



ABORIGINAL PATHWAY PROGRAM

2022 GUIDE



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UniSA respects the traditional owners on whose lands our campuses are built. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, their beliefs and spiritual relationship with their country. We also acknowledge the diversity of Aboriginal peoples, past and present.

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Hayley Sumner
Completed APP in Whyalla and currently
studying a Bachelor of Social Work



"Having been out of school for 15 years, the Aboriginal Pathway Program gave me the foundation to study again. I'm looking forward to my new career path of becoming a pilot."

Raymond Richards
Completed APP in Adelaide and currently studying a Bachelor of Aviation (Pilot)

100% OF ABORIGINAL PATHWAY PROGRAM COMPLETERS HAVE RECEIVED OFFERS INTO UniSA DEGREES



MESSAGE FROM THE PRO VICE CHANCELLOR

**Aboriginal Leadership and Strategy
Professor Irene Watson**



Welcome to the Aboriginal Pathway Program at UniSA College.

Offered across five regions and delivered over 18 months, the Aboriginal Pathway Program is designed for Aboriginal students to develop the skills they need to successfully complete university study.

The program is open to all people who identify as Aboriginal¹ and can lead to entry into a bachelor's degree at the University of South Australia (UniSA).

If you're looking for a change in your life, I encourage you to read through this guide. I know it can be daunting when thinking about making that change, especially if you're the first in your family to undertake such a journey.

When I graduated from university, I was not only the first in my family to do so, but also the first Aboriginal to graduate from a law degree in South Australia.

As a woman proud to belong to the TanganeKald Meintangk Boandik First Nations Peoples, of the Coorong and the south east of South Australia, I wanted to use my law degree to fight for the land rights and self-determination of First Nations Aboriginal Peoples.

At UniSA, we're committed to creating an environment where Aboriginal students and staff can learn, grow and define the future in a place that respects and learns from Aboriginal knowledge.

I wish you all the best in deciding the path for your future. As one of our first graduates said, "Take that first step. There's a whole world out there. Whatever you want to become or do, it's waiting for you."

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¹ Consistent with common usage now in many organisations, this publication uses the shorter form of reference to 'Aboriginal People' but is intended, always, to be inclusive of both Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.

ABORIGINAL PATHWAY PROGRAM

WELCOME TO THE ABORIGINAL PATHWAY PROGRAM

Developed exclusively for Aboriginal students, the Aboriginal Pathway Program is delivered over 18 months by UniSA College. It's designed to develop your academic, literacy, digital and numerical skills, along with enhancing your knowledge in areas such as Aboriginal culture and wellbeing, and the community and environment.

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"I was working in a field that wasn't for me, so I went travelling, became a mother and then decided I wanted to do something completely different. I joined the Aboriginal Pathway Program and it was one of the best decisions I've made."

Wyarta Miller
Completed APP in Whyalla and currently studying a Bachelor of Digital Media



"I have made some great friends during my time in the Aboriginal Pathway Program, plus the staff really support you to achieve your goals. I'm hoping to become a physiotherapist for an AFL team. After being a sports trainer for 17 years, it is something I am extremely passionate about."

Stella Garlett
Currently studying APP in Adelaide

PREPARATION FOR UNIVERSITY STUDY

APP courses are designed to build the academic skills you need for success at university. You'll learn in a highly supportive environment as you develop foundation knowledge and explore different discipline areas.

FURTHER STUDY

After successfully completing the program, you can use your competitive Grade Point Average (GPA) to transfer into any UniSA degree. UniSA College provides advice and support through this process, and there is no fee to transfer.

LOCATION

The program is offered in Adelaide at City West Campus, as well as in regional locations, including Mount Gambier, Whyalla, Ceduna and Port Lincoln.

FLEXIBILITY

You can choose to study full-time over 18 months or the part-time equivalent.

To be considered full-time, students must be enrolled in three courses in each six month period.

FEES

There are no tuition fees for this program. You can defer the compulsory student amenities fee via the Federal Government's HECS-HELP loan scheme.

DIRECT ENTRY

There are no formal entry requirements and applications can be made directly through UniSA College.

SCHOLARSHIPS

There are a range of scholarships available to support your learning, including:

- Commonwealth Accommodation Support (CAS): and
- Commonwealth Education Costs (CECS).

To see what you might be eligible for, go to our online scholarships search engine.

📍 unisa.edu.au/scholarships

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

Travel and accommodation support may be available if you live remotely or are located far from our learning facilities.

STUDY ONLINE

After successfully completing the Aboriginal Pathway Program, you can choose to study a 100% online degree through UniSA Online, giving you full control and flexibility over your learning.



Online

📍 unisaonline.edu.au

Amie Brant
Completed APP and a Bachelor
of Nursing in Mount Gambier



OUR COMMUNITY

UNIVERSITY OF CHOICE

From its foundation, UniSA has been committed to improving the education and life opportunities of Aboriginal people.

UniSA is the *University of Choice* for Aboriginal people and we are continuing our ongoing commitment to Aboriginal engagement through a range of important initiatives, including our Aboriginal Pathway Program.

In 2018, we released our Stretch Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), which is centred on supporting Aboriginal students to achieve success.

The Stretch RAP sets out a range of actions, from enhancing student outcomes and Aboriginal research to building cultural awareness with staff and students.

This is a whole-of-university approach that is fundamental to providing a culturally safe space where our students can thrive.

We're committed to strengthening our position as the *University of Choice* for Aboriginal people. We aim to create an environment where Aboriginal students and staff can learn, teach, research and engage with each other in a place that respects and learns from Aboriginal people and their knowledge.

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WIRRINGKA STUDENT SERVICES

Wurringka Student Services is located on all UniSA campuses, providing support services to Aboriginal students.

Wurringka is a Kurna name that means 'together and in common with', and has been used with permission from Kurna Warra Pintyanthi and its sister organisation Kurna Warra Karrpanthi.

As an Aboriginal Pathway Program student, you'll have full access to all of the support services available. You can meet Wurringka staff face-to-face on campus, or make contact by phone, email or virtual meetings.

If you then choose to go on to further studies with UniSA, you'll continue to be supported by Aboriginal Student Engagement Officers from Wurringka.

The dedicated staff will help you navigate the university environment and provide supportive arrangements through culturally-safe study centres and access to the Aboriginal Tutorial Program.

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WHAT WILL YOU LEARN?

SKILLS THAT WILL HELP YOU SUCCEED

The Aboriginal Pathway Program delivers the skills and knowledge you need to thrive at university.



UNIVERSITY SKILLS COURSES

are at the core of all UniSA College programs, providing you with the reading, writing and research skills needed for university study. These courses will build your understanding of the academic environment and the fundamentals of academic writing, debate and research.

Courses:

- > *University Studies*
- > *Building Academic Success*



LITERACY COURSES

teach writing and critical thinking skills that will be important to your success at university. These include, writing for different audiences, purposes and areas of study.

Courses:

- > *Communication for Academic Purposes*
- > *Critical Thinking*
- > *Media and Academia*



A NUMERACY COURSE

is included because many university degrees require an understanding of mathematics. In this course, you will revise existing knowledge and build new skills that will help you with your future studies.

Course:

- > *Maths Fundamentals*



CULTURE AND COUNTRY COURSES

acknowledge the importance of your Aboriginal culture and personal wellbeing, as well as the environment and the community. These courses allow you to explore topics of interest and further your knowledge in environmental and cultural areas, while encouraging you to ask questions about the broader world.

Courses:

- > *Aboriginal Knowledges, Narratives and Experiences*
- > *Land Management*
- > *Introduction to Human Behaviour*



A DIGITAL COURSE

will give you practical experience using the different technologies and software programs needed for future study and employment.

Course:

- > *Applied Computing Practices*



Current APP Whyalla students (L–R) – Sharyn Waye-Hill and Millicent Taylor with Whyalla Regional Tutor, Darren McDougall.

HOW WILL YOU STUDY?

PROGRAM DELIVERY

There are nine courses in the Aboriginal Pathway Program. Classes are held from February to November, with study breaks in the first phase of the program aligning with school holidays. In the second phase of the program, classes may be combined with UniSA College's Foundation Studies classes.

TAILORED STUDY LOADS

The Aboriginal Pathway Program has a combination of 8-week and 13-week courses, incorporating both face-to-face classes and online engagement.

The 8-week courses have an intensive delivery of classes held each Monday between 9:00am–5:00pm. The 13-week courses follow the standard university schedule.

FLEXIBILITY

Study can be completed full-time over 18 months, or the part-time equivalent. If you're unable to commit to full-time study, you can speak with your Program Director.

INDEPENDENT STUDY

Each course has an expected study load of 7–10 hours of independent study per week. This is in addition to your contact hours (maximum of three days per week). During your independent study, you'll also be able to connect with the Aboriginal Tutorial Program for extra help.

PROGRAM DELIVERY EXPLAINED...

18 months full-time study, or equivalent, available in both Adelaide and regional locations.

Study foundation courses and participate in intensives and weekly tutorials that will prepare you for university study.

Use your competitive Grade Point Average (GPA) to apply for a UniSA bachelor's degree of your choice.

Start the first year of your UniSA bachelor's degree (competitive entry criteria apply).

"The Aboriginal Pathway Program provided me with solid academic foundations, like formatting and referencing skills, which are useful when completing assessments. It has given me the confidence to experiment with different styles of writing to find one that suits me, as I progress through my law degree."

Rhys Peden
Completed APP in Adelaide
and currently studying a
Bachelor of Laws (Honours)



YOUR APPLICATION

COST

There are no tuition fees. You can defer the compulsory student amenities fee via the Federal Government's HECS-HELP loan scheme.

WHO CAN APPLY

The program is open to all people who identify as Aboriginal and there are no formal qualifications required for entry.

WHEN TO APPLY

Enquiries are welcome all year round. Applications open from August to January, with the program commencing in February.

HOW TO APPLY

Fill in the application form on the opposite page and send it to:

UniSA College
160 Currie Street
Adelaide
South Australia 5000

APPLY ONLINE

Alternatively, you can submit your application through our online form:

📍 unisa.edu.au/appform

CONTACT US

City West

Metropolitan Tutor
P: (08) 8302 9249
M: 0435 658 581

Ceduna

Regional Tutor
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Mount Gambier

Regional Tutor
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Port Lincoln

Regional Tutor
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Whyalla

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APPLICATION FORM

Online Application Form

If you wish to complete this application form online, please visit: unisa.edu.au/appform

Region I am applying for:

Ceduna Port Lincoln Mount Gambier Whyalla Adelaide (City West)

About you

Title: Mr Mrs Ms Miss

Last name: _____

First name: _____

Other name: _____ Preferred first name: _____

Date of birth: _____ Citizenship status: _____

Do you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander? Yes No

In which country were you born? Australia Other (please specify): _____

Is English your first language? Yes No (please specify): _____

Do you have a disability? Yes No

Contact details

Home address: _____

Postal address (if different): _____

Contact number: _____

Alternative contact number: _____

Email address: _____

High school information

Have you completed Year 12? Yes No If yes, what year? _____

If no, what is your highest level of education? _____

Which year did you complete your highest level of education? _____

Where did you complete your highest level of schooling? Australia Other

Name of the school where you completed your highest level of schooling _____

Other education? _____

*Please continue on next page

I declare that, to the best of my knowledge, the information provided by me is true and complete in every way. I acknowledge that the University of South Australia may vary or reverse any decision regarding admission or enrolment, made on the basis of incorrect or incomplete information provided by me.

I authorise the University of South Australia to make enquiries about the details associated with this application, including but not limited to obtaining from the institutions concerned whatever details of my academic record it considers necessary.

I give authorisation

Signature _____ Date _____

I understand that:

- The University of South Australia is collecting information in this form for the purpose of assessing my entitlement to Commonwealth assistance under the Higher Education Support Act 2003 and allocation of a Commonwealth Higher Education Student Support Act 2003 and allocation of a Commonwealth Higher Education Student Support Number (CHESSN) to me;
- The University of South Australia will disclose this information to the Department of Education and Training (DET) for those purposes;
- DET will store the information securely in the Higher Education Information Management System;
- DET may disclose the information to the Tax Office; and
- The University of South Australia and DET will not otherwise disclose the information without my consent unless required or authorised by law.

I understand

Signature _____ Date _____

*Note: Once you have submitted your application, changes may only be made by contacting UniSA.
Please ensure that your application is fully completed before submitting.*



APP Adelaide students (L–R) –
Isabella Kelly, Rhys Peden,
Stella Garlett and Thomas Hanson.



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