CHALLENGE YOURSELF

Become qualified to start your undergraduate degree studies and experience university life as you study. Develop your study skills and critical thinking abilities as you benefit from the personalised support of the JCU Pathways team.

PATH TO SUCCESS

Study in small classes and master skills to be an independent, self-directed learner. Prepare for academic studies as you practice researching information and using it to build effective arguments and make insightful evaluations.

FUTURE-PROOF YOUR CAREER

A degree and a job is important, and your Diploma of Higher Education will prepare you for both. Show employers that you are invested in your own future and have the drive to meet challenges. Improve your job application with a recognised qualification that will help you stand out from your peers.



Diploma of Higher Education

✔ Gain a one-year university qualification while opening up your pathway into many JCU Bachelor degrees. The Diploma of Higher Education is recognised as a stand-alone qualification designed for students who don't meet the entry requirements of a Bachelor degree.

✔ Study a variety of introductory and first-year degree subjects, designed to help you build core knowledge and foster skills of academic enquiry. Benefit from a specific study plan created to suit your chosen major. Benefit from dedicated support staff and the award-winning JCU Learning Centre.

✔ Receive the foundational skills and knowledge to enter your target Bachelor degree. Graduates who successfully complete JCU's Diploma of Higher Education meet the entry requirements to enter into many JCU Bachelor degrees.

COURSE DETAILS:

Locations:	Cairns, Townsville
Start Dates:	February, July
Duration:	1 year full-time Part-time available
ATAR:	50
Prerequisites:	Business Major requires English, (Maths B or Mathematical Methods desirable)

Please visit the [handbook](#) for a detailed outline of the course structure. Note: Information is for domestic students only

Majors

There is a wide variety of majors to choose from:

Business

Use this Diploma as a standalone qualification or a pathway to JCU's Bachelor of Business. Forge your own path as a business owner or an entrepreneur, as a sales team leader or operations manager. This major requires English and a Ranking as a prerequisite.

Business Studies

Study core subjects that prepare you for university study and select from a variety of business subjects. Graduates can enter the Bachelor of Business or other equivalent business-related degrees.

Education

Build fundamental education skills and gain essential knowledge in science and maths, educational psychology and sustainability in education.

Engineering and Applied Science

Graduates will gain technical knowledge in areas such as chemistry, process engineering, biological processes, programming, statistics and to data analysis and physics.

General Studies

Diversify your skill set and choose from the full range of elective subjects across the entire Diploma of Higher Education Program. This major provides the flexibility to explore your interests while still providing a pathway into a JCU Bachelor degree.

Health

Study the fundamentals of health-related subjects, which could include anatomy, physiology, chemistry, psychology, pharmacy, and sport and exercise nutrition.

Information Technology

Develop knowledge in one of the fastest-growing industries in Australia. Subjects include design thinking, programming, problem solving and interactive media and web technologies.

Psychological Science

You will gain a basic understanding of psychological principles, critical thinking in psychology, counselling and mental health.

Science

Gain the knowledge and skills to progress towards a world-class JCU Science degree. JCU students access cutting-edge facilities and learn the practical application of theoretical concepts.

Social Work

Gain an insight into the world of social work. Build a fundamental understanding of human rights and social issues, human behaviour and the basics of psychology.

Society and Culture

Explore contemporary social and cultural concepts including political science, Indigenous studies, innovation, and the making of place.



“I’m so happy that I went for the Diploma of Higher Education as it better prepared me for study. The lecturers and tutors have been so approachable, and the coursework has been designed to support your entry to academia. My peers were from a variety of backgrounds so everyone brought something to the table.”

Rebecca Ottone

DIPLOMA OF HIGHER EDUCATION

“The Diploma of Higher Education is all about making university accessible to all, regardless of someone’s prior educational background. We’re focused on setting people up for success. Our subject coordinators are all teaching specialists, and discipline experts, which means students get the best of both worlds. We have dedicated student support officers and work closely with a national award-winning team of learning advisors, as well as student wellbeing services, the Indigenous Education and Research Centre, the library, careers advisors, and AccessAbility services to provide support during the transition into university life. Our aim is to serve our region by really empowering people to pursue their aspirations.”

Rhian Morgan

LECTURER, PATHWAY PROGRAMS



Career Opportunities

Develop the necessary skills to become a successful university student. Begin your dream career with a recognised qualification and pathway to your preferred JCU Bachelor degree.

The JCU Diploma of Higher Education is a pathway into university if you don't have the academic entry requirements for your preferred undergraduate course. It also provides a taste of what university will be like prior to enrolling in a full degree.

You could choose from essential courses in maths, science, writing or speaking. Advance in your current career or make yourself more valuable to employers as you look towards a new job.

Some subjects completed as part of this diploma may be eligible for credit towards a subsequent JCU Bachelor degree.





JCU Accommodation

Study and live in some of the most interesting places in the world. Cairns and Townsville are on the doorstep of the Great Barrier Reef, magnificent rainforests, the savannah region and Outback Australia.

Living on-campus is a great way to make the most of your time at JCU. JCU Townsville, Bebegu Yumba campus, Douglas, has five different accommodation options housing over 1,200 students. JCU Cairns, Nguma-bada campus, Smithfield, features an accommodation complex for 300 students. Living on-campus is a great place to make new friends and immerse yourself in the JCU culture. All rooms at our on-campus residences are single board, with a single bed, study desk, chair, fan, air-conditioning and Wi-Fi. Each residence is different in regards to style of living, culture and atmosphere. There are options for fully catered or self-catered housing. Find out more at jcu.edu.au/accommodation



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