Inspiring a better future

Find the course to suit your needs
Connect with world-class teachers
Tap into industry networks
Leverage practical skills designed to meet future job trends
A better me
A better future
Figuring out where your talents lie and which career is right for you are often the hardest of all decisions.

This Career Guide is designed to help you connect your interests and talents with either a potential career, or a pathway to move you forward in an existing professional journey.

Inside you’ll find important information on how we can help you make your dream career a reality.

There’s information on topics to support you through the process, beginning with guidance on how to enrol, information on fees and charges, study pathways and more.

There’s both general and specific information on our range of career areas, including some profiles of former students and overviews of campus facilities.

You’ll also find out about a range of exciting educational and training activities and events.

To find out more visit www.tafeillawarra.edu.au or give us a call on 1300 766 123.
WHO ARE WE?

TAFE Illawarra is the leading provider of vocational education and training in the Illawarra region. We’re passionate about helping you build skills, create success and become inspired to achieve a better future.

We have 14 campuses at Illawarra locations from Wollongong in the north, down the South Coast and across to Bega and the Southern Highlands. We operate as part of TAFE NSW.
We offer a range of qualifications to suit everyone from school leavers to career changers and businesses. Whether you’re finishing school, updating your skills, changing your career, or a business upskilling your people, we offer exciting courses designed to equip you with the skills you need for the job you want in today’s dynamic world.

We’re part of TAFE NSW’s strong, trusted brand and have been recognised for our quality for more than 120 years. We bring you our history of active links to business, industry and community.
**OUR TEACHERS**

Our teachers bring their solid industry experience direct to you. Along with their flexibility and friendly approach to training, they support you to get the skills you need for the job you want.

Our teachers are professionals making sure that your training, and the services you receive, match the directions the workforce and business are heading.

**MEETING YOUR BUSINESS NEEDS**

If you’re a small business, we offer the upskilling and further qualifications you may need to expand and grow as an organisation.

If you’re a larger business intent on developing your workforce skill set – or seeking to train new recruits – we deliver customised training and accredited qualifications anywhere, anytime, and in delivery modes you need.
YOUR SUCCESS IS IN OUR STATS

OVER 1,000 EDUCATORS WITH INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE
OVER 500 COURSES
A RECORD OF 94%* STUDENT SATISFACTION
14 CAMPUSES AND 1 ACCESS CENTRE ACROSS 3 DISTRICTS WITH OVER 50,000KM² OF GEOGRAPHICAL COVERAGE
A TRUSTED BRAND, AROUND FOR MORE THAN 120 YEARS
GRADUATES WHO GET JOBS, MORE THAN 86%** OF OUR GRADUATES ARE EMPLOYED OR IN FURTHER STUDIES

OUR STUDENTS COME FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD

YOUR CAREER PATHWAY

APPRENTICESHIPS AND TRAINEESHIPS

FOR INDIVIDUALS
An apprenticeship or traineeship is a great way to secure your future. As an apprentice or trainee, you’ll learn a skill or trade through a combination of paid work and structured training leading to a nationally recognised qualification.

FOR BUSINESS
Apprenticeships and traineeships can provide many benefits to your business:
• An opportunity to expand your business
• Increase the skills of your workers
• Keep up with technological changes
• Satisfy your customers’ needs
• Meet the demands of new and emerging markets
• Financial incentives from the Australian Government for employers and eligible apprentices or trainees that can reduce your wage costs.

Training options are now more flexible and can be customised to suit the needs of your business. Contact us on 1300 766 123 for more information.

For information about apprenticeships and traineeships contact the Australian Apprenticeships referral line on 13 38 73 or your local Jobactive Provider, Group Training Organisation or State Training Services.

PRE-APPRENTICESHIP OR PRE-VOCATIONAL COURSES
Interested in a particular area of study, but having difficulty securing an apprenticeship or traineeship? You may like to complete a pre-apprenticeship or pre-vocational course.

They can assist you to:
• Undertake off-the-job training where you will gain basic skills relating to the industry chosen.
• Develop skills that can often assist in securing an apprenticeship or traineeship.
• Gain recognition for the units you successfully complete.

TVET
If you’re a secondary school student in Year 11 or 12, you can choose to study a TAFE Vocational Education and Training (TVET) course while you’re still at school. TVET gives you the opportunity to complete your HSC while you gain practical work skills and a TAFE NSW qualification.

It’s a great way to build your career and your employability skills while still at school. The skills you gain during your TVET course are invaluable and will give you a head start in life.

TVET courses allow you to gain dual accreditation from the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) and TAFE NSW at the same time. Your TVET course can also contribute to your Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) if it is classified as an Industry Curriculum Framework (ICF) course.

Find out more at www.tafeillawarra.edu.au/tvet.

FAST TRACK TRAINING
Whether for your own career advancement, personal development or to meet changing legislative requirements of your employment, Fast Track Training will give you the results you’re looking for. Fast Track Training courses can give you a competitive edge and may be offered over a few hours, a full week, after hours, or on weekends.

Different price structures apply. There are no exemptions or concessional fees and courses are offered subject to demand.

For more information visit www.tafeillawarra.edu.au or call 1300 766 123.
LEVELS OF COURSE QUALIFICATIONS

**COURSE/STATEMENT OF ATTENDANCE**
Recognises participation in courses focusing on specific skills.

**STATEMENT OF ATTAINMENT**
Courses introduce you to an area of work or can help you gain additional skills in a particular occupation. When you complete a Statement of Attainment it can be used as a credit transfer into a higher level TAFE NSW course.

**CERTIFICATE I**
Courses teach the foundation skills required in some industries and are often the starting point for vocational qualifications.

**CERTIFICATE II**
Courses provide preparation for employment and/or apprenticeships. They may also include traineeships with an on-the-job component.

**CERTIFICATE III**
Courses teach well-developed skills in a range of occupational areas.

**CERTIFICATE IV**
Courses usually teach supervisory skills and advanced technical skills which may build upon skills acquired in the workplace, a Certificate III course or equivalent.

**DIPLOMAS AND ADVANCED DIPLOMAS**
Prepare you for work that requires a broad range of complex technical skills and in-depth knowledge. These courses often include training in management, planning and evaluation, budgeting and finance, as well as the knowledge and skills of the vocational area you have chosen.

**ASSOCIATE DEGREE**
Is an academic program which involves the completion of a course of study usually lasting two years. Graduates will have a broad range of theoretical and technical knowledge, with some depth in the underlying principles in one or more disciplines. They provide entry to a degree with credit.

**BACHELOR DEGREE**
Is an academic degree earned for an undergraduate course that generally lasts four years but can range anywhere from three to seven years depending on the chosen field of study.

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATES AND GRADUATE DIPLOMAS**
May be studied following completion of a Degree or an Advanced Diploma. They usually include either training to build on your undergraduate program, or training in a new professional area.
LEARN YOUR WAY

Fit your learning around your lifestyle with our flexible study options.

ON CAMPUS
Our campuses are great places to connect, learn and grow. You’ll find state-of-the-art training facilities and experienced, friendly teachers. You’ll have the chance to meet new people, make friends and have fun. Each campus offers specialist knowledge and training, and strong relationships with local industry, schools and universities. Check out what’s on offer at each of our campuses at www.tafeillawarra.edu.au/campuses.

BLOCK RELEASE
Some courses are taught over block release learning, which supports you, your employer and your industry by allowing you to study with us in a block period to fit in with your work commitments.

ONLINE
Online learning gives you the flexibility to study when and where you like, with our Flexible e-Learning and TAFE Online courses while being supported by our teachers.

DISTANCE LEARNING
Bringing education and opportunities right to your door. Our distance learning courses provide you with flexible options so you can tailor your study to suit your needs.

FLEXIBLE DELIVERY
Depending on your course, you can choose your attendance days, combine campuses, learn and/or complete assessments in the workplace, combine online with on campus study or combine on campus with distance learning.

FULL-TIME
Attend classes on campus which allows you to complete your course over a shorter period of time.

PART-TIME
Some of our courses may be offered part-time day or part-time evening to suit your lifestyle.
Key Semester Dates

Visit www.tafeillawarra.edu.au for the most up-to-date information regarding enrolments.

**Semester 1, 2017**

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ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS WITH SUPPORT FROM TAFE ILLAWARRA

If you need help to reach your career and study goals, we offer a wide range of support and services that you can use to your advantage.

**ABORIGINAL EDUCATION SERVICES**
Our Aboriginal Education and Training Unit can help you choose the right course and give you a hand to organise your studies. The unit also helps to design courses that are specially aimed at Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students wanting to work in a range of industries.

**CAREERS AND COUNSELLING SERVICE**
You can speak with a TAFE Counsellor for guidance and support with educational or study problems, further education choices and career planning or personal issues that may be impacting on your studies. We also offer a free mentoring program for students.

**CHILDREN’S CENTRES**
Your child can be looked after by trained professionals while you study at a selection of our campuses.

**DISABILITIES SUPPORT**
If you have a disability, our Teacher Consultants can assist you in achieving your educational and vocational goals.

**ILLAWARRA TAFE STUDENT ASSOCIATION (ITSA)**
ITSA provides a wide range of day-to-day services and facilities including bookshops, canteens and resource centres.

**INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT**
Business and International Services ‘BIS’, located at TAFE Illawarra Wollongong, offer a wide range of services to international students needing academic or lifestyle support. A dedicated International Student Program Coordinator is on-hand to provide useful referrals for educational, counselling and career advice, as well as practical accommodation and employment seeking information. BIS International can also assist students with enrolment in our accredited English and Cultural Centre for those in need of further language support.

**LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SERVICES**
At TAFE Illawarra, you have access to libraries where you can borrow a range of resources and get personalised help from our library team to support your learning. Through individual or class sessions, you’ll be able to acquire lifelong learning skills. Your libraries also provide access to online resources (eBooks, eJournals, eVideos) that are available from any computer and most mobile devices. Free WiFi and charged printing and photocopying are also available.

**MULTICULTURAL EDUCATION**
Our Multicultural Education Coordinator can talk to you about getting your qualifications recognised, choosing the right course and using support services at TAFE Illawarra and in the community.

**ON-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATION**
Student accommodation is available at TAFE Illawarra Goulburn. For further information, visit www.tafeillawarra.edu.au or call 1300 766 123.

**RECOGNITION**
Want to get qualified faster? Get recognised! TAFE Illawarra recognises the skills, knowledge and experience you have gained through previous studies, work and life in general. The great news is that you don’t have to learn what you already know. Recognition can:
- reduce the time required to complete your course or qualification
- lower the cost of your government subsidised qualification.
To find out if you’re eligible, visit www.tafeillawarra.edu.au/get-recognised to use our Get Recognised Online App.
FEES AND CHARGES

The fees and charges you pay will depend on the course you are studying. In addition to a course fee, you may need to pay course related charges for additional items to support your study, such as textbooks, uniforms, protective clothing and licence fees.

There are generally two course types – Government Subsidised Courses and Full Fee Courses.

GOVERNMENT SUBSIDISED COURSES
A subsidised course means that the NSW Government will pay a part of the student fee on your behalf – all you need to do is pay the balance, which is a lot less than what the actual qualification price is.

The government has chosen to fund part of those selected courses based on the state’s current workforce needs and future demand for jobs, under the Smart and Skilled reform. The 2016 Skills List defines the courses that the government has decided will be funded in 2016. Under Smart and Skilled you are charged one fee for the whole qualification. This means you’ll know the total cost of your course before you start. The fee you pay will depend on your eligibility and your previous study history. You can find the most recent Skills List, see which courses are subsidised, find out if you’re eligible for subsidised training and view course fees at www.smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au.

FULL FEE COURSES
We offer many qualifications that are not funded by the government, but are offered at very competitive full fee prices. Full fee courses are not on the Skills List and include courses such as degree programs, specialist short courses and qualifications from Certificate IV up to Advanced Diploma.

Fees for some courses, including all Graduate Certificates and Graduate Diplomas, Bachelor Degrees, Fast Track Training, TVET, and courses for international students and temporary visa holders may vary.

For more information on fees, refunds and concessions, visit www.tafeillawarra.edu.au or call 1300 766 123.

STUDY NOW, PAY LATER

VET FEE-HELP
VET FEE-HELP is an Australian Government loan scheme that assists eligible students to pay all or part of their tuition fees for higher level vocational education and training (VET) courses (at the diploma-level and above). However, for a trial period, VET FEE-HELP is extended to subsidised VET students enrolled in selected Certificate IV qualifications. VET FEE-HELP is part of the Australian Government’s Higher Education Loan Program (HELP). Note: there is a 20% loan fee which is applied to VET FEE-HELP loans accessed by full fee paying students. You can find more information at www.studyassist.gov.au.

FEE-HELP
FEE-HELP is a student loan for a higher education qualification (i.e. Degree or above) that lets you study now and pay later. You can use it to pay all or part of your tuition fees and it’s provided by the Federal Government.

Investing in your future with a higher education qualification is one of the smartest investments you’ll ever make – and FEE-HELP can make it easier to cover the costs upfront.

You will need to pay a fee of 25% of the total loan amount for all undergraduate courses. To find out if you are eligible and for more information, visit www.studyassist.gov.au.

WANT A QUALIFICATION WITHOUT PAYING A COURSE FEE?*

If you’re aged between 15 and 30, have left school and are getting a payment or allowance from the Commonwealth Government, you may be eligible for a Smart and Skilled Fee-Free Scholarship.

This means you can get a qualification without paying fees.

You can choose from a range of courses from Certificate I to Certificate IV, including those supported by Apprenticeships and Traineeships.

No formal application required.
Give us a call on 1300 766 123, visit your local campus or www.tafeillawarra.edu.au.

*The scholarship covers tuition and student fees. It does not include textbooks, uniforms and transport. It is subsidised by the NSW Government.
HOW TO ENROL

Once you have decided which course is right for you, follow these simple steps:

**STEP 1**
CREATE YOUR USI
You'll need a Unique Student Identifier (USI) before applying or enrolling in any nationally registered course. If you don’t already have one, you can simply create your own USI at www.usi.gov.au.

**STEP 2**
GO TO
www.tafeillawarra.edu.au and find your course using the ‘Find a Course’ tool.

**STEP 3**
CHECK A COUPLE OF DETAILS
Do you meet the entry requirements?
Many TAFE Illawarra courses have specific entry requirements such as photo identification, qualifications, skills, knowledge or experience. Specific requirements will be listed in the course description.

Do you need to do anything other than register your interest and/or enrol?
You may need to attend an interview, submit a portfolio or attend a testing session. To find out more, read through the course description at www.tafeillawarra.edu.au or call 1300 766 123.

**STEP 4**
REGISTER, APPLY OR ENROL
Your next step may vary, depending on your course. The course information for your course will clearly outline how to proceed with your enrolment.

You may be invited to:
• Register your interest first and then attend an information/pre-enrolment session
• Complete an application or selection process, which could include submission of a portfolio or attendance at an information session
• Enrol online following the process outlined as you progress through the course description via the ‘Find a Course’ tool at www.tafeillawarra.edu.au

If you’ve gained skills and knowledge through previous studies, work or life experiences, you may be eligible for Recognition, which can help you fast track your studies.

To find out if you’re eligible, check out our Get Recognised app at www.tafeillawarra.edu.au/getrecognised.

If you need assistance to enrol online, call 1300 766 123 or visit your local campus between 8.30am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.
TAFE ONLINE

Online learning gives you the flexibility to study when and where you like. While you won’t be going to a campus every day, you’ll be able to connect with your teacher and other students in a virtual classroom.

Our TAFE Online courses can help you learn new skills, change careers, win that promotion or return to the workforce.

Combined with our extensive experience in online design and development, our courses are:

• easy to use
• designed to help you learn new skills
• supported by our highly qualified and industry experienced teachers
• structured around real, work-based practices to help you get work ready and get a better job.

DIPLOMA OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (BSB50615)
If you’re actively seeking a career in human resources, this Diploma is the ideal course. This qualification gives you the skills you need to work in a variety of roles within the human resources sector. You'll develop a sound theoretical knowledge base in human resources management and a range of managerial skills to ensure that human resources functions are effectively conducted in an organisation or business area.

DIPLOMA OF WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY (BSB51315)
Are you a passionate work health and safety (WHS) advocate? With this course, you’ll develop a substantial knowledge base and skills in a wide variety of WHS contexts. You’ll be able to coordinate and maintain the WHS program in an organisation as a career outcome of this qualification.

DIPLOMA OF WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT (ICT50615)
Kick-start your web development career with our Diploma course. You'll learn the skills and knowledge to design, build and manage websites as an independent web developer or as part of a team.

STATEMENT OF ATTAINMENT IN ELEARNING
If you’re passionate about developing engaging learning experiences, this course can help you build skills in eLearning. You’ll gain an understanding and skillset in eLearning design, development and delivery in the vocational education training sector.

WELDING SUPERVISION
This course is aimed at people wanting to qualify as a Welding Supervisor such as tradespersons, workshop supervisors, engineers and quality managers responsible for managing welding operations in fabrication workshops or site operations. You'll develop skills to enable you to carry out welding supervision duties within the workplace in a variety of industries. This training aligns with the requirements of Perform Welding Supervision MEM05024B.

CERTIFICATE IV IN UNDERGROUND COAL OPERATIONS (RII40413)
Get the skills and experience for the role of mine supervisor, team leader or deputy, in an underground coal mine. You’ll be responsible for the quantity and quality of the output of others, contribute to the development of technical solutions to non-routine problems and apply safety management plans in the workplace. Licensing, legislative, regulatory and certification requirements that apply to this qualification can vary between states, territories, and industry sectors.

CERTIFICATE IV IN VETERINARY NURSING (ACM40412)
If you love working with animals and want to pursue a career as a veterinary nurse, this course is for you. You'll develop the skills needed to perform veterinary nursing duties in a variety of workplace situations under minimal supervision. Your day-to-day tasks may include patient admission and discharge, office procedures, radiography, pathology, surgery, dental procedures, nursing animals and providing animal care advice to the public. You'll be required to have access to a veterinary workplace through either paid employment or significant periods of work experience during the course. This will allow you to practice what you have learnt and increase your experience working with others in this field.

CERTIFICATE III IN SURVEYING AND SPATIAL INFORMATION SERVICES (CPP30112)
Do you want an entry point to the surveying and spatial information services sector? This course will help you develop the skills and knowledge to become an assistant to professional and paraprofessional staff of this sector. You'll also cover the gathering, retrieval and storage related to spatial information services. Once you're in the industry, you'll be involved with land and construction surveying, mapping and land administration, and geographic information systems.

TAFE ONLINE COURSES COMING IN 2016!
• Certificate III in Animal Studies
• Certificate III in Companion Animal Services
• Dual Diploma of Training Design and Development/ Vocational Education and Training
• Diploma of Community Services
• Diploma of Community Services (Case Management)
• Diploma of Digital and Interactive Games
• Plumbing Licence
• Diploma of Property Services.

For more information and to enrol, visit www.tafensw.edu.au.
CATHERINE HERBERT
Higher learning to coach her team

TAFE Illawarra’s Catherine Herbert, was among the first ever graduates to qualify with a higher education degree offered through TAFE NSW. She was already a senior in her field of Childcare, when she began her Bachelor of Early Childhood Education and Care (Birth-5). Noting her outstanding study performance and credentials, Catherine was asked to tell her story at her graduation ceremony held in Sydney.

“When starting my degree, I thought I knew enough as centre director,” she told the hall filled with 88 other graduates and supporters. “Yet it wasn’t until having the privilege to study under some amazing and inspirational lecturers that I realised how my own learning could evolve and expand.”

“I was the centre director before I chose to do this bachelor degree. I figured if I am to be the leader I wanted to have the highest qualification I could so that I could mentor and coach my team.”

Catherine had twice attempted to study the same degree at university, but found that the systems didn’t suit her need to keep up with full-time work demands.

“It was already working in the profession, I couldn’t afford not to work so I needed to do night classes or study long distance.”

It was the first time the degree she wanted to do was offered through TAFE Illawarra, in fact it had only recently been developed by our in-house education team.

“You graduate from TAFE with the same qualification and accreditation as you would from university, yet the classes are smaller, teachers know your background and what you are interested in.”

Catherine was among the six post-graduate students finishing with their Bachelor of Early Childhood Education and Care (Birth-5) in that cohort. The other higher education degree recipients were Julie Farquhar-Nicol, Leanne Harris, Esterina Lappos, Tammy Monagle and Alicia Peters.
OUR HIGHER EDUCATION OPTIONS

When you study with us, you'll get an industry-recognised qualification that can help you build a better future. Our courses are developed and taught by the people who know what matters to your prospective employers, because they have deep industry expertise. We offer you:

- Practical teaching focused on applied skills
- A real world learning environment
- Small class sizes
- Study help from caring, friendly staff
- Seamless pathways into selected university degrees.

YOUR GATEWAY TO A REWARDING CAREER

The Bachelor of Early Childhood Education and Care (Birth–5) is a professional teaching degree which qualifies you to work as a teacher in preschools and long day care as a four-year trained teacher. The course will prepare you for employment in other parts of the children's and family services sector. You'll study child development and pedagogical practices, welfare, ethics, diversity and social justice. The practical core units are supplemented by a work placement each semester for you to test your learning and skills.

A LEADERSHIP ROLE AWAITS YOU

The Graduate Certificate in Leadership will develop your leadership capabilities so that you can meet today's fast-paced challenges in complex business environments. If you want to lead in the VET sector, you can study the Graduate Diploma of Leadership (VET Sector) with an additional four subjects on top of the Graduate Certificate in Leadership. The convenient online program combines contemporary learning materials with an underlying tutorial structure. Tutorials occur each week in the evening, connecting you with your tutors and your peers in a 'virtual classroom'.

JOINT PROGRAMS

Events, Tourism and Hospitality are exciting and dynamic industries. They require organised, knowledgeable and creative people to drive their success. The joint degrees will help prepare you for these rapidly growing industries. The three degrees are a combination of studying at TAFE Illawarra and the University of Wollongong (UOW). They are the:

- Bachelor of Commerce (Events)
- Bachelor of Commerce (Travel and Tourism)
- Bachelor of Commerce (Hospitality)

STUDY WITH US AND UOW

The Bachelor of Digital Media is a cross-institutional program delivered by the UOW's Faculty of Creative Arts in collaboration with TAFE Illawarra. The degree incorporates theoretical studies in visual arts and practical studies in media arts, with concurrently completed studies in the areas of interactive digital media and screen and media, offered by TAFE Illawarra. Both UOW and TAFE Illawarra components of the Bachelor of Digital Media are delivered primarily at the Digital Media Centre, on the UOW Innovation Campus.
JOANNE ALBANY
Star of agribusiness and the environment

Created with fellow TAFE Illawarra Moss Vale students while studying Indigenous Land Management, Joanne Albany’s business is named after a respected Aboriginal tribal chief, Moyengully.

The Moyengully Natural Resource Management Group, now well established in the region, aims to provide Indigenous people – especially young people – with opportunities for education and employment on the land. It also aims to encourage them to reconnect to country and culture.

Joanne is also a leader in community groups such as the Highland’s local Men’s Workshop and Women’s Business Group.

Joanne’s passion for the environment and community achievements won her acclaim at our 2015 Annual Awards, our Agribusiness and Environment Student Award.

Joanne is now qualified with a Certificate III in Indigenous Land Management and a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment. Her teacher, Glen Whitbred, emphasises her remarkable character, as well as her role as a leader and quiet achiever.

Glen says: “Among her many incredible achievements, Joanne dedicates her time working behind the scenes to mentor troubled youth, raising money for families in need, coordinating local conservation projects, as well as organising and creating grants to advance employment and education for Aboriginal people in the Southern Highlands, and the community at large.

“She’s a positive role model and example to her community, her industry, her peers and her children.”

KATIE THOMAS
Living her animal inspired dream

Katie Thomas has always dreamt of one day working with animals. Now the Cambewarra local spends her days milking cows and looking after calves. She returns home of an evening to greet her six alpacas, raised herself. Sought after for their soft fleece on the market, with these youngsters and more, she’s in the process of establishing her own Alpaca Stud.

To equip her with the skills and knowledge to fulfil her life’s dream Katie trained in a Certificate IV in Agriculture at TAFE Illawarra Nowra. Before that she did her Certificate III in Agriculture.

“The Certificate III teaches you how to work the farm, the Certificate IV teaches you how to run it as a business.

“It was so much fun, learning to drive tractors, chainsaw work, hands on cattle work.

“Studying at TAFE Illawarra really gave me a good sense of the extent of what is involved in working with animals. The course teaches you the real aspects of farming: it is hands-on, sometimes dirty, there is a lot of physicality involved, and it’s hard work.”

Last year Katie had experience working on a well-established Alpaca Stud as a Jllaroo. Her daily work was much like that of a farm hand, doing general animal care and farm maintenance, managing stock, fixing fences and some prenatal care.
AGRICULTURE AND ANIMAL STUDIES

Get the right skills and take advantage of employment opportunities in the animal science or agricultural industries. Growth is forecast for veterinary nurses, agricultural technicians and consultants, and animal attendants and trainers in TAFE Illawarra’s catchment area.

AGRICULTURE

Have you considered a career in agriculture as a farm manager, agriculture property worker, dairy farm production worker or supervisor? Or maybe, work as a senior horse breeding employee or organic production foreman. With a course in Agriculture, you’ll learn skills in the cultivation of animals, plants, fungi and other products used to sustain and enhance human life. On completion, you’ll have developed your technical, managerial and husbandry skills.

ANIMAL STUDIES

Are you passionate about working with animals? Gain experience in working with animals and prepare for job roles such as an animal attendant in a kennel, cattery, animal shelter or pet shop. Study in this field will help you develop skills and knowledge required for the care and maintenance of animals in a variety of workplaces and learn about the animal care industry and careers available in its many sectors. This course is an entry point into the animal care industry.

EQUINE

If you love working with horses, a career as a horse groomer, stable foreman, stud hand worker, equine nurse or as a manager in a variety of performance horse enterprises, could be for you. You’ll develop skills in handling and caring for horses. Your involvement in horses will provide unique employment opportunities in this innovative industry including equestrian, racing or breeding.

VETERINARY NURSING

If you’re a true animal lover, you’ll love a career where you can work with animals on a daily basis as a veterinary nurse or vet assistant. With a course in Veterinary Nursing, you’ll develop the skills needed to perform duties in a variety of workplace situations under minimal supervision. You’ll also learn about patient admission and discharge, office procedures, radiography, pathology, surgery, dental procedures, nursing animals and providing animal care advice. The best part is that you’ll learn from our experienced and passionate teachers who have years of industry experience.

WOOL CLASSING, WOOL CLIP PREPARATION AND WOOL HANDLING

Do you have an affinity with the land? A course in Wool Classing, Wool Clip Preparation and Wool Handling will develop a broad range of skills and knowledge for a career in the industry. You’ll learn how to appraise wool, prepare and class wool, document, clip preparation, quality assurance, first aid plus many more skills. Employment in the ovine industry may include a professional wool classer, owner classer, supervisor wool handler or shearer.
Before teaching in our Maritime Services field, Colin Tritton worked in a range of high level roles on, and in, the water.

He trained with the Australian Navy and NSW Police to work as a ship’s diver for Australian Customs and NSW Water Police investigating water-related crime, accidents and deaths including murders.

He also set up a Diving Inspectorate for the Queensland Government.

Colin brought this experience with him to TAFE Illawarra Moruya in 1997 to commence his large range of student-focussed teaching endeavours. “I love teaching, you have to have that love and put in the extra effort for the students,” Colin said.

His star pupils include the brave Billie-Jean Raahauge who was awarded the Transport and Logistics Industry Skills Council’s 2015 Australian Trainee of the Year.

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He also trained the high achieving young skipper, Nick Cowley who was named TAFE Illawarra’s Student of the Year in 2014.

Colin says of these two award winning students: “They are a great inspiration to everyone.”
BILLIE-JEAN RAAHAUGE
Household hero

Billie-Jean Raahauge has been training to become a skipper in order to follow in the footsteps of her husband who recently passed away, a prominent figure in the local marine industry in Bateman’s Bay.

Since her husband’s passing, Billie-Jean has been single parenting, and took up training at TAFE Illawarra both to honour her husband, and to give her a project to centre her.

Billie-Jean signed up at TAFE Illawarra Moruya to become a Marine Engine Driver. After completing this, she continued on with a Master Up to 24 Metres Certificate.

“The study process has been giving me something to focus on, something to keep me busy,” she says.

We honoured the skills and sheer determination of Billie-Jean at our 2015 Annual Awards, at which she received the major student awards for Transport and Trainee of the Year.

She thanked her teacher Colin Tritton saying: “He is great as a teacher and has been really supportive.”

Billie-Jean obtained her first qualification as a deckhand through TAFE 20 years ago.

NICK COWLEY
Young skipper shines

Thanks to his passion for fishing and boating, plus his foresight in studying with us while still at school, Nick Cowley’s qualified as one of the youngest professional skippers in the country.

Nick’s passion for skippering boats motivated him to attend TAFE Illawarra Moruya at night during Year 11 and 12 through the TVET – TAFE While at School program. He had achieved his ticket to skipper by the time he was 18.

He gained his first qualification, the Coxswains Certificate, and continued until he’d obtained several professional qualifications in the Marine field.

Nick currently works full-time in Narooma, responsible for taking up to 15 people out to sea in charter boats, fishing for such catch as Marlin and King Fish.

“Without my TAFE courses, I wouldn’t have been able to leave school and go straight into a full time job. Fishing charters is what I love doing, it’s perfect,” he said.

Nick says that Colin Tritton, with his amazing experience, was the perfect person to impart marine industry knowledge as a teacher.

He thanks Colin for structuring his TAFE study program around the demands of his final years of school.
The automotive industry currently employs more than 370,000 people nationwide, with emerging technologies driving demand. In the maritime industry, developments at a number of key marinas in the region including Shellharbour, Shoalhaven, Eden and Callala Bay are likely to drive growth for deck hands and marine transport professionals.

**AUTOMOTIVE ELECTRICAL TECHNOLOGY**
If you’ve got an electrical mind and a natural knack for understanding how to wire things together, you’ll love a career in Automotive Electrical Technology. A qualification in this field will develop your skills and knowledge in repairing electrical components, lighting, wiring and diagnosing faults in engine management, as well as other electrical/electronic engineering systems.

**AUTOMOTIVE MECHANICAL TECHNOLOGY – LIGHT VEHICLE**
Want to learn how to service, repair and diagnose faults in light vehicle engines, transmissions, suspensions, steering, brake, electrical systems and components? As an automotive technician or light vehicle mechanic you’ll specialise in the after service and repair industries. There are also a wide range of apprenticeship and traineeship courses available.

**AUTOMOTIVE MECHANICAL TECHNOLOGY – HEAVY VEHICLE AND PLANT EQUIPMENT**
If you have a passion for anything with wheels and a motor, imagine a career where you can do it on a large scale with heavy vehicles and plant equipment. A qualification in this field will give you the skills you need for a job as a heavy vehicle motor mechanic in the automotive or agricultural industries. You’ll learn how to maintain, test, diagnose and repair faults in trucks, buses, plant equipment and farm machinery.
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AUTOMOTIVE – ROADS AND MARITIME SERVICES (RMS) APPROVED COURSES
Interested in a career as an RMS inspector/examiner or proprietor at an authorised vehicle inspection station? With a qualification in this field, you’ll develop skills to conduct RMS (previously RTA) vehicle inspections on light and/or heavy vehicles.

AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE – REPAIR (PANEL BEATING)
If you enjoy working with your hands and fixing things, you’ll thrive in the field of vehicle repair. Courses in this career area will give you the skills you need to weld light gauge motor vehicle body panels and under frame structures. You’ll also gain skills in repairing accident and corrosion damage, and measure, realign and repair upper body and under frame structures.

AUTOMOTIVE VEHICLE – REFINISH (SPRAY PAINTING)
Have you got an eye for detail, are creative and enjoy working with your hands? A career in vehicle spray painting could be for you. A course in this field will give you the chance to learn how to prepare a range of materials, equipment and motor vehicles for the application of a range of paint finishes in our state-of-the-art workshops. You’ll also develop skills to match colours for a professional finish.

MARITIME
If you’re passionate about boating and fishing and love the ocean, a career in maritime operations could be for you. Train with our industry experienced educators and our state-of-the-art facilities in master class 5, coxswain, marine engine driver or general purpose hand on commercial vessels.

OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT
Develop your skills in servicing and repairing the mechanical, electrical and ancillary systems of outdoor power equipment. Through study and hands-on experience you’ll become equipped for employment in the maintenance of outdoor power equipment including lawn mowers and chainsaws.
Driven by her life-long dream of becoming a hairdresser, Goulburn’s Ashley Glover kept visiting her favorite local salon to ask about work experience. Even when the answer would be no, she didn’t lose hope. 

“I’m very persistent. I kept coming back to the salon. I liked the vibe of the place and kept asking if I could do work experience.”

Always polite and professional about it, Ashley’s persistence paid off. She was offered work experience, and once she’d proved herself as a good worker, in no time she was hired. This prompted her to enrol in Hairdressing at TAFE Illawarra Goulburn.

She felt that cutting hair and applying colour for the first time would’ve been too scary without the opportunity to practice under the expert tuition our teachers provided.

For her excellence as a student, Ashley won an award for the category of Hairdressing at our Annual Awards held in 2014. Yet even with a Certificate III in Hairdressing and an award under her belt, she remained humble.

She wasn’t really expecting to receive these accolades. She says the support she’s received from both the salon and TAFE Illawarra teachers had a lot to do with her success.

“When I started at the salon I realised I definitely needed to go to TAFE. I needed to learn all the theory involved behind the work I was going to be doing.”

“I feel very proud of myself, pretty surprised I guess. I owe a lot of it to my support. My TAFE teachers have always been really good and helpful.”

Studying at TAFE Illawarra was a crucial step in her life journey, she says.

“It offers a really good environment for learning.”

“ASHLEY GLOVER
Her hairdressing dream realised
The beauty industry is diversifying and higher skill levels are required due to new technologies. As a result, demand for managerial level employees is increasing. Over the coming years, it’s predicted the Illawarra will see more hair and beauty salon managers and assistants.

If you’re passionate about making others feel and look their best, a career in beauty can be incredibly rewarding. You can learn how to apply manicures and pedicures, massage treatments, skin and body treatments, and cosmetics to work as a beauty therapist in a salon, cosmetic assistant in a retail store or day spa, nail technologist or salon manager.

Have you got a flair for hair? When you study with us, you’ll learn from our industry experienced educators who’ll train you in the skills needed to cut, shave, colour, chemically reform and style a client’s hair. Your qualification and skills will make you job-ready for employment as a hairdresser, salon assistant, salon owner or manager.

We offer a range of specialist short courses in Beauty and Hairdressing. You’ll gain expert insight, extend on already developed skills or learn about the beauty and hairdressing industries. Check out www.tafeillawarra.edu.au to find out what short courses are currently on offer.
"I came home a week ago and I’m still smiling – I couldn’t ask for anything better." – Sam Spong, Bricklaying Bronze Medalist, WorldSkills International 2015.

When young contestants return from a WorldSkills competition, they talk about a life-changing experience. Yet for competitors of this event – known as the Skills Olympics – it’s not just winning medals that counts.

WorldSkills is about testing yourself against others in your field, while honing and sharpening your skills in line with competition rules and against world standards. It’s about accessing professional opportunities. You’ll learn top training techniques from the experts involved. Some of our teachers have been chosen as ‘Experts’ in their respective fields for two decades. The competition and training environment is stimulating, fun and social. Once you reach the national and international levels of WorldSkills, there’s scholarships, networking possibilities, profile building, travel and more to be had.

OUR PEOPLE AT WORLDSKILLS INTERNATIONAL
Southern Highlands local, Sam Spong, won a Bronze Medal for Bricklaying at the 43rd WorldSkills in São Paulo, Brazil.

Our Baking contestant, John Reminis, Welding representative, Kalon McVicar and Nicholas Roman in Joinery came home with Medals of Excellence. Matt Sawers performed well in the Manufacturing Team Challenge.

Having obtained their trade qualifications with us, and then training for the event, TAFE Illawarra made up 20% of the 26-strong Skillaroos team representing Australia in Brazil.

Leading up to this, our TAFE Illawarra contestants scored a record win at the national Perth event with a nine medal win, including five Gold.

Also with a prominent place at WorldSkills International were five of our dedicated staff, led by Chief Expert, Troy Everett, with 20 years of WorldSkills experience behind him.

Other experts were: Peter Buttenshaw as Deputy Chief Expert for Industrial Millwright; Martin Bezzina as Expert for the Manufacturing Team Challenge; Paul Condran as Chief Expert for Welding and Herve Boutin as Expert in Patisserie and Confectionery.

HOW IT WORKS AND THE SCALE
WorldSkills International runs on a two year cycle. WorldSkills Australia (WSA) participates on the world stage through hosting a series of regional competitions that flow into National competitions. National competition winners, if selected, go on to become members of the Australian Skillaroos.

At WorldSkills International events, there are over 1,200 competitors from more than 60 countries and regions involved. Over 200,000 visitors attend.

Contestants compete in over 50 different skills areas related to trades, technologies, and service-oriented careers, facing real-life challenges. These are completed according to international quality standards, demonstrating individual and collective abilities.

WORLDSKILLS AUSTRALIA: AIMS
The aim of WSA is to encourage Australians to celebrate vocational education and training, to shift perceptions and create the understanding that to learn a skill, to choose a skill-based career, is one of the most important decisions a young person and their family will ever make.

WSA’s program of competitions, aligned to National Training Packages, work to ensure that today’s young people have the skills and abilities to compete within a rapidly changing global marketplace. Find out more at www.worldskills.org.au.
TROY EVERETT

Troy Everett was the winner of VET Teacher/Trainer of the Year at the NSW Training Awards 2015. He has a record of combining his expertise in bricklaying, trades training and his love of helping people.

Troy Everett began his professional life as a bricky. These days he wears many hats in many countries. He’s now Chief Expert for the huge WorldSkills International competition, most recently taking him to Brazil. Back at home, as well as mentoring students in Bricklaying, he’s Head Teacher of Civil Engineering and Surveying at TAFE Illawarra Wollongong.

Troy also volunteers with team projects doing construction works for communities in need. He will soon be building a hall complex to help restore a village’s flattened school near earthquake devastated Kathmandu, Nepal. Previously he went to Bangladesh to install toilets.

Troy appreciates the way TAFE Illawarra has allowed his life to expand: “I appreciate the opportunities that TAFE Illawarra has afforded me. It’s very important to the public, as it provides opportunities to people from all walks of life.”

At the WorldSkills International 2015 event Troy was unanimously voted in as the Chief Expert for the next international competition to be held in Abu Dhabi in 2017.

Apart from judging and running overseas competitions, the rest of the year Troy mentors and organises Team Illawarra for WorldSkills Australia. In the early days, around 2005, when Troy was a part-time Bricklaying Teacher with us, he saw the huge possibilities WorldSkills Australia offered.

“I always wanted to get the best out of students, so I topped up my teaching by exposing the students to the WorldSkills journey. It’s not just about winning medals, everyone who gets involved learns about themselves. They also learn off the other competitors.”

He notes a marked change in the WorldSkills culture over the years. It has grown in size and stature to become an event of world influence, he feels.

“It’s the only organisation, worldwide, that sets skills standards across so many industries, and particularly in a globalised world, this is all the more important.”
When Sam Spong was 17 in his first job as a bricklayer, he had no idea he’d one day become one of the best in the world in his trade.

The Southern Highlands local won the Bronze medal for Bricklaying at the prestigious WorldSkills International 2015 competition held in Brazil.

On coming home from the intense four-day ‘skills Olympics’ Sam’s phone didn’t stop ringing with offers for work. A week later, with the offers continuing to come in, Sam was still smiling from the WorldSkills medal win domino effect.

“I’m pretty stoked. It has opened so many doors for me. I don’t think I’ll have any trouble finding work.”

He also said that training for two years towards the international event really helped him develop and improve his skills, especially when it comes to “the small things.”

“When I first heard about WorldSkills I thought it sounded like a great opportunity, something that would open up possibilities,” says Sam.

Sam’s been running his own business since graduating from a Certificate III in Bricklaying/Blocklaying at TAFE Illawarra Wollongong.

TAFE Illawarra’s Troy Everett, Chief Expert in Bricklaying at the international event, and Sam’s mentor, said: “Sam had to draw on a combination of traditional and new skills to complete the tasks he was set and did amazingly well.”
FIONA SHEWRING
A passion for teaching painting and decorating

Fiona Shewring was the mum of five small children when she first started working in painting and decorating to help make ends meet.

Now she’s a highly experienced and respected teacher in Painting and Decorating at TAFE Illawarra Wollongong. She’s also the founder of a not-for-profit organisation, SALT (Supporting and Linking Tradeswomen). Through workshops and meetings held throughout Australia, SALT aims to support tradeswomen, female apprentices and women who wish to enter trades.

Fiona was recognised as one of Australia’s most inspirational women in the 2012 Financial Review-Westpac 100 Women of Influence Awards for actively supporting female tradies. She was also nominated for the Premier’s Australian Woman of the Year Award in 2014.

Her great passion is teaching, which she enjoys the most when out on the road visiting TAFE campuses and organisations that support her role in SALT.

“I’m surprised at how much I enjoy teaching. I still paint and decorate but that is more of a side project, for me it’s about teaching.”

“As a teacher I love visiting apprenticeship employers, it’s a great joy for me to see the high caliber of both male and female tradespeople and to see everyone working together.

“Encouraging women to get into non-traditional trades is not about women coming into the trade and working better than the men or taking their jobs, rather it’s about encouraging women to do the very best job they can in the right trade for them,” she said.
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION

Gain the skills and qualifications required for an exciting career in the growing building and construction industry. The largest growth areas are tipped to be within architectural drafting, construction project management, plumbing (general), building, surveying and civil engineering drafting.

ARCHITECTURAL DRAFTING
Imagine a career where you can bring the ideas of architecture to life. As an architectural draftsperson, you’ll convert the architect’s vision into technical plans that can be followed by a construction crew. Learn the skills of Building Information Modelling (BIM) and Computer Aided Design (CAD) to become an architectural draftsperson, CAD Technician, or a building information modeller by completing a course in Architectural drafting.

BRICKLAYING
A career in bricklaying can be incredibly rewarding – and qualified bricklayers are currently in high demand. Our courses are taught by industry experienced educators who are considered global experts in the trade. You’ll learn how to lay bricks and blocks, construct ornamental panels, feature walls, arches and columns for domestic, commercial, industry and public buildings. Our courses will satisfy the educational requirements of the Office of Fair Trading for the issue of a bricklaying trade contractor licence so you can gain employment as a bricklayer tradesperson/contractor on successful completion.

TAFE ILLAWARRA CAREER GUIDE
BUILDING
Now is the time to take advantage of the forecast employment boom in the building sector. A qualification in building will help you develop the skills and knowledge to manage the construction of buildings including selecting contractors, contract management, overseeing work quality and liaising with clients. Our courses, after successful completion along with Certificate III in Carpentry or Bricklaying, will satisfy the educational requirements of the Office of Fair Trading for the issue of a builder’s licence. You’ll be ready to gain employment as construction site supervisor or licensed builder.

CARPENTRY
If you like working with your hands and enjoy the satisfaction of creating something from scratch, a career in carpentry is a perfect fit. With our course, you’ll learn how to use hand and power tools, work from plans and specifications, select the correct material to use, and fabricate, install or construct. Completion of a qualification in this field will satisfy the educational requirements of the Office of Fair Trading for the issue of a carpentry trade contractor licence. You’ll be in the best position to gain employment as a carpenter tradesperson/contractor.

CIVIL ENGINEERING
If you’re able to identify, analyse and solve problems, and have a practical yet creative approach to your work, you could enjoy a rewarding career in civil engineering. With our courses in this field, you’ll develop skills in civil engineering drafting and design, construction supervision and materials testing. You’ll then be able to go on to gain employment in the civil construction industry as an onsite supervisor, or in an office environment as a civil drafter or civil design paraprofessional.

GENERAL CONSTRUCTION HIGH RISK LICENSING
Working in the construction industry, high-risk licences are vital to be able to do your job. We offer a range of courses that will develop the skills and knowledge needed to work in a variety of construction high-risk areas. You can complete a course in Asbestos Removal, WHS Induction, Dogging, Rigging, Scaffolding, Formwork, Forklift Operations, Confined Space Entry, Working at Heights or Elevated Work Platform.

PAINTING AND DECORATING
Interested in expressing yourself in a creative industry? You can achieve a qualification coupled with the practical skills required to work in the painting and decorating industry and satisfy the educational requirements of the Office of Fair Trading for the issue of a painting and decorating trade contractor licence. You’ll be able to gain employment as a painter and decorator.

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PLUMBING
As a plumber, your skills are in demand and your employment prospects are excellent – whether you work for yourself, as a contractor or for a business or company. With a plumbing qualification, you can develop a broad range of skills and knowledge associated with gas and water services, drainage, sanitary services and metal roofing. You’ll be able to gain employment in the plumbing industry as a journeyman plumber or pursue further education and become a licenced plumber.

SCAFFOLDING AND RIGGING
Develop the skills you need for a job in scaffolding and rigging. With our qualifications in this field, you’ll learn the knowledge and practical skills you need to know how to erect structural steel frameworks and scaffolds, work at heights, safety measures, guide crane operators and operate hoists, winches and mast climbers.

SHOPFITTING
If you want a varied job, working as part of a team, and one that makes good use of your practical skills, this career path could be for you. As a shopfitter, you’ll use hand tools and power equipment, work from plans and specifications, select the correct material to use, and fabricate and install everything from office spaces and restaurants to shopfronts and kitchens.

SIGNWRITING
Signwriters design, make and fit all types of signs for commercial and non-commercial use. They work with everything from signs above shops, to logos and lettering on vehicles and road traffic signs. If you’ve got good practical skills, a flair for design and would like a job that has a lot of variety, then this might be the career for you. With a course in this field, you’ll learn about the processes, computer programs, materials, and tools used in the signwriting industry to gain employment as a signwriter or sign manufacturer.

SURFACE PREPARATION AND COATING APPLICATION
Already working in the finishing and coating industries, such as electroplating, powder coating and general surface finishing? Build upon your skills by learning how to prepare and apply protective coatings to a wide range of industrial materials.

SURVEYING AND MAPPING
Would you enjoy developing skills in surveying equipment, survey law, computer mapping and calculations? Surveying and mapping technicians work in the spatial information services industry. You can become an employee of a surveying company, engineering or natural resource management firm, and mining company or Government departments. Self-employment as a consultant is an option, with a range of clients including land brokers, solicitors, surveyors, engineers and construction or mining companies.
Jindabyne local Holly Nebauer has been recognised as a future business leader after winning the Business Administration category for Trainee of the Year at the 2015 Illawarra and South East NSW Training Awards.

“I completed my Certificate III in Business Administration at TAFE Illawarra Cooma as part of my traineeship at Snowy Hydro in Cooma. I also completed my Certificate IV in Business during the traineeship,” said Holly. “My studies have given me the basic skills for both my job at the time and now my university studies. They really set a great foundation for the future.”

On winning the award, Holly said the entire experience – from nomination through to the interview process – has helped build her confidence.

“The nomination alone was such a surprise, I did not really expect to even get through to the interview process. The experience of being nominated for the award gave me confidence in my interview skills and professional conduct.

“Recognition of my efforts throughout the year was probably the main highlight of receiving the award.”

Holly is now studying a Bachelor of Design (Industrial Design) at the University of Canberra and has used her TAFE qualification to secure casual work.

David Guthrey, Manager District Operations – Highlands, said: “Holly is a strong example of the study pathways and career opportunities that can come from a TAFE qualification. Her success is also a reflection of the high quality of training she received from our Cooma campus teachers.

“To see Holly now working in the local area and contributing to the local economy is an excellent outcome – it’s what Vocational Education and Training is all about,” said Mr Guthrey.

When reflecting on what she enjoyed most about her time studying with TAFE, Holly spoke highly on the level of flexibility and support she received.

“It was easy to complete the coursework at my own pace with the assistance of my teacher,” she said.

“Being in a class with other trainees from the region meant that I gained an insight into how the skills we were learning could be applied to different industries.”

Holly’s sights are now set on finishing her degree and gaining a Diploma of Management or Business, which she believes will complement her existing skills.
BUSINESS

Complete a nationally recognised qualification in business and open up career opportunities in a broad range of occupations and industries.

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE
If you love mathematics and enjoy working with numbers, a career as an accountant, bookkeeper, payroll clerk or office manager could be for you. You’ll develop the skills in financial management, auditing, management, accounting, taxation, business and company law.

AUDIT – QUALITY SYSTEMS
Develop the skills and knowledge to become a quality systems auditor. This course develops the skills and knowledge you will need to plan for, lead and engage in a quality audit. You will develop skills in assessing risks, leading teams, evaluating performance, and reporting as it relates to the audit of the management systems of an organisation.

BOOKKEEPING
Develop the skills and knowledge to become a bookkeeper. Learn how to organise and manage the financial transactions of a business so they can be used to produce meaningful reports for internal and external users. Learn what a Business Activity Statement (BAS) is, how to prepare it and lodge it. The qualification meets the academic requirements for registration with the Taxation Practitioners Board (TPB) as a BAS agent.

BUSINESS
Imagine developing your leadership skills and learning how to manage a business or company division overseeing the accounting, purchasing, human resources, marketing and business requirements, or how to lead your frontline staff. Employment opportunities exist in a variety of industries as a receptionist, legal secretary, personal assistant, administrator, project officer, supervisor, team leader or manager.
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Acquire the skills and knowledge needed to work in different business sectors. You’ll learn about a range of business equipment, procedures and technology as well as dealing with customers and clients, writing skills for work, organising yourself and handling mail. You’ll develop and improve your skills for use within an office environment and learn to execute office tasks efficiently and effectively to increase your chances of securing employment in management, administrative or clerical positions.

FINANCIAL PLANNING
Get qualified to start a career as a financial planner. Learn how to prepare financial plans for clients and assist clients with managing their investments and retirement planning. This course meets the academic requirements for registration as a financial planner.

HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
Increase your chances of securing a career in a hospital or professional practice with a course in this area. You’ll develop and improve your skills for use as a clerical support person within the health industry. You’ll also learn medical terminology and skills to enable you to execute tasks efficiently and effectively.

HUMAN RESOURCES
If you have an interest in people and organisational management, you may like to consider a career as a human resource officer or manager. Learn about the administration of human resources, work health and safety, training and workplace behaviour as well as conducting recruitment and selection. As a human resource officer or manager you’ll liaise with people in the organisation and may assist with recruitment of staff, mediation and change management processes.

LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT
Develop and harness your skills across a range of different management career areas. On completion, you’ll be in the best position to gain employment in financial management, human resource management, customer service, franchising, or workplace relations. These learned skills will also provide a general management knowledge for small business owners.

LEGAL ADMINISTRATION
Are you interested in gaining suitable qualifications to work as a legal receptionist or secretary? You’ll develop a broad range of administrative competencies in a legal environment. You’ll also learn about the legal system and its terminology and legal administration practices. Within your role, you’ll use some discretion and judgement and may provide technical advice and support to a team.
MARKETING
Tap into your creative side and study the science of marketing. With our course, you’ll develop a range of specialist marketing skills as well as other generic business competencies. These may include learning strong communication skills to maintain relationships with your customers, understanding a SWOT analysis and preparing a marketing strategy. You’ll then be able to go on to gain employment as a marketing coordinator, market research officer, public relations manager, or marketing manager.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATION
Do you have strong organisational skills and enjoy methodical thinking? A possible role as an office administrator, receptionist, personal assistant or secretary could be a rewarding career. As part of your studies, you’ll develop basic administrative tasks that can prepare you to perform clerical duties in a variety of office environments. You’ll also learn to communicate effectively as part of an office team, manage time efficiently and organise an office space.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT
Imagine a career that draws on your strengths of logical thinking. You’ll learn the practical skills and knowledge required to design, implement, manage and close complex projects. Employment as a project manager or a project team leader will provide you with the opportunity to plan, organise, motivate and control resources to reach specific goals and objectives.

REAL ESTATE
Do you want to work in the fast-paced world of real estate, either as an agent or broker? If you enjoy sales and are a strong communicator, a course within this career area will provide you the skills needed to sell, market, lease and manage real estate and/or properties. You can gain employment to assist the vendor market their property, find the perfect buyer and close the sale.

RETAIL
Prepare for a career in retail by learning how to maintain store safety and security, build relationships with customers, manage operations and budgets, perform stock control and communicate effectively with colleagues. You can gain employment as a customer service or sales assistant, shift manager, department or store manager, checkout supervisor, merchandise coordinator, buyer or sales manager.

SMALL BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
Get the skills you need to successfully establish or build your small business. You can learn about the principles and practices of small business management and develop the skills and knowledge required to manage the establishment, planning, promotion, finances, operations and workforce of a small business.

TAX AGENT
Get the qualifications necessary to register as a tax agent with the Taxation Practitioners Board. This course meets the academic requirements for registration as a tax agent. It would be suitable for people who have an accounting qualification but need the academic requirements for registration as a tax agent. Once registered with the Taxation Practitioners Board you can prepare and lodge tax returns for clients.

TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT
Do you see yourself as a skills trainer, facilitator, and/or assessor in the workplace or vocational education and training sector? You can develop the knowledge and skills required to competently perform these roles.

WORK HEALTH AND SAFETY
Gain skills in work health and safety, and increase your possibility of securing employment as a workplace safety officer or manager.

LEARNING AND RESOURCE CENTRES
With an interactive learning space featuring touchscreen TVs, video conference facilities, a ‘pod room’ and after-hours access, our Learning and Resources Centres provide you with a unique learning environment.
From footballer to community leader

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COMMUNITY AND HEALTH
Dan Hunt

From footballer to community leader

Not every footballer wants to help the vulnerable and needy when off the field, but retired St George Illawarra Dragons’ player Dan Hunt does. He’s proven just that by graduating recently in not one - but three - Community and Family Services courses from TAFE Illawarra Wollongong.

Dan’s commitment to gaining the education and training needed to professionally help people in need was obvious from the start. Beginning studies in 2013, his enthusiasm meant one qualification led to another. He’s now qualified with a Certificate IV in Community Services Work, a Certificate IV in Alcohol and Other Drugs, as well as a Certificate IV in Mental Health.

Currently studying a Diploma in Community Services, Dan’s now working with both the Dragons’ Community Program and the National Rugby League (NRL) as a Mental Health Ambassador.

As part of his training process, Dan has taken on a number of on-the-job roles at local drug and rehabilitation services such as The Watershed and The New Outlook.

His main interest is helping young people with mental health, drug or alcohol issues.

Well-known for speaking out about his struggle with his mental health, Dan says being able to access more education while working as a professional NRL player is something he’d always desired. Led by Relieving Head Teacher, Community Services, Anne Barrow, a program developed within the TAFE Illawarra Community Service team made this possible.

Dan’s cohort included his team mates Joshua Dugan, Trent Merrin and Joel Thompson who have also now qualified in the Community Services field with us.

Their study schedule was specially designed to to fit with their tough NRL schedule.

Dan did some of his study while out of the game with an injury.

“Working in the community has really given me another area of focus and I’m excited about continuing with it in the future.

“I’ve also been passionate about the community and this gave me the confidence to take it a step further and really make a difference,” he said.

Dan was honoured at TAFE Illawarra’s 2015 Annual Awards ceremony with our Student Award in the area of Community and Family Services.

At the awards, Dan thanked Anne Barrow for designing a program that accommodated his training schedules, aligned to his learning needs and post-career goals.

Anne also received an award at the 2015 Annual Awards for developing and implementing the program, which has allowed a number of NRL and National Youth Competition (NYC) players to qualify in Community Services.

Dan commended Anne for her commitment and support: “Anne has been outstanding. She gave us the support and confidence to get through.”

Anne said of Dan, Joshua, Trent and Joel: “They each have been especially focused on wanting to mentor young people and address very relevant issues such as the ongoing stigma faced by those who experience mental health issues, issues of cultural concern and general vulnerability faced by many young people in our communities.”
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FACILITY
TAFE Illawarra Shellharbour

Our purpose-built Early Childhood Education facility features video conferencing and interactive whiteboards for innovative teaching and learning in the childcare field.
Pauline Gemmill is loving every minute of her new life working as an enrolled nurse* in Paediatrics at Wollongong Hospital.

She practically flew into this full-time job after obtaining her first clinical placement at the hospital, aided by the support of TAFE Illawarra and a scholarship she’d won.

Leaving a senior role in her first career in the childcare industry, Pauline took the leap by enrolling with us in nursing when her job security in childcare looked shaky.

Despite her worry that she might not fit in as a mature aged student, she enrolled at TAFE Illawarra Shellharbour, graduating with a Diploma of (Enrolled) Nursing – Division 2.

“I thought I was going to be the old duck, but it wasn’t like that at all. I’ve made friends for life. My placements were fabulous, our group really bonded.”

She also still feels connected to her teachers.

“Pauline’s outstanding success and commitment inspired us to give her the first award we’ve offered for Health and Wellbeing at our Annual Awards.

At the ceremony she was described as a high achiever academically, vocationally and now professionally in her chosen career.

Pauline admits it can be daunting to make a career change, leaving what is secure for the unknown. Her advice? “Just go and do it!”

*An enrolled nurse is trained in administering medications and other high level nursing skills.
COMMUNITY AND HEALTH

Health care and social assistance is the largest employment sector in the region and the demands on this industry will increase rapidly as the population ages.

You can make a positive contribution to the community by working in a range of fields from aged care to community services, child and family studies, youth services, health and recreation and nursing.

AGED CARE
Harness your empathetic nature to develop the skills and knowledge required to provide care and support to elderly people in community and aged care facilities. With a course in this field, you’ll learn about the aged care sector, how to provide personal care and support for older people and how to interview and communicate with older people within residential facilities. On completion, you’ll increase your chances of securing employment as an assistant in nursing, support worker, carer or personal care assistant.

BACHELOR OF EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND CARE (BIRTH-5)
Imagine a career where you contribute to the development of a young child’s future. In this Bachelor Degree, you’ll develop the skills and knowledge in the areas of early childhood theory, practice, professional practice and leadership. As an early childhood educator or director, you’ll be able to facilitate and ensure children's health and safety while supporting their learning and wellbeing. Entry may be available at Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4.

COMMUNITY SERVICES
If you’re looking for a rewarding career path that focuses on helping others, the community services sector is for you. You’ll develop the skills required to work directly with people to provide support in community settings using a personal centred approach. A qualification in this career area will equip you to work in a wide range of Government or community based organisations as a social welfare worker, disability officer, youth worker, case management officer, or mental health worker.

DISABILITY
If you consider yourself to be flexible, adaptable and caring, you may like to think about a career assisting people with an intellectual or physical disability. You’ll develop the skills needed to care for and support people with a disability in community and/ or residential facilities. This rewarding career gives you the opportunity to encourage clients to develop their personal, community and social relationships. On completion, you’ll be able to work as a disability support worker, care assistant, residential care support worker or client assistant.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
If you relate well to children, possess a natural curiosity and have a keen interest in education, you may like to consider employment as a childcare worker. With our courses in this field, you’ll develop the skills to help the educational, physical, social and emotional development of children in environments such as centre based care, family day care or out-of-school-hours services. Your work day may include planning and implementing developmental programs, preparing play and learning materials, helping children with daily routine tasks and guiding children’s behaviour and social development.

EDUCATION SUPPORT
There’s nothing like a career assisting young people to break down barriers and provide them with genuine support and guidance. A qualification in Education Support will help you develop the skills required to provide assistance and support to teachers to facilitate students’ learning under broad-based supervision. A career in Education Support provides opportunities to work in a range of education settings including public and independent schools.

HEALTH AND FITNESS
Are you interested in health and fitness? Contributing to the health and wellbeing of others can be an incredibly rewarding career. With our Health and Fitness courses, you’ll develop the skills to provide fitness instruction to groups or individuals, or acquire advanced technical, planning, management and leadership skills. Depending on the electives chosen you could learn to provide exercise instruction for groups and aqua or gym programs. An exciting career as a fitness instructor, operations manager or sports development officer awaits.

MASSAGE AND COMPLEMENTARY THERAPIES
Enjoy a career working magic with your hands to provide massage treatments such as hot stone, reflexology and aromatherapy to clients with specific needs. You may also develop skills in injury management, rehabilitation and/or relaxation. Partner these skills with complementary therapies to provide a holistic approach as a massage therapist.

NURSING, HEALTH AND FIRST AID
Have you considered a career in the health industry? A caring and compassionate attitude and an understanding of your role is essential. You’ll acquire the skills needed to provide care and support for individuals and groups, administer first aid, or assist in the administration of a dental practice. On completion, you’ll gain employment as a nurse or health care assistant in a general or specialised health care facility.

NUTRITION AND DIETETICS
If you’re interested in the study of human biochemistry and physiology, this career area may be for you. You’ll develop the skills and knowledge in the areas of nutrition and dietetics to provide assistance in a range of duties including food preparation, implementing diet modifications and checking accuracy of meals under the direction of dieticians and food service managers. On completion, you can gain employment in a hospital or similar health care facility.
STEPHEN COYLE
Reinventing himself through mechanical engineering

Prompted by the promise of freedom outside the school gate, Stephen Coyle, now 30, left high school as soon as he could. The Cordeaux Heights resident didn’t realise the only work he’d be able to find was as an unskilled labourer, and because of that his new-found freedom would soon bore him.

It was while working at a furniture warehouse in Unanderra that he decided he needed a dramatic change. He enrolled at TAFE Illawarra Wollongong as a mature aged student, ready to reinvigorate himself in pursuit of a career in Engineering. His commitment culminated in his qualifying with a Diploma of Mechanical Engineering in 2014.

Along the way Stephen’s skills and attitude secured him employment at BlueScope, Wollongong, where he works now as an Assets Coordinator, a job he finds both stimulating and rewarding.

In 2014 he earned the prestigious award for Excellence in Trade Skills at the NSW Training Awards at a ceremony held at Sydney’s Darling Harbour.

The Awards honour and reward the achievements of students, trainers/teachers, training organisations, large and small employers over the course of the year. Winning a NSW Training Award is not only good for the organisation which provided the training, but also good for the winner as it helps that person build their professional profile, alerting others in the industry to their prowess and achievements in their chosen field.

Just after winning the award, Stephen recalls philosophically that it was only a few years ago that he’d felt trapped in that furniture warehouse as if for life.

“My work today is interesting and challenging. Studying at TAFE Illawarra definitely helped me progress, without it I would probably be back at the furniture factory.”

Returning to study as a mature age student, Stephen says it’s the hard work that you put in, not your age that matters to those in the industry.

NSW TRAINING AWARDS
The NSW Training Awards are conducted annually by the NSW Department of Education and Communities (DEC) to recognise outstanding achievement in the vocational education and training sector.
ELECTROTECHNOLOGY

Gain the skills and qualifications required for an exciting career within the electrical industry. As an electrician, you’ll work mainly in the construction industry, with growth forecast for electrical engineers.

CISCO CCNA – ELECTIVE CAPSTONE PROGRAM
Undertake the required final assessments for a previous attempted but incomplete module from the CCNA (CISCO Certified Network Associate) module offerings.

ELECTROTECHNOLOGY - ELECTRICIAN
If you enjoy technical activities and have a natural understanding of electronics, you could make an ideal electrician. If you’re wanting to enter the electrotechnology industry, this course will give you an overview of the competencies at work entry level in the industry. You’ll develop a broad range of skills and knowledge including wiring, switching, electrical theory and use of hand and power tools. It’ll provide you with a grounding in safety, basic skills and knowledge for work in many electrotechnology disciplines. Start your career as an electrical tradesperson or pursue further education and become a licenced electrician.

ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING
So you want to be an electrical engineering technician? This study area generally deals with electricity, electronics and electromagnetism. You’ll learn how to develop, select, commission, maintain and diagnose faults/malfunctions on electrical equipment and systems. This qualification provides competencies to gain employment in the electrotechnology industry.

REFRIGERATION AND AIR CONDITIONING SYSTEMS
Are you interested in developing skills to become a refrigeration and air conditioning trades person/contractor? You’ll develop a broad range of skills and knowledge associated with the refrigeration and air conditioning industry including heat loads and selecting equipment for basic commercial refrigeration, residential air conditioning and regulatory requirements for purchasing and handling refrigerants.
ENGINEERING AND MANUFACTURING

Help meet Australia’s infrastructure needs with our training programs tailored to the growing demand of industry and the workplace.

ENGINEERING – CASTING AND MOULDING
(FOUNDRY)
If you’re interested in the production of metal castings, a career as a tradesperson in the casting and moulding industry could be for you. You’ll develop the skills and knowledge in workplace communication, work health and safety, quality procedures systems and planning, engineering measurement and casting and moulding. This may include setting up and operating continuous moulding machines and furnaces with ferrous and non-ferrous metals.

ENGINEERING (MECHANICAL)
Study one of the oldest and broadest of the engineering disciplines. You’ll develop skills in organising and analysing information, engineering mathematics, interacting with computing technology and selecting engineering materials. As a graduate engineering technician within the metals and engineering industry, you’ll be experienced in the principles of engineering, physics and materials science.

ENGINEERING (TRADE)
A trade in engineering will provide you with a broad knowledge in this field. You’ll acquire the skills needed to work in a range of light to heavy industrial applications within the engineering industry (formerly fitting and machining). A variety of courses are available including pre-apprenticeships, traditional trade apprenticeships, and post trade training and up-skilling of current qualifications in the use of CNC machining, fluid power, hydraulics, and pneumatics. If you enjoy the application of scientific, economic, social and practical knowledge in order to invent, design, build, maintain, research and improve structures, machines or processes, this may be your field of expertise.

LABORATORY SKILLS
If you’re a keen scientist interested in a pathology testing environment and you’re considering a career as a laboratory assistant or laboratory attendant, then read on. With a course in this field you’ll develop the skills and knowledge associated with the operation of a laboratory and associated technical tasks such as sampling and testing. This career area may provide you with employment in the food, chemical, manufacturing, construction materials, biological/environmental or pathology industry sectors.

MANUFACTURING
Pursue a career as a technical assistant in the manufacturing industry. You’ll develop scientific and technical skills used in waste management, pollution monitoring and control and other environmental applications. Areas of employment may include environmental protection agencies, public and private waste management operations, laboratories within research institutes and companies, and in Government departments and environmental monitoring services.
METAL FABRICATION AND WELDING
If you love working with your hands, designing, building or fixing a piece of machinery, this could be the career path for you. In the metals and engineering industry, you may be involved in cutting, pressing or casting metal, welding or grinding and working with heavy machinery, computer technology, cabling and mechanical equipment. Metal Fabrication and Welding (boilermaking) courses offer the opportunity to secure a career in light or heavy fabrication. You'll acquire skills and knowledge in workplace communication, work health and safety, quality procedures systems and planning, engineering measurement, computations and computer technology plus industry specific skills in welding and boilermaking.

MINING
Interested in working with huge machinery? You’ll have the opportunity to gain the comprehensive skills and knowledge required for working in an underground coal mine. An interest in the extraction of metals and other resources is desirable. This career area offers employment as a mine supervisor, team leader, deputy or underground shotfirer.

MECHANICAL ENGINEERING CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE
TAFE Illawarra Wollongong

Learn your mechanical engineering trade in our state of-the-art mechanical engineering, manufacturing and environmental technology training facilities. The facility was the first in Australia to utilise the Sage Didactic system. Development of the facility was driven by the Illawarra and South East Region Mechanical Engineering, Manufacturing and Environmental Technology Consortia, consisting of local employers and industry associations.
From the Comic Gong and Corporate Golf Days, to film and food festivals – our Diploma of Events students are given unbeatable opportunities for real-world learning with a range of professional events.

We offer these events as training platforms so our students can learn the ropes in a safe and supported environment. From the art of event planning, marketing and sponsorship, to the nitty gritty of running an actual event day, our students learn it all. Meanwhile our teachers are there providing their years of industry experience and friendly guidance to develop their skills.

CORPORATE GOLF DAY
It’s become bigger and more inventive every year. One student team secured a helicopter from a sponsor, another dressed as angels and visited sick children in hospital. It’s all done in the name of our annual student-run Corporate Golf Day.

While the general structure remains the same, each year a new group of Diploma of Events students give it a new twist. As part of a dynamic student team working on the event, you’ll get to set up your own event management business, with its own name and logo. You’ll then try your hand at an assigned role – including everything from marketing and corporate sponsorship, to event operations and logistics.

To top it off, the entire event is designed to raise funds for a local charity of your choice – making the whole process rewarding and meaningful.

Our students have gone on to attract widespread media coverage with the likes of WIN News Illawarra and the Illawarra Mercury, and worked with a host of high profile local business men and women. It doesn’t get any better than that for an industry-relevant learning experience.

COMIC GONG AND MOONLIGHT MOVIES
The exciting Comic Gong event is a comic and pop culture festival created by Wollongong City Libraries to promote comic culture and local comic artists. Our students have the benefit of this popular event as a practice platform from which to extend themselves professionally.

We’ve also taken part in running Moonlight Movies, bringing popular family-friendly films to the big screen in a beautiful outdoor setting at an Illawarra venue. In staging the end-to-end process for Moonlight Movies, our students have been rewarded with the experience of running a popular professional ‘cinema under the stars’ event.
During her Diploma in Events, Stephanie Masella and a student team set up a business called Eventure which held an exciting Corporate Golf Day.

“The golf day with TAFE Illawarra was a very grounding learning environment. It was hands-on and practical,” she said.

Now the Lake Heights local has her sights set on coordinating weddings. This dream’s getting closer, as she now has a job in the region at a business catering for weddings and other events.

Directly after graduating with us, Stephanie got the chance to work full-time at Sydney’s The Star in the hotel accommodation section.

She secured the job through a combination of her willingness to take a risk and the support from her TAFE Illawarra Wollongong teacher.

The teacher had taken the students on a tour of The Star, and there Stephanie met a woman working in Learning and Development, who impressed and inspired her.

“When I got back I told my teacher I was thinking of applying to work there. She encouraged me to make contact.”

Stephanie contacted the employee concerned, who put her through to the right person and the process led to Stephanie getting hired.

“It was a great experience working for such a large company, and it gave me the opportunity to work with a range of different departments,” she said.

However eventually Stephanie made the difficult decision to leave in search of events work and to reduce her commute time.

“I wanted to do events, which is what I’ve trained in, so I needed to move on.”

She’s happy with her decision, and with the possibilities of working in weddings, the future looks bright.
EVENTS, TOURISM AND TRAVEL

Australia’s domestic and international tourism grew significantly over the last year. Become part of an exciting field by completing a nationally recognised qualification. You’ll also benefit from our strong links with local industry and real-world learning experiences.

EVENTS
Enjoy planning and implementing events? Imagine a job where you could use your excellent organisational skills to coordinate a wedding, conference or major music festival. Creativity, good communication and team skills are an important aspect in this career path. You’ll develop knowledge and an understanding of the events industry and acquire a range of management, budgetary and event specific skills. You could go on to secure employment in a range of different commercial and Government organisations. Coupled with a small business management course, and you’re on your way to start your own business.

TOURISM AND TRAVEL
Join this booming career area, which directly and indirectly makes up a significant part of the economy. The travel and tourism industry encompasses transport services, accommodation, recreational activities and entertainment. With a course in this field, you’ll develop skills in tourism, including sales and operations, tour delivery, information services, attractions, meetings and events. You’ll get the skills you need for the job you want as a travel consultant, tour guide, tourism manager, visitor information centre officer or marketing manager.
While learning and training towards a career in horticulture, landscaping, floristry – and other fields with a ‘green’ theme – we give you the chance to showcase your talent to the broader public. TAFE Illawarra student teams have long been high achievers when entering prestigious industry competitions.

GARDEN SHOW SUCCESS
A team of Landscape Construction students from TAFE Illawarra Yallah won two major awards recently for their ‘Ribbon Balcony’ at the highly esteemed Australian Garden Show, Sydney.

Their small balcony design was created with grandeur in mind. Judges included some of Australia’s horticulture and design expert celebrities.

LANDSCAPE CHALLENGE
Working to the theme of ‘Beauty Down Under’, two teams of Landscaping students from TAFE NSW competed in the Landscape Challenge held at the Royal Easter Show, Sydney.

Our team of 16 members from Certificate III in Landscape Construction from TAFE Illawarra Yallah was described as truly talented by their teacher.

FLORISTRY CHALLENGE
TAFE Illawarra Yallah’s Floristry students have more recently come on board as competitors at the Royal Easter Show.

Entering the competition for the first time, a TAFE Illawarra Yallah team of Certificate II and Certificate III in Floristry students were highly commended for their Minnamurra Rainforest inspired Floral Display.

The entry addressed the ‘Beauty Down Under’ theme, with the flowers selected to evoke the colour and design of opals. The entry won third place.
TAFE Illawarra Yallah is one of our Centres of Excellence in sustainability, horticultural trades, land and conservation management, agriculture and animal science. When you study any of these career areas, you have a range of exciting facilities to fuel your learning.

The campus features the Transformational Technical Training (TTT) Building – a living, breathing building which was developed in partnership with the University of Wollongong’s Sustainable Buildings Research Centre to keep industry skilled in sustainable technologies and updated on research in practice. You’ll learn from its Building Management System (a building information modelling tool built for net-zero water and energy performance), an observation Plant Room for technical training in sustainable technology and the surrounding Yallah Woodland – a recognised ecological community.
Get the right skills and take advantage of employment opportunities in the environmental and horticultural industries. Growth is forecast over the next three years for greenkeepers and landscape gardeners in the Illawarra region.

**ARBORICULTURE**
Embrace your green thumb and become an arborist. You’ll acquire the skills needed to work in the arboriculture industry, including plant identification, plant disease, tree climbing and rescue, work health and safety and safe trimming and felling of trees. The practice of arboriculture includes cultural techniques such as selection, planting, training, fertilisation, pest and pathogen control, pruning, shaping and removal.

**CONSERVATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT**
If working outdoors is your idea of an enjoyable career, you should study in the field of Conservation and Land Management. You’ll develop skills in natural area restoration and weed/pest management, conservation earthworks, lands, parks and wildlife, community coordination and facilitation, as well as Indigenous land management. You may gain employment as a skilled operator in land management for both local and State Governments or National Parks and Wildlife, bush regeneration organisations or Landcare and other environmental organisations.

**FLORISTRY**
Flowers, flowers, everywhere! Tap into your creative streak and participate in a Floristry course. You’ll develop skills to produce a range of floral products, care for floristry stock, and provide service to customers in order to work as a florist, florist shop assistant or floristry business manager. Or maybe you’d like to follow this with a business course and start your own small business.

**HORTICULTURE GENERAL**
As a gardens assistant, gardener or horticulturalist, you’ll be the expert in the art, science, technology and business of plants. This may also include landscape restoration or design and maintenance, plant conservation or arboriculture. With a course in Horticulture you will develop a broad range of skills and knowledge including recognising plants, planning and establishing gardens, controlling weeds, plant pests and diseases, and planting trees and shrubs.

**LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION**
Building creative landscape designs and making significant improvements to residential or commercial garden environments can be a rewarding way to spend your days. With a course in Landscape Construction, you’ll acquire the skills needed to work in the landscape industry, including plant identification, plant disease, work health and safety, safe use of hand and power tools, construction of retaining walls, timber structures and paving. Completion of this course will satisfy the educational requirements of the Office of Fair Trading for the issue of a landscape trade contractor licence. You’ll then have the skills you need to gain employment as a landscape tradesperson/contractor.

**PARKS AND GARDENS**
If you love the outdoors, you might like to consider a career involving garden maintenance, horticulture and irrigation. You could expect to spend your workdays using garden machinery such as brushcutters, blowers and mowers, so an interest in machinery maintenance could be an advantage. You’ll develop a broad range of skills and knowledge including the recognition of plants, planning and establishing gardens, controlling weeds, plant pests and diseases, and planting trees and shrubs.

**SPORTS TURF MANAGEMENT (GREENKEEPING)**
If the words buffalo, kikuyu or Queensland blue conjure images of immaculately kept lawn, you may like a career in groundskeeping. With a course in Sports Turf Management, you’ll acquire the skills needed to work in the turf industry, including plant identification, plant disease, turf establishment, irrigation, work health and safety, safe use and maintenance of hand tools and power equipment and construction of playing surfaces. Greenkeepers are needed for the maintenance of all sports turf including golf courses, bowling clubs, playing fields, cricket wickets and other sporting facilities.
Imagine working within a team led by a well-known celebrity chef and other professional experts to create both a formal lunch and grand dinner for a host of industry guests.

If you’re interested in joining us as a student of Commercial Cookery, Hospitality or Tourism and Events at TAFE Illawarra Nowra, this could be something you’ll get to experience.

The Celebrity Chef Scholarship Dinner offers budding chefs, emerging front of house staff and novice event managers the chance to showcase your skills – in a highly stimulating and challenging environment.

As a senior Commercial Cookery student, you’ll work with a high profile hatted chef, within a student team, to create feasts to remember at our Destiny’s Training Restaurant. You’ll prepare an industry lunch, and then an elaborate multi-course dinner for guests with the support of your student peers, as well as a TAFE Illawarra teaching team.

Our former celebrity chefs include: TV’s My Kitchen Rules judge, Colin Fassnidge, food leader Peter Doyle, UK-born restauranteur Mathew Kemp, SBS TV personality chef Peter Kuruvita, James Viles from the highly esteemed Biota Dining and Giovanni Pilu of Pilu at Freshwater restaurant.

At the Celebrity Chef event at which Colin Fassnidge was most recently guest of honour, over 60 students, 30 staff, 20 sponsors, five chef mentors and Colin himself were involved. The event attracted 130 guests overall, with the guest list featuring many big names from the industry.

While as a Cookery student you do most of your work in our two expansive industrial kitchens, those of you in Hospitality and Tourism look after front of house, while Events teams take a role in planning the event from scratch and creating promotional videos for it.

At the event itself, a number of scholarships are announced to assist you with further work-based training at select professional organisations such as hatted restaurants and events organisations.
TRAINING RESTAURANTS

Our acclaimed student training restaurants – supported with fully equipped commercial kitchens – can provide you with the setting and stage for your future role in putting on real life culinary events. There are eight restaurants which give you training in commercial cookery, hospitality and tourism and events management. You’ll have a support team of professionals with solid industry experience and links.

If you’re pursuing a career in cooking, you’ll develop the art of professional a la carte and table d’hôte (set menu) cuisine in French or modern Australian styles on site. You’ll also have the chance to learn classical and contemporary menu practices. Training in front of house service includes learning waiting skills in a licensed restaurant that is designed and operates according to industry trends.

Our training restaurants are often the venue of choice for special events such as industry dinners and the Celebrity Chef event. Your teachers support you with a full knowledge of contemporary restaurant practice.

TWENTY/TWENTY RESTAURANT
TAFE Illawarra Wollongong

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TAFE Illawarra Wollongong

THE ARGYLE RESTAURANT
TAFE Illawarra Goulburn

DESTINY’S RESTAURANT
TAFE Illawarra Nowra

THE BARRACKS RESTAURANT
TAFE Illawarra Bega

THE MANTLE RESTAURANT
TAFE Illawarra Moruya

THE SNOWY RESTAURANT
TAFE Illawarra Cooma

TAFFIES RESTAURANT
TAFE Illawarra Ulladulla
LAUREN DAVKOVSKI

From making the perfect short black to running a busy food and wine festival, Lauren Davkovski loves the variety the Hospitality industry offers. Her passion for the field and her outstanding achievements while studying an Advanced Diploma in Hospitality with us, recently put Lauren in the spotlight.

She’s our latest Student of the Year and winner of the Culinary Skills and Service Student Award. Overwhelmed with emotion, the Kiama resident received her awards in front of over 180 guests at our 2015 Annual Awards ceremony.

Lauren thanked TAFE Illawarra for providing her with the real-life work experiences that’s made all the difference to her skills and confidence.

“My course was great. One of the best projects I was able to work on was developing and managing the 2014 Spring Food and Wine Fair, which attracted over 220 guests.”

This was a student-run event held at City Beach Function Centre in Wollongong. Mark Davie, the General Manager of the venue commended Lauren on her pivotal role in this large event.

“Lauren used her outstanding communication and interpersonal skills to secure 15 stallholders and over 130 event attendees,” he said.

Lauren said she is also grateful to her TAFE Illawarra teachers for organising her work placement, which has since led to her securing a casual position.

“After just two weeks in the work placement organised as part of my studies, I was offered a position at the Chifley Hotel Wollongong.”

Lauren’s first experiences with TAFE Illawarra started while she was in high school. It was when doing her HSC that she first enrolled in a hospitality course via our TVET program.
HOSPITALITY AND COOKERY

Enjoy an exciting and rewarding career in baking, cookery and catering, hospitality or retail butchery. The hospitality industry is one of the fastest growing industries in Australia and one of the biggest sources of employment growth.

BAKING
Could you picture yourself as a retail baking tradesperson, manager, or assistant in a bakery, cake shop or similar outlet? If you enjoy the sweeter (and tastier) side of life – and the joy it brings to others – this is a career for you. Fulfil your desire to learn how to make a range of breads, pastries and/or cakes. Combine these skills and knowledge with a course in Small Business Management and you could look into becoming an owner of a business in this industry.

COMMERCIAL COOKERY
If you have aspirations to plate up great food, you could cultivate your inner master chef into a career. A commercial cookery course may lead to employment as a qualified chef, cook, kitchen hand or patisserie cook in a variety of situations including restaurants, cafes and catering companies. You’ll learn how to prepare and present foods, plan menus and control costs. Embrace your creative flair in this dynamic and global occupation.

HOSPITALITY
The hospitality sector is projected to become one of Australia’s fastest growing industries. If you excel in a fast-paced industry with lots of variety, it’s worth exploring your career options in hospitality. You’ll acquire knowledge about the industry and develop customer service and communication skills, along with a wide range of skills relevant to food and beverage service. This course will give you the chance to learn how to supervise or manage a club, hotel, restaurant or accommodation facility using a variety of practical and management skills. On completion, you could gain employment as a food and beverage supervisor, concierge, butler, coffee shop assistant, bar attendant, housekeeper, or gaming attendant.

RETAIL BUTCHERY
If you take pride in giving customers quality service and have great communication skills, this career could be for you. This course will enable you to develop the skills required to prepare various meat and other related products in a safe and hygienic manner. You’ll learn about the provision of a high level of customer service through your knowledge of the different cuts of meat and how they are best prepared. This program is for Apprentice Butchers who have an approved Training Plan.

SPECIALIST COURSES
Expand upon your already developed skills or gain new skills by undertaking a specialist course in RSA (Responsible Service of Alcohol), RCG (Responsible Conduct of Gambling), Barista, Bar Skills and Food Safety Supervision.
Passionate about Information Technology (IT) and its changing facets, when it comes to teaching, Julie Simpson puts her students in first place. Recently she completed two diplomas in the training field, done with her students’ needs in mind.

“It’s all about the students. It’s about being able to push them to excellence, to provide as many real world experiences as possible, to get as many people as possible from industry to talk to them, as well as exposing them to opportunities to work in industry.

“I want to make their studies interesting and meaningful. I want to inspire them to make the most of the opportunities study brings.”

Recently students from two of Julie’s senior classes have taken up internships with businesses and local council. Julie was awarded a Minister’s Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2013 and many of Julie’s students have won acclaim by TAFE Illawarra.

Her student Brad Nakken received the Information Communications Technology Award at our Annual Awards in 2014. Julie speaks highly of Brad, who’s studying again at TAFE Illawarra. In fact Julie speaks highly of many students.

They are always motivated, always positive, always happy. They tend to be easy to engage, they embrace everything.

“For Brad in particular, who is in a wheelchair, finds that challenge is part of his daily life, so he thrives on that challenge in the learning process.”
INFORMATION COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY (ICT) AND LIBRARY SERVICES

The Illawarra/South Coast region is establishing itself as a dynamic new ICT hub. Growth is forecast for ICT project managers, ICT support technicians (including web administrators), ICT business analysts, network administrators and multimedia designers.

BUSINESS ANALYSIS
If you’re interested in a career as a business analyst, a course in this area will give you advanced skills in IT focused business analysis and solution development. This includes data modelling, elicitation, and requirement analysis and quality assurance. You’ll also develop skills to highlight IT issues in various business domains such as IT services, software development, outsourcing and logistics. The course is designed to cover the Business Analyst Body of Knowledge certification.

DIGITAL AND INTERACTIVE GAMES PROGRAMMING
Do you think of great ideas for games creation when you’re gaming? With this course, you’ll develop the skills and knowledge needed to create interactive digital games and work as an independent games developer focusing on programming and code creation. You’ll learn about procedural and object oriented programming methodologies as well as games design theory and animation programming. You can elect to study specialist areas such as network games programming, iPhone and iPad development and Android programming.
ICT
A passion for technology can be cultivated into a career as an IT support officer, administration assistant, clerical officer and technical support officer or help desk operator. In one of our ICT courses, you’ll learn the skills and knowledge to become competent in a wide range of general information and communications technologies that require broader specialised ICT support in various areas of business and government organisations.

ICT TELECOMMUNICATIONS
Develop your skills in the selection, installation and configuration of equipment in convergence technologies that integrate radio, optical and internet protocol (IP) based applications. You’ll learn how to assess installation requirements, plan and perform installations, test installed equipment and find faults.

IT SUPPORT AND HELP DESK ADMINISTRATOR
Get a great start if you want to work in the rapidly expanding networking field. You’ll develop ICT skills and knowledge to work as an IT support officer, administration assistant, clerical officer, technical support officer or help desk operator in various areas of business and Government organisations. You’ll focus on Local Area Network (LAN) while also learning about Wide Area Networks (WAN) and the related hardware.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PROJECT MANAGEMENT
Get a combined qualification that covers Information Technology and project management. You’ll develop the skills and knowledge to manage a range of ICT projects to meet customer requirements. You may cover a wide range of specialties, including software development, hardware procurement and implementation, network analysis and deployment, and web and/or system development. This course also covers a number of project management methodologies such as Project Management Body of Knowledge.
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STRATEGIC MANAGEMENT
If you’re a logical thinker and have an interest in Information Technology, this course may tick some career boxes. You’ll develop skills and knowledge to lead the analysis, implementation and management of emerging and converging information and communication technologies as they are integrated into the business process to support organisational strategic goals. It is a high level managerial course developing strategic approaches to business management.

LIBRARY SERVICES
If you enjoy researching and desire a career as an assistant or technician within a library, look no further. Your day may include set up and assisting librarians with proper organisation and database management of library materials. You’ll develop your skills in searching databases, using cataloguing tools, using multimedia, providing quality customer service, and researching and analysing information to meet customer needs using the latest technology.

NETWORKING
Have you considered a career in network management either as an independent ICT specialist or as part of a team? You’ll study our most popular and successful course with the vast majority of graduates gaining employment within two months of finishing. You’ll focus on the design, implementation and management of complex ICT networks including: managing WANs security, managing risk, testing, sustainability, servers and gateways. You’ll also receive instruction in higher level CISCO Certified Network Associate (CCNA) Routing and Switching.

WEBSITE DESIGN AND ADMINISTRATION
Dream of turning your interest in web design into a career? You’ll learn how to design, develop and implement a website in order to pursue a career as a web developer, website coordinator, or web programmer and software engineer. You’ll focus on backend development using complex scripting, relational databases and dynamic data types. You’ll also develop the skills needed to design, develop and manage complex online presences including websites, intranets and e-businesses.
“Going to TAFE Illawarra to study my HSC was the best decision of my life,” says 20-year old Greta Levy. After graduating from TAFE Illawarra Wollongong with her HSC, and having studied a course in Media Journalism in the process, Greta’s recent breaks in Sydney’s high stakes media are bringing her a newfound confidence.

Since moving to Sydney from Bulli, Greta has worked on a paid basis and as a volunteer, for the Channel 7 News team and is getting further experience interning at a Sydney radio station. She’s meanwhile been studying a degree in her chosen field.

“TAFE gave me the opportunity to follow my dreams at a really young age. It helped me feel certain that I could get into journalism, that I am a really good writer, and gave me that little boost of confidence.”

Yet there was a time when none of this seemed possible. Living in the Illawarra when she reached Year 11, Greta was torn between the desire to complete her HSC and leave school all together, thanks to her dream of becoming a journalist.

On learning that TAFE Illawarra offers both a way to undertake the HSC, and the opportunity to select from a range of vocational courses under the TVET program, Greta became intrigued.

As one of the TVET courses available happened to be Media Journalism, she happily enrolled.

“I’ve always wanted to be a journalist, so I saw the benefit of studying this way. Doing the Media Journalism course offered at Wollongong, while doing my HSC, was perfect for me.

“TAFE gave me the opportunity to follow my dreams at a really young age. It helped me feel certain that I could get into journalism, that I am a really good writer, and gave me that little boost of confidence. So now I am off in the big city and getting these jobs, which has exposed me to a whole world I didn’t know I could take part in.”

Once she began studying with us, Greta loved her new environment. It was refreshing to be studying along with a broad range of people. This mature, yet friendly, environment helped Greta to thrive at her studies.

“Without TAFE Illawarra I would’ve been stuck. I wouldn’t have followed my dreams,” she says.

On looking back, Greta says TAFE Illawarra was the perfect stepping stone for her professional and personal growth.
THE HSC WITH US
With a strong emphasis on vocational outcomes, our HSC course offers both theoretical and practical components and has four study options. These options are: Child Studies; Aged Care; Media Journalism and Information Technology. In addition to achieving a HSC qualification, you can also obtain an ATAR result to continue study at university. Refer to page 6 for more information about TVET.
JOINT TAFE ILLAWARRA AND UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG (UOW) CENTRE FOR DIGITAL MEDIA & DESIGN

UOW’s Innovation Campus

Features film and television studios, an animation room and computer labs, a specialised recording and sound stage area, editing suites and exhibition spaces.
Harness your creativity and enjoy a successful career in film and television, graphic design, media, journalism, music, sound production or visual arts. NSW is Australia’s creative industries hub. Growth is forecast for graphic designers and production assistants (including film, television, radio and stage).

**FILM AND TELEVISION**
Imagine a career in the world of media where you can cultivate your creativity and technical expertise. With a course in this field, you’ll learn the specialised knowledge and skills that you need to work in the fascinating world of film and television. Specifically, you may cover camera operation and shot selection, lighting, genre analysis and sound. Once you receive your qualification, you could land a career as a producer, cinematographer or film director.

**GRAPHIC DESIGN**
If you’re creative and imaginative, have an understanding of colour and form and can work under pressure and meet deadlines, you’ll love a career in Graphic Design. By undertaking a qualification in this career area, you’ll develop your understanding, knowledge and skills in animation, digital visual effects, short film and video production or graphic design, web and publication design. This could lead to a career as an animator, visual effects designer, graphic artist, camera or lighting operator, or film and television producer.

**MEDIA JOURNALISM**
Do you have a strong news sense and a passion for current affairs? With a course in Media Journalism, you could acquire specialised, technical or managerial competencies to plan, carry out and evaluate your work or the work of a team in the film, television, radio and digital media industries. Specifically, you’ll gain the knowledge and skills to pursue employment and/or further training in news media/journalism. You’ll also develop a broad range of skills including basic news gathering, researching and writing soft and hard news stories for print and electronic media.

**MUSIC**
Imagine turning your passion for music into your career. If you’ve been playing an instrument for years or using your voice as an instrument, it’s time to take it to the next level. You’ll learn how to compose and orchestrate original music, lead music rehearsals and performances, coordinate technical production, make technical presentations, analyse music videos, or manage the production of sound designs and sound recordings. You may gain employment as a songwriter, soloist or member of a group or work behind the scenes in technical production or music promotion.

**PHOTOGRAPHY**
Realise your potential as a professional photographer by developing creative and technical skills with a Photo Imaging qualification. You’ll gain expertise in digital and analogue photography and learn about studio lighting, composition, camera control and post-production. Your career awaits as a wedding, portrait, fashion, architecture, commercial or fine arts photographer.

**SOUND PRODUCTION**
Calling all creatives! A career in the creative arts as an assistant sound engineer or designer could work for you. You’ll develop sound theoretical knowledge and use a range of specialised, technical or managerial competencies to plan, carry out and evaluate your own work or that of a team. On completion, you’ll have developed specialist expertise in music knowledge and artistic judgement.

**VISUAL ARTS**
Can you picture yourself as an artist or producer and sell or market artworks in a gallery, museum or craft centre? On completion of a Visual Arts course, you’ll have improved and developed your practical, conceptual and theoretical skills in drawing, painting, printmaking, art photo imaging, digital art or glass. Ideally, you would have a great deal of creativity, good hand-eye coordination and a large amount of patience to create the perfect piece.
The AMEP offers English language tuition to eligible migrants and humanitarian entrants to support the process of learning the English language. It also helps with settlement skills so you can participate socially and economically in Australian society. It’s funded by the Department of Education and Training.

Javad is from Afghanistan. He left for Iran at 18 years old, due to the war. He married an Iranian woman and they have two children. The family moved to Indonesia, applying for refugee status.

“When we ran out of money, my wife and I started to make bread in a homemade oven and sell it.”

Even though life was hard, Javad and his family felt free, as they had identity documents from the UN and were respected as a family. Then Javad was informed they could live in Australia.

“It was very good news for me and my family. When I took my son to school at Liverpool Primary School that was a very beautiful day. I finally believed that anything is possible.”

Javad then moved to Wollongong and enrolled in the AMEP program with us.

“I’m studying hospitality through the AMEP and enjoying this because I have qualifications as a chef. I would like to get a job, pay tax and make a contribution to Australia. I would like to say thank you so much to the Australian people and the Australian Government.”

Dina was born in Iraq.

“When the war broke out in 2003, our family was in danger and our house was burnt down.”

Dina’s family fled to Kuwait but her father could not find work, so they moved back to Iraq to find him. They never did. Dina’s family fled to Syria where they stayed for six years with support from relatives. Helped by the United Nations, Dina went to school and university to study psychology.

“We then came to Wollongong where I studied English with the AMEP at TAFE Illawarra Wollongong for nine months, starting at Level 1. I am now studying Advanced English for Further Studies.”

Dina would like to study English for Academic Purposes and then the Diploma of Community Studies. Eventually she wishes to study Social Work at university.
SEDIQAH ANSARI

Sediqah’s parents fled from Afghanistan to Iran, where she was born. Sediqah went to school in Tehran and finished her HSC. She then studied agricultural engineering at university.

“While we lived in Tehran, we had a difficult life because the laws for refugees were, and still are, very strict; refugees have limited rights. Most refugees did not have jobs and found it difficult to stay in the country.

“I am so happy to be in Australia. I try to do as much as I can for the Australian people and for the Government that has given me this opportunity to be here and have my freedom.”

Before Sediqah came to Wollongong she wondered how people would react to her family.

“We found the people of Wollongong very friendly and kind. I am very happy in Wollongong.”

Sediqah joined the AMEP program with us starting in Level 1 learning English. Within three months she moved to Level 3 and is went on to study English for Academic Purposes. Sediqah hopes to study medicine.

BYANANIRE DELCO BADESIRE

“I fled the Democratic Republic of Congo on foot in 2003 when the war broke out.”

Byananire made his way to a refugee camp in Malawi, where he stayed for ten years.

In the camp each person received 13 kilos of maize, one cup of beans and 75 millilitres of cooking oil each month. It was a very hard existence.

“I helped other refugees build their huts and then started to learn bricklaying through the Jesuit Refugee Service. I was then able to get a part-time job and my life in the camp improved.”

Byananire came to Australia as a refugee and enrolled in the AMEP at TAFE Illawarra Wollongong.

“I’m very happy because when I came to Australia I didn’t know any English and now I am learning very fast. I’ve made lots of friends and am very happy because Australia is a good country and I feel safe here.”

Byananire would like to study bricklaying and then civil engineering.
PATHWAYS TO WORK OR STUDY, FOUNDATION SKILLS AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE COURSES

Develop skills to gain entry to university, undertake further study, or to find the perfect job with a course from business and education.

AUSLAN (SIGN LANGUAGE)
Broaden your language skills and learn how to sign. Enhance your employment opportunities in roles such as a teacher’s aide, childcare worker, community worker, case worker or manager, youth worker, aged care worker, nurse or administration officer. You’ll gain knowledge and skills to communicate with Deaf people, or hearing impaired people, who need to communicate in the workplace and in social settings. On completion, you’ll demonstrate an understanding of basic cultural and historical knowledge of the Deaf community.

COMPUTERS – BASIC TO INTERMEDIATE
Our computer courses start from the very beginning and take you through the essential skills of creating documents, sending and receiving email and browsing the internet. Our experienced teachers guide you in using technology and understanding the language of computers. A basic or intermediate computer course will give you skills that can be used in any industry and in a variety of job roles.
DEFENCE FORCE – GENERAL ENTRY CERTIFICATION
If you’ve considered a career in the Defence Force, this course will help you prepare for your recruitment. You’ll learn about the career opportunities, the importance of motivation, preparing for the interview, researching the roles and responsibilities of the position you are applying for, and the necessary requirements to join the Defence Force.

EDUCATION SUPPORT
You might like to consider a career providing assistance and support to teachers and students. This course can lead to a career as a school learning support officer, community engagement officer, Aboriginal education officer and classroom teacher support officer in a range of education settings including public and independent schools. You’ll develop the skills to provide aid and support to teachers to facilitate students’ learning under broad-based supervision.

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS
If you’re returning to the workforce after a break or entering the workforce for the first time, a course that includes employability skills can assist you to step up into the world of work. You’ll develop skills such as communication, time management, team work and technology, which are essential in all industries. You’ll usually include work experience as well as skills in resume writing, applying for jobs online and interview skills.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
This course will assist to develop your English language skills for further study, employment or to prepare you for the International English Language Testing Scheme (IELTS) exam. Class levels range from beginner to academic English.

FREE ENGLISH CLASSES FOR NEW MIGRANTS – ADULT MIGRANT ENGLISH PROGRAM (AMEP)
This beginner English course will help you with your English language and literacy even if you have had very little experience with English. This course provides general language education primarily for newly arrived migrants and refugees who need to develop language skills to participate in the community. The AMEP provides English tuition of up to 510 hours for eligible migrants.

FOUNDATION SKILLS - LANGUAGE, LITERACY AND NUMERACY
Do you need assistance to improve your language, literacy and numeracy? This course will improve your reading, writing, mathematics and basic computer skills for your job, further study, or personal reasons.

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE
It’s never too late to get an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR). You can complete a NSW Higher School Certificate (HSC) with an ATAR with a vocational study pathway, and benefit from ‘hands on’ training in a trade or career area as part of your course.

LEARNER SUPPORT – STUDY SKILLS
When you’re studying a vocational course at TAFE Illawarra you can get additional help with completing assignments, research and writing skills, improving your digital literacy and study skills. You’ll also complete an online “R U Ready” assessment, which will show you your current levels in reading, writing and maths.

PATHWAYS TO FURTHER STUDY OR EMPLOYMENT (YEAR 10 EQUIVALENT AND YEAR 11 EQUIVALENT)
Pathway courses combine a range of vocational skills such as trades, community services and business with additional support in reading, writing, maths and employability skills. You’ll develop the foundation skills to go on to further study or employment.

SKILLS FOR EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT (SEE) PROGRAM
Are your English language, reading, writing or maths skills making it difficult for you to find a job? The SEE Program aims to help you improve your reading, writing, speaking and maths skills, improve your confidence, prepare you for further study, improve your chances of gaining employment or promotion and improve your basic computer skills. This course is suitable for you if you are 15 to 64 years of age and registered as a jobseeker with Department of Human Services (formerly Centrelink) and not a full time student.

TERTIARY PREPARATION COURSES (TPC)
Interested in completing a Year 12 equivalent qualification? This field of study places emphasis on skill-based learning as well as discipline-specific content. You’ll develop a broad range of skills necessary to gain entry to and succeed in tertiary education and employment. If you successfully complete the TPC, you’ll be eligible to receive the scaled Tertiary Entrance Score (TES).
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