

Admission pathways

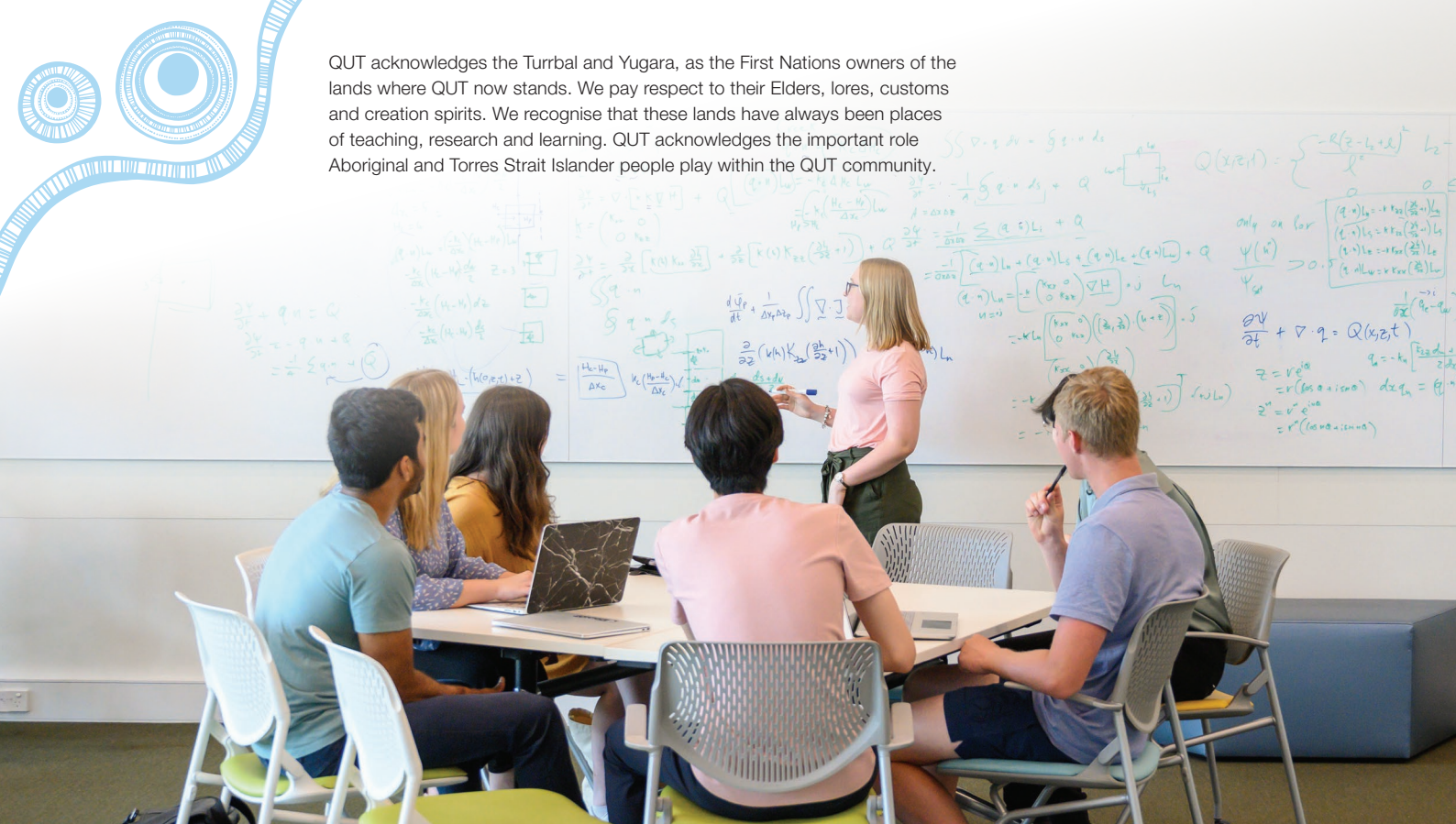
A GUIDE TO ENTRY TO QUT

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Explore your entry options

Regardless of your age or background, there are many ways to gain entry to QUT. This guide is designed to help you find the best pathway to your preferred course.

Current or recent secondary education

If you are a current school student, it's a good idea to explore the range of admission pathways available and have a back-up plan in case you don't receive the results required to gain entry to your preferred course. Use this guide to see how other university studies, vocational education and training (VET) studies, or work and life experience can help you gain entry.

If you have recently completed school you can use your school results or consider other study options if your results are not sufficient for entry.

Other applicants

You may have many pathways to entry. Past school results don't go out of date so you can be allocated a selection rank based on your:

- secondary education
- VET study
- higher education study
- work and life experience.

You may have a different selection rank for each of these and QUT will generally use your best selection rank when assessing your application.

If your selection rank is not sufficient to gain entry to your chosen course, this guide provides options for gaining a new selection rank.

How are applicants selected?

For entry to QUT courses, you must have completed Australian Year 12 (or equivalent), or be aged 18 years or over and seeking entry on the basis of other study or work/life experience.

Entry is generally based on your ATAR or selection rank. When course offers are made, selection ranks and ATARs are treated equally—so you won't be disadvantaged if you are not a current school leaver.

Some courses have additional entry requirements, and you may need to make an application to QUT as well as QTAC for these courses.

Glossary

Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) is a measure of a Year 12 student's state-wide rank order in relation to other students. The ATAR is used for current Year 12 school leavers to assess eligibility for entry to undergraduate courses. The highest ATAR is 99.95. Your ATAR doesn't go out of date. School results from previous years are converted to a selection rank.

Selection ranks can be calculated from your past school results, VET study, higher education study or work and life experience. They are used to assess eligibility for entry to undergraduate courses for all applicants other than current Year 12 students. Current Year 12 students may also have a selection rank if they have completed VET study or other qualifications at school. The highest selection rank is 99.95.

Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) calculates the ATAR and selection rank and processes the applications for undergraduate courses for Queensland universities and many TAFE courses.

The Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) ensures all qualifications are consistent and recognisable throughout Australia. All references in this guide are for AQF qualifications.

Entry based on secondary education

If you are completing school this year or have senior results from the past two years with no further study or employment, you are applying on the basis of recent secondary education.

The minimum requirement for current or recent Year 12 students for entry to QUT degrees is:

- completion of Year 12 with an ATAR, or
- a completed International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma, or
- a vocational education and training (VET) qualification completed at school (certificate IV or above), or
- a school-based seventh-grade AMEB (or equivalent) qualification.

For entry to QUT diplomas, the minimum requirement is:

- completion of Year 12 with an ATAR, or
- an IB Career-related Certificate (IBCC) or incomplete IB Diploma, or
- a VET qualification completed at school (certificate III or above), or
- a school-based seventh-grade AMEB (or equivalent) qualification.

As a guide, the minimum selection rank for a completed Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) certificate III is 68.00, certificate IV is 74.00, and for a diploma is 87.00.

Students with a completed IB Diploma can check their selection rank on the QTAC website at qtac.edu.au

If you have past school results or interstate results, QTAC will allocate a selection rank based on your results. Past ATARs convert to a selection rank of the same value.

If you have an ATAR and selection rank, or more than one selection rank, we will generally use the best of these when considering your application.

Incomplete VET qualifications are not considered for entry.

If you are ATAR ineligible or haven't completed one of the other qualifications outlined above, you can undertake other study or work experience to gain a selection rank to be considered for entry.

If you graduated from high school with an OP, see page 7.

QUT accepts non-standard Australian Year 12 qualifications including Accelerated Christian Education (ACE), Rudolph Steiner Education schools and some home schooling. For non-standard Year 12 students, QTAC will convert your results into a selection rank. To maximise your opportunity to gain entry to your course, you are strongly encouraged to undertake an approved examination such as the American Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT).

For further information on how QUT will consider school results, including overseas results, visit qtac.edu.au/apply/recent-secondary-education



Jordan Bucton

Pharmacy student

As a mature-age student, I chose to study at university to move into a career I was passionate about.

I did a chemistry bridging course to get ready for my degree and when I got to uni, I found lots of additional support. Librarians are there to help with writing and referencing, and there are student support groups that help with writing, science and math. I also received a QUT Equity Scholarship through the Educational Access Scheme which really took the stress off.

My advice? Uni is for everyone. If you need to go part time or spend more time than school leavers on study, that's OK. Everyone is working in their own way. And apply for scholarships. You never know what doors they could open.

Entry based on vocational education and training (VET) study

Diploma and certificate studies

You can use completed VET studies such as a certificate IV, diploma or advanced diploma from TAFE or private education providers for entry to QUT degrees. You can also use your selection rank from a certificate III for entry to QUT diplomas. QUT allocates higher selection ranks than QTAC for these AQF awards.

If your rank is insufficient for entry to a QUT degree, a diploma through QUT College offers a streamlined pathway to degree study. We offer diplomas in business, engineering, entrepreneurship, esports and information technology. See page 6 for more information.

Your VET studies may be graded or ungraded (competency-based). If they are graded, you can achieve higher selection ranks with higher grades. If your qualification is ungraded, a good result on the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) can improve your selection rank. For more information visit qut.edu.au/apply/vet-study

You may also be eligible for fast-track entry to some postgraduate courses if you have a completed diploma and/or work experience. For more information visit qut.edu.au/study/fast-track-to-postgraduate

QUT University Preparation Program

If you haven't completed Year 12 or other recent formal study, or have been out of school for a while, our University Preparation Program can help you get ready for university. You'll develop academic skills and knowledge through studying key foundational subjects that support your future learning and transition to university.

When you successfully complete the program you can gain direct entry to a number of QUT degrees.

VET studies

This table shows how selection ranks for completed AQF VET studies can be increased through the STAT^{*^} or a high grade point average (GPA).

Complete AQF VET qualification	Minimum selection rank awarded	Maximum selection rank achieved with a GPA of 6.95 or above, or a strong result in the STAT ^{*^}
Advanced diploma	93.00	98.95
Diploma (including QUT diplomas)	87.00	91.95
Certificate IV	74.00	89.95

* Completed STAT since 2010.

^ STAT can be combined with ungraded/competency-based qualifications only.

Examples

Kai wanted to study business but was worried about jumping directly into a degree as it had been a few years since he had studied. He decided to complete a Diploma in Business through QUT College as they had smaller class sizes, more contact hours and more individual attention from tutors. He finished his diploma in eight months and is now studying a Bachelor of Business. He received direct entry to the degree and 96 credit points (equivalent to one year of study) of advanced standing.

Simon wanted to study a QUT Bachelor of Justice but didn't have the selection rank to gain entry. He enrolled in a one-year Diploma of Justice Studies at TAFE, giving him a selection rank of 87.00 which was sufficient for entry to the Bachelor of Justice. He also received advanced standing for the diploma, shortening the length of his degree.





Jennifer Clough

Nursing student

It had always been a dream of mine to have a university degree, but I hadn't been at school for 20 years. I decided to complete a Diploma of Nursing at TAFE before I started university to build my confidence and get prepared for uni. I used my TAFE diploma, 20 years of experience as an assistant nurse and the Centralised Assessment and Selection Program through the Oodgeroo Unit to gain entry to a Bachelor of Nursing at QUT. I was able to go straight into the second year of my degree as I received credit for my TAFE studies. I had so much support throughout my higher education journey and I can't wait to fulfil my lifelong dream of being a nurse when I graduate.

Adult Tertiary Preparation

You can complete the Certificate IV in Adult Tertiary Preparation (ATP) to provide a selection rank and gain the academic background required for successful tertiary study. You can choose from a wide variety of specialisations depending on your needs and the university courses you wish to pursue.

Specialisations in ATP can also be selected to meet prerequisites and assumed knowledge. For more information visit qut.edu.au/assumed-knowledge

To maximise your opportunities for entry into QUT you are encouraged to complete the whole ATP course. However, you can complete a minimum of three specialisations (including Language and Learning) and be considered for entry. Selection ranks are allocated on the basis of the grade point average achieved in a minimum of three ATP specialisations. See the table below.

A good result on the STAT can increase the selection rank allocated. See page 8 for more information about the STAT.

The ATP is offered by TAFE Queensland and other education providers. For more information visit qut.edu.au/apply/vet-study

Bridging or enabling courses

Bridging or enabling courses can help you meet subject requirements, get the right skills for study success and give you a selection rank for entry.

QUT recognises a number of tertiary preparation, bridging or enabling programs. For more information visit qut.edu.au/apply/higher-education-study

Certificate IV in Adult Tertiary Preparation

This schedule shows how selection ranks for the 10397NAT Certificate IV in Adult Tertiary Preparation can be improved by high grades and a strong result in the STAT.

Completed AQF qualification	Minimum selection rank awarded with a GPA ^b of 4.0	Maximum selection rank achieved with a GPA ^b of 6.26 or above and a strong result in the STAT ^d
Completed ATP	79.00	98.95
Incomplete ATP + completed four specialisations ^{ac}	66.00	94.95
Incomplete ATP + completed three specialisations ^a	64.00	92.95

^a Only full specialisations comprising results in all required elective units are accepted. Specialisations may comprise two or three elective units of equal weighting. The specialisation Plan and Prepare for Study is not included for assessment on this schedule. Where the same elective unit(s) has been completed on more than one occasion, only the best attempt will be used.

^b H=6.5, J3=6.5, JH=6.5, C=5, J2=5, JC=5, P=4, R=1.5, M=1.5, N=1.5, M1=0.

^c Where a student has completed five or more specialisations without completing 10397NAT, the best four specialisation results will be used.

^d Completed STAT since 2010.

Entry based on higher education study

At QUT, we recognise that success in one higher education course is a reliable predictor of future success in other courses.

QUT diplomas

QUT offers diplomas in business, engineering, entrepreneurship, esports and information technology. These provide guaranteed entry into a number of related degrees at QUT with 96 credit points of advanced standing. You will be awarded a diploma from QUT College followed by a QUT bachelor degree. Find out more at qut.edu.au/study/diplomas

Can I use past degree studies to gain entry to QUT?

If you have completed a degree or partial degree studies your grade point average (GPA) can be converted to a selection rank to be used for entry to another degree. If you have already completed a bachelor degree, you may be eligible for graduate entry to courses in education, podiatry, paramedic science, nursing, social work and law, or entry to QUT's postgraduate courses. To check your eligibility see the entry requirements at qut.edu.au/study

Can I study a degree to help me get into my preferred course?

If you don't have the results needed for the degree you are interested in, you may choose a course with a lower entry

QUT diplomas

Study for eight months full time, or 16 months part time and receive advanced standing (credit) for your studies as well as guaranteed entry to the related QUT degree.

Course	Related degree/s
Undergraduate Certificate in Nursing*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bachelor of Nursing
Diploma in Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bachelor of Business
Diploma in Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)
Diploma in Entrepreneurship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bachelor of Business Bachelor of Communication Bachelor of Creative Industries Bachelor of Information Technology
Diploma in Esports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bachelor of Business Bachelor of Communication Bachelor of Creative Industries Bachelor of Games and Interactive Environments Bachelor of Information Technology
Diploma in Information Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bachelor of Information Technology

* The Undergraduate Certificate in Nursing can be completed in 6 months full time or 12 months part time.

threshold with the intent to upgrade to your ideal course. Studying for one year full time in a degree course is the most effective and reliable way to gain a more competitive selection rank.

How much study do I need to do?

You normally need to complete a minimum of one year full time (or equivalent) of degree-level study at a recognised Australian university or other accredited provider in order to improve your results. However, you can receive a selection rank if you have completed at least one-quarter of a year of full-time study or equivalent.

The prior degree study table (right) shows how to convert your GPA for one year of study to a selection rank. A full-time year is defined as the standard credit point load that applies to a year of study in a course at your institution. Units with incomplete results and any units for which you received exemption or advanced standing do not count toward your full-time year. For current QUT students a full-time year is 96 credit points (usually eight subjects).

What if I did better at school than in higher education study?

QUT will accept the highest selection rank from your school or higher education studies.

What if I am failing at higher education study?

QUT will use your highest selection rank from your previous studies or work and life experiences.

What if I have been suspended or excluded?

QUT will refuse admission if you are currently suspended from a higher education institution for reasons other than failure. Special rules apply if you have been excluded from a study program which is 'like' the QUT program sought. Find out more at qut.edu.au/apply/higher-education-study

Prior degree study

This schedule shows how to convert a degree GPA into a selection rank after one year* or more of full-time study.

GPA (7-point scale)	Selection rank (One year or more full-time equivalent)
6.95	99.95
6.00	98.00
5.00	96.00
4.00	93.00
3.00	79.00
2.00	60.00
< 2.00	45.00

The prior degree study table is an extract of the full schedule. For all schedules visit qut.edu.au/apply/higher-education-study

* Refers to a full-time year or equivalent study at the level of bachelor degree, graduate certificate, graduate diploma, and incomplete coursework masters and doctoral-level studies.

Example

Anna's school results weren't sufficient for her to gain entry to her chosen course—a Bachelor of Communication at QUT. She completed a year of study in the Bachelor of Creative Industries with a GPA of 5.50.

This gave her a selection rank of 97.00 which was sufficient for her to gain entry to her preferred course in 2023.

Work and life experience

At QUT, we don't just rely on prior study to assess applications—we also recognise your work experience and aptitude.

In addition to the pathways to undergraduate study outlined below, you may also be eligible to fast-track your entry to postgraduate study based on your work experience. Visit qut.edu.au/study/fast-track-to-postgraduate

Entry based on work experience

You can be considered for a place at QUT based on skills you have gained through work experience rather than on formal schooling results. This pathway is ideal if you have been working for a number of years and do not have any formal academic qualifications. You can use this pathway even if you haven't completed Year 12.

The work experience pathway is available for all courses at QUT except those with additional entry requirements and graduate-entry courses.

The skills and experience you have gained through work can be translated by QTAC into a selection rank, based on the skill level associated with your employment and the length of time you were employed in that role. The work does not have to be in an area related to your proposed field of study. A statement of service or signed reference must substantiate work experience and be included with your QTAC application.

Selection ranks for work experience range from 55.00 to 93.00 depending on the skill level involved and length of service.

Some types of vocational experience provide a selection rank sufficient for entry on their own, however you are encouraged to sit the STAT to help attain the highest selection rank possible. See page 8 for more information about the STAT.

QTAC may be able to provide an estimate of your selection rank, or you can apply for a formal assessment of your qualifications (QTAC charges apply). If you have already lodged a QTAC application, an assessment of your qualifications will be completed as part of the application. For more information visit qtac.edu.au

While you can be allocated a selection rank based on a minimum of six months full-time work experience, you would need to have three years or more of work experience to gain a selection rank suitable for entry to QUT degree courses. If you don't have this level of work experience, you might like to consider undertaking further study to improve your selection rank.

Past school results

Senior results do not have a use-by date. Secondary education results can be used to gain entry to university many years after they are awarded.

We recognise past Queensland, interstate or overseas Year 12 results, the IB Diploma, Senior External Examination results, and some non-standard Year 12 qualifications including Accelerated Christian Education, some Rudolph Steiner Education schools and some home schooling.

The OP schedule below provides a guide to converting Year 12 OP results from 2019 and prior to a selection rank. If you have a Tertiary Entrance (TE) score awarded between 1974 and 1991, you can calculate your selection rank by dividing the TE score by 10. For example, a TE score of 885 equals a selection rank of 88.50.

Visit qut.edu.au/apply/work-and-life-experience for more information and schedules.

OPs and equivalent selection ranks

The table below provides an indication of the lowest selection rank for different 2019 OP bands. These can vary from year to year.

OP 2019	Indicative selection rank
1	99.00
5	92.00
10	79.00
15	68.00
20	62.00

Example

Angus worked as an enrolled nurse for five years but wanted to start a new career in information technology. Based on his work experience, he had a selection rank of 83.00 which was sufficient for entry to the Bachelor of Information Technology.

Jeremy Koh

Mechanical engineering student Diploma in Engineering graduate

Completing the Diploma in Engineering as a pathway to the engineering degree was very rewarding. The support from teaching staff was invaluable—they went out of their way to make sure I understood different concepts and to share their experience of the industry. I was frequently in the STEM lab working through problems and assessment, and there were always opportunities to collaborate and seek assistance.



Give yourself the best chance

Choosing an admission pathway

If you need to undertake further study to improve your selection rank, choose a course you are interested in otherwise you may find it difficult to achieve the results needed to gain entry to your preferred course. The course you choose does not need to be directly related to your ideal course in order to improve your selection rank, however you may like to choose one that is similar to allow for maximum advanced standing. Consider also what you will do if you are unsuccessful in upgrading. Failing to finish the pathway course can mean a large investment of time and money for no qualification at the end.

Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT)

The STAT is a two-hour aptitude test that allows you to demonstrate your potential for higher education study. It is used by most tertiary institutions in Queensland and many others throughout Australia.

The version of the STAT used by QTAC comprises 70 multiple-choice questions which test verbal skills and quantitative skills. The STAT does not test your knowledge of particular subject areas. All of the information you need to arrive at a correct answer is included in the question.

You can download sample questions to help prepare for the test. Test fees apply. For more information visit qtac.edu.au

Should I sit the STAT?

The STAT may be useful if you wish to improve your selection rank for ungraded qualifications (certificate IV, diploma, advanced diploma or associate degree), or for the Certificate IV in Adult Tertiary Preparation. It is also highly recommended if you have no formal academic qualifications and are applying for entry based on work experience.

Can I get into QUT on my STAT result alone?

QUT only accepts STAT results in conjunction with other entry criteria such as work experience, completed ungraded AQF qualifications or with the Certificate IV in Adult Tertiary Preparation.

What if my STAT result is low?

QUT will only use your STAT result if it leads to a higher selection rank. You can re-sit the test, but you can only sit the STAT once per admissions period (i.e. mid-year and end of year). If you have sat the STAT more than once in separate admissions periods, you are assessed on your highest STAT score.

Selection rank adjustments

You may be eligible for a selection rank adjustment making you more competitive for course entry. The maximum possible adjustment is 10 selection ranks. Adjustments may not apply to all courses. For details about these programs visit qut.edu.au/apply/adjustment-schemes

Equity adjustment—educational disadvantage

If you have experienced circumstances that have negatively affected your most recent studies you can apply for the Educational Access Scheme (EAS) on your QTAC application. You can be considered for multiple categories including financial hardship, school environment, home environment and responsibilities, English language difficulty, or personal illness and disability.

If you apply in the financial hardship category, are eligible for QUT's Q-Step Scheme and enrol at QUT you will also receive a guaranteed Equity Scholarship (\$4200 for Semester 1 entry, \$2100 for Semester 2 entry). Other low-income students are also encouraged to apply for these scholarships. Visit qut.edu.au/equity-scholarships

Other adjustments

You may be eligible for other adjustment schemes such as the Elite Athlete Entry Scheme, the Regional, Rural and Remote Adjustment Scheme, the Priority School Adjustment Scheme, the First in Family Adjustment Scheme and the Year 12 Subject Scheme. Visit qut.edu.au/apply/adjustment-schemes

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

The Oodgeroo Unit's Centralised Assessment and Selection Program provides a culturally supportive admissions pathway for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants, that recognises life experiences, any study undertaken, skills, commitment and potential.

Indigenous Australian students are also supported at QUT with a guaranteed scholarship or bursary, pre-orientation program and tutorial assistance. Visit qut.edu.au/about/oodgeroo

Applying

Applications for QUT undergraduate courses, and the Master of Nursing—Entry to Practice, Master of Social Work—Qualifying and Master of Teaching are made through QTAC's online service.

You may need to submit supporting documentation or sit the STAT. Make sure you consider back-up courses in case you don't gain entry to your preferred course, and include these in your six QTAC preferences. Visit qtac.edu.au

Advanced standing (credit)

You may be able to receive advanced standing for part of your course on the basis of prior studies or work experience. You can apply for advanced standing once you have accepted your QTAC offer. You can also check the Advanced Standing Precedent List to see credit precedents for your course. Visit qut.edu.au/credit



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