

CERTIFICATE III IN ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER EDUCATION 10751NAT

INFORMATION SHEET

WHAT IS RATEP?

RATEP is a community-based teacher education program that provides a direct pathway for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living in remote, rural and regional locations to become registered teachers, qualified teacher aides or early childhood educators. The RATEP program is a partnership between TAFE Queensland north region, Queensland Department of Education and James Cook University (JCU). Currently there are various RATEP sites throughout the state – providing teacher training at the Certificate III and Diploma levels. Students are also able to study via an offsite delivery model with teaching support using online technology and regular phone, email and SMS communications.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY FOR THE CERTIFICATE III IN ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER EDUCATION 10751NAT COURSE?

The course is offered to **senior high school Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students** over a two year period in Years 11 and 12 as an integral part of their subject selection studies towards their Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE). Students must be timetabled for the equivalent of two subjects or released for the equivalent of two days per week to complete the course.

Adult students with no previous classroom work experience are also eligible to study this course.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF STUDENTS COMPLETING THE COURSE?

The Certificate III in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education 10751NAT course offers a pathway to become a registered teacher or qualified teacher aide within a primary school setting. Unlike the Certificate III in Education Support CHC30213 specifically designed as a Teacher Aide (TA) qualification and the Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care CHC30113 which caters for a career in the early childhood education

and care industry, the Certificate III in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education 10751NAT qualification lays a solid foundation towards gaining skills and knowledge as a classroom teacher, especially in relation to (but not exclusively for) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education contexts. The award is also acknowledged as meeting the base qualification for TAs/paraprofessionals in schools and provides eight points for a student towards their QCE.

WHERE IS THE COURSE OFFERED?

The Certificate III in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education 10751NAT course is available from all RATEP sites around Queensland. These sites are either located at high schools or in nearby towns or community state schools. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander senior high school students and adults from **any** location in Queensland can complete our Certificate III in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education 10751NAT course via our offsite delivery model.

WHAT IS AVAILABLE AT EACH RATEP SITE?

Each site provides a registered RATEP Teacher Coordinator to manage the site and provide tutorial, administrative and pastoral support to students. All sites have internet-connected computers, printers, faxes, teleconference phones and scanners available for student use during their studies.

HOW IS THE COURSE DELIVERED?

The course is offered via blended delivery using a variety of print materials and other resources. The course is regularly increasing its online teaching-learning capability through e-classes, e-recordings and online submission, marking and return of all student assessment tasks.

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IS THERE A PRACTICUM COMPONENT?

All students must complete 100 hours of vocational placement in a primary school setting.

WHAT ARE THE COURSE START AND END DATES?

The course **starts 6 February 2023**. Year 11 students conclude their first year of studies in line with their school's Year 11 end date. The same applies for the Year 12 component of the course, which matches deadline requirements for the submission of results to the QCAA for the issuing of the QCE within the final year of a student's schooling.

WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

High School applicants must complete an application form which includes a detailed written recommendation by the school's Principal, VET Coordinator or Senior Teacher for the student to undertake the studies. As well, applicants undertake a supervised online English and Maths assessment which is aligned to the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF). However, this assessment is not required if the student can provide evidence of a sound result or higher (ie. C or above) from their previous year of school studies (ie. Year 10) in English and Maths.

Adult applicants undertake an online English and Maths assessment prior to interview and enrolment. These assessments align to the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF).

FUNDING

Funding may be available to eligible applicants to study this course.

UNITS OF COMPETENCY

The current course consists of the following core units:

CUAATS111	Develop understanding of own Aboriginal and Torres Strait identity.
CHCEDS017	Contribute to the health and safety of students.
CHCECE006	Support behaviour of children and young people.
CHEDS003	Contribute to student education in all developmental domains.
AIERDG001	Support the reading development of Aboriginal and Torres Strait children.
AIESCT001	Support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children with science inquiry.
CHCEDS004	Contribute to organisation and management.
CHCEDS007	Work effectively with students and colleagues.
CHCEDS024	Use educational strategies to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education.
CHCEDS006	Support the development of numeracy skills.
CHCEDS010	Work effectively as an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander education worker.
CUAATS312	Produce work that expresses own Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander identity.

Three elective units are also required to be completed.

WHEN DO APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR 2023 START?

- > ROUND 1 applications for High School students: **Open 25 July 2022 and close 2 December 2022**
- > ROUND 1 applications for Adult students: **Open 29 August 2022 and close 2 December 2022**
- > ROUND 2 applications: **Open 18 January 2023 and close 3 February 2023**

FURTHER QUESTIONS?

For more information about the RATEP program, contact TAFE Queensland north region and ask to speak to a RATEP Teacher Coordinator.

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