

# Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pathway Entry Program

## FAQ's

The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pathway Entry Program is an alternative University Entry Program for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Whether you are a current high school student looking for an early offer, not completing an ATAR or unsure if your ATAR score will be high enough for your dream degree, working, mature age, studying at TAFE or wishing to start your education journey, the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Pathway Program is your way to gain entry at Western Sydney University!

Gain entry into any undergraduate degree at Western Sydney University (except the Doctor of Medicine which has its own Indigenous pathway) by completing our entry assessment and be supported throughout your education journey!

### I'm unsure if I should complete the Pathway Program?

The Pathway Entry Program can give you entry to your dream degree at Western. It's recommended that you complete the assessments, if you are a current high school student looking for an early offer, completing a non-ATAR Pathway or are unsure if your ATAR score will be enough for your first preference course, OR if you are working, and you do not have an ATAR or equivalent TAFE qualifications.

### How does it work?

You sit an entry assessment at one of our Assessment Days on campus or online. Successful completion of the entry assessment will give you entry to your chosen degree.

### What are the assessments?

All applicants are required to complete a literacy assessment (essay 1 hour & comprehension 1.5 hours). A Numeracy assessment (1 hour) is only needed if numeracy is a requirement for your dream degree and completed on the second day. The Pathway Program Officer will confirm with you whether you need to attend numeracy assessment.

### Do I need to attend both assessment days?

You will only need to attend both assessment days if you are required to complete a numeracy assessment. The Pathway Program Officer will confirm with you whether you are required to complete a numeracy assessment.

### What marks do I need to get?

You will need a score of 50% in your assessments to gain entry to your dream degree.

#### How quickly do I find out my results?

We aim to let you know your results within 3 weeks. This can mean an early offer received in September!

#### What happens if I don't pass the assessment?

If you don't pass the assessment on your first attempt, you will be offered the opportunity to re-sit and try again. If you don't pass on your second or even third attempt, the Pathway Program Officer will work with you to find the best pathway for you, such as an alternative degree or Diploma at The College WSU.

#### Can I study for the assessment?

If you wish to study for the assessment, you can access practise tests and online resources which will be sent to you once you submit your registration.

#### I can't attend any of the assessment dates/locations, what do I do?

That's okay! Fill out the registration form and select "I need a different date/location". The Pathway Program Officer will get in contact with you to arrange an alternative date and/or location for you to complete the assessment/s.

#### Do I need to provide Confirmation of Aboriginality?

If you successfully pass the assessment and receive an offer, you will need to provide Confirmation of Aboriginality. This can be done through an official confirmation document, or by completing the Statutory Declaration form. The Statutory Declaration form recognises that due to the impacts of colonisation and historical policies that sometimes obtaining an official Confirmation of Aboriginality can be challenging and is thus an alternative to official confirmation documents. The Pathways Project Officer is available to assist you on completing this requirement.