



**Southern  
Cross  
University**

# Postgraduate Course Guide 2024

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**Transforming > Tomorrow**

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# Transform your future

At Southern Cross University, we are driven by a clear purpose: to change lives through revolutionary learning and research with real impact. Our game-changing education model is focused on active, immersive learning and increased student success with an innovative calendar of six-week terms.

When you join Southern Cross, you are part of a community of inspiring educators, talented students and passionate researchers who are making a positive impact on the world. Together, we are Transforming Tomorrow.



3 main campuses  
7 branch campuses



75,000+  
graduates



18,000+  
students



5-star teaching quality, graduate salary and overall experience for postgraduate study



TOP 200 Young Universities  
TOP 300 for Physical Sciences  
TOP 400 for Psychology and Life Sciences  
TOP 500 for Social Sciences and Education



World Standard or Above in  
23 Key Research Areas



Top 100 for Oceanography  
Top 150 for Nursing  
Top 200 for Hospitality and Tourism Management

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Southern Cross University acknowledges and pays respect to the ancestors, Elders and descendants of the Lands upon which we meet and study. We are mindful that these Lands always were and always will be Aboriginal Land.



# Our graduates



## Award-winning early education mentor

**Dulari Gonawala**  
**Graduate Diploma of Education (Early Childhood)**  
**Teacher Mentor, GoodStart Early Learning**

When Dulari Gonawala arrived in Australia with her husband and young family nine years ago, she had no idea she'd win a national award and become an early education leader.

Dulari has received a prestigious National Excellence in Teaching Award (NEiTA) for her role as Educational Leader at GoodStart Early Learning in Berwick, Victoria. She has since been promoted to Teacher Mentor, supporting other up-and-coming early childhood educators.

"Winning a national award is a big deal and especially so when English is my second language. And now being in a role focused on supporting and coaching the rest of the team, this is a dream come true for me," Dulari said.

## Helping veterans find peace

**Matthew Hoare**  
**Master of Clinical Exercise Physiology**  
**Co-Founder, Association of Veteran Surfers**

As co-founder of the Association of Veteran Surfers (AVS) on the Gold Coast, Matthew applies his clinical knowledge to helping fellow veterans as they transition to life at home.

"Exercise physiology was a natural choice for me. I had some injuries after my service years and I wanted to assist people, especially veterans," Matthew said.

"Because I was a veteran and had been away from education for so long, I felt I needed to be in an environment that enabled a closer connection to my lecturers and my fellow students. Southern Cross University was ideal.

"And now, through surfing, I am sharing my passion and my qualifications with other veterans as a way to connect and to help them move forward with hope and healing."



## A new Kynd of care

**Michael Metcalfe**  
**Master of Business Administration**  
**Founder and CEO, Kynd**

As founder of an award-winning online platform that matches National Disability Insurance Scheme participants with the right support workers, Michael Metcalfe is in the business of broader good.

"I graduated with an MBA in Hotel and Tourism Management and one of the biggest things I took from it was the notion that this was more than just a qualification enabling me to pursue my own aspirations. It also conveyed a belief in the broader good that business can do for people. I like to think Kynd reflects that reality."

# Postgraduate courses

Coures	Location	Duration	Starts	Professional accreditation
Business				
Graduate Certificate in Accounting	Gold Coast, online	0.5FT/1PT	March, July, October	
Graduate Certificate in Business Also available in online accelerated mode	Gold Coast	0.5FT/1PT	March, July, October	
Graduate Certificate in Project Management	Online accelerated	8mths PT	January, March, April, July August, October	AIPM
Graduate Diploma of Accounting	Gold Coast, online	1FT/2PT	March, July, October (Gold Coast only)	
Graduate Diploma of Business Also available in online accelerated mode	Gold Coast	1FT/2PT	March, July, October	
Graduate Diploma of Project Management	Online accelerated	16mths PT	January, March, April, July, August, October	AIPM
Master of Business Administration Also available in online accelerated mode	Gold Coast	2FT/4PT	March, July, October	
Master of Professional Accounting	Gold Coast, online	2FT/4PT	March, July, October	CPA Australia CA ANZ
Master of Project Management	Online accelerated	2PT	January, March, April, July, August, October	AIPM
Education				
Graduate Certificate in Education	Online accelerated	1PT	January, March, April, July, August, October	
Graduate Certificate in Education (Early Childhood)	Online	0.5FT/1PT	March, July, October	
Graduate Certificate in Educational Inclusion and Diversity	Online accelerated	8months PT	January, March, April, July, August, October	
Graduate Certificate of Educational Wellbeing	Online accelerated	8months PT	January, March, April, July, August, October	
Graduate Diploma of Education (Early Childhood)	Gold Coast, online	1FT/2PT	March, July, October	ACEQA
Master of Education	Online accelerated	2PT	January, March, April, July, August, October	
Master of Teaching	Gold Coast, online	2FT/4PT	March, July, October	NESA, ACECQA
Engineering				
Master of Engineering Management	Online accelerated	16mths PT	January, March, April, July, August, October	
Master of Engineering Management, Master of Business Administration	Gold Coast	2FT/4PT	March, July, October	
Master of Engineering Practice	Gold Coast, online	2FT/4PT	March, July	EA

Coures	Location	Duration	Starts	Professional accreditation
Health				
Graduate Certificate in Diabetes Education and Management	Online	8mths PT	March	
Graduate Certificate in Healthcare Leadership	Online accelerated	8mths PT	January, March, April, July, August, October	
Graduate Certificate in Mental Health	Online accelerated	8mths PT	January, March, April, July, August, October	
Graduate Certificate in Mental Health Nursing	Online accelerated	8 mths PT	January, March, April, July, August, October	
Graduate Diploma of Mental Health	Online accelerated	16mths PT	January, March, April, July, August, October	
Graduate Diploma of Mental Health Nursing	Online accelerated	16mths PT	January, March, April, July, August, October	
Master of Healthcare Leadership	Online accelerated	2PT	January, March, April, July, August, October	
Master of Mental Health	Online accelerated	2PT	January, March, April, July, August, October	
Master of Mental Health Nursing	Online accelerated	2PT	January, March, April, July, August, October	
Master of Nursing	Gold Coast, Lismore, Coffs Harbour	2FT/4PT	January	NMBA
Master of Osteopathic Medicine	Lismore, Gold Coast	1.5FT/3PT	January, March	AOAC
Graduate Certificate in Advanced Naturopathic Medicine	Online	34wks PT	July	
Master of Advanced Naturopathic Medicine	Online	1.5PT	July	
Graduate Certificate in Lifestyle Medicine	Online	1PT	March, July	
Master of Lifestyle Medicine	Online	1FT/2PT	March, July	ASLM
Master of Integrative Medicine	Online	2PT	March, July	
Master of Naturopathic Medicine	Gold Coast, Lismore	2FT/4PT	March, July	ANTA, ANPA, ATMS, CMA
Master of Professional Psychology	Online	1FT/2PT	March	APAC
Indigenous Knowledge				
Doctor of Indigenous Philosophies	Lismore, online	3FT/6PT	March	
Information Technology				
Master of Information Technology	Gold Coast	2FT/4PT	March, July, October	
Graduate Certificate in Computing	Gold Coast, online	0.5FT/1PT	March, July, October	
Graduate Diploma of Computing	Gold Coast, online	1FT/2PT	March, July	

Coures	Location	Duration	Starts	Professional accreditation
Information Technology				
Master of Computing	Gold Coast	2FT/4PT	March, July, October	ACS
Graduate Certificate in Information Technology Management	Online accelerated	8mths PT	January, March, April, July, August, October	
Graduate Diploma in Information Technology Management	Online accelerated	16mths PT	January, March, April, July, August, October	
Master of Information Technology Management	Online accelerated	2PT	January, March, April, July, August, October	
Law				
Graduate Certificate in Business Law	Online accelerated	8mths PT	January, March, April, July, August, October	
Master of Business Law	Online accelerated	16mths PT	January, March, April, July, August, October	
Master of Laws (Business Law)	Online accelerated	16mths PT	January, March, April, July, August, October	
Science and Environment				
Graduate Certificate in Regenerative Agriculture	Lismore, online	0.5FT/1PT	March, July	
Graduate Diploma of Regenerative Agriculture	Lismore, online	1FT/2PT	March	
Social Work and Community Services				
Master of Social Work (Professional Qualifying)	Gold Coast, online	2FT/4PT	March, October	AASW
Tourism				
Graduate Certificate of Business in Global Hotel Leadership	The Hotel School Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Hayman Island	0.5FT/1PT	March, July, October	
Graduate Diploma of Business in Global Hotel Leadership	The Hotel School Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Hayman Island	1FT/2PT	March, July, October	
Master of Business in Global Hotel Leadership	The Hotel School Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Hayman Island	2FT/4PT	March, July, October	



### The Hotel School

The Hotel School is a unique partnership between Southern Cross University and Mulpha Australia, a global hotel investment group. With campuses in the centres of Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane and on Hayman Island, the Hotel School is perfectly located not only for study but also for internships in leading leisure and hospitality businesses.

Southern Cross was the first university in Australia to offer a degree in tourism and is consistently ranked among the world’s best tourism and hospitality schools. Visit **hotelschool.scu.edu.au**





## Funding your studies

Most postgraduate degrees are eligible for FEE-HELP. This is a form of government loan that covers the cost of your studies. You pay this loan back through the tax system once your income reaches a certain threshold.

Some postgraduate degrees are also Commonwealth-Supported. This means a portion of your tuition fees is paid by the Commonwealth Government.

### Student Services and Amenities Fee

Also known as SSAF, the Student Services and Amenities Fee is used to provide important services and amenities to students both on and off campus. The SSAF is calculated per unit, based on the unit's credit point value. The maximum SSAF fee in 2022 was \$315. Eligible students have the option of deferring this fee through the SA-HELP loan scheme.

### Other study costs

Your costs could also include computer equipment and software, stationery, field trips, uniforms or other course-specific expenses such as art materials, musical equipment or travel for practicums, internships or industry experience.

### Books and supplies

Most courses will require you to buy textbooks. The cost of textbooks varies greatly from unit-to-unit. Students can consult [booktopia.com.au](http://booktopia.com.au) to find textbooks for a given unit. Second-hand textbooks are sometimes available.

For details visit:

[studyassist.gov.au](http://studyassist.gov.au)



For details visit:

[scu.edu.au/fees](http://scu.edu.au/fees)



## Scholarships

### One easy application for a range of scholarships

Scholarships really make a difference. They make your education even more attainable by reducing the financial burden of study – enabling you to focus on your studies and put your learning first.

Scholarships for postgraduate students are available for both coursework programs and research.

More details and how to apply:

[scu.edu.au/scholarships](http://scu.edu.au/scholarships)



## Supporting our healthcare leaders

**Lieutenant Colonel Kylie Hasse, Master of Healthcare Leadership student and Bonnie Boezeman AO Leadership in Nursing Scholarship recipient.**

As a nurse and Senior Health Officer in the Australian Army, Kylie has been awarded a Distinguished Service Medal for outstanding leadership and dedication to duty as a Nursing Officer. “Being a role model for nurses within the defence force and assisting with the growth and development of the profession is something I really value” she said.





# Supporting your studies

No student is an island. No matter the extra help you need – we’ve got you covered.



Careers and employability service



Equity and inclusion services



Mentor programs



Academic skills help



Counselling services



Student advocacy



Indigenous student support



Wifi and tech services

# Careers and employability team

Give your career the head start it deserves and make contact with the Careers and Employability team from the first year of your studies through CareerHub and the online CareerSuccess resources.

The Careers team can help you with:

- Career counselling
- Choosing the right degree
- Finding part-time work on CareerHub
- Assistance with job applications
- Mock interviews
- Networking
- Help with targeting graduate employers

More details and how to apply at:

[scu.edu.au/careers](https://scu.edu.au/careers)



Email: [careers@scu.edu.au](mailto:careers@scu.edu.au)







## Student access and inclusion

If you are a student with disability, we provide a range of support services to assist you to be successful in your studies. These services may include note-taking assistance or digital note-takers, access to alternative format materials, special software or other services as needed.

If you are vision or hearing impaired or have a significant physical disability which requires a high level of support, please contact Student Access and Inclusion as early as possible (at least three-to-four months prior to your intended enrolment).



## UniMentor – connecting students

Even as a postgraduate, university can be daunting. The UniMentor program can make the experience a lot easier. We'll connect you with an experienced student mentor studying in the same discipline area who can advise you on a range of student issues, from the best way to navigate an online study environment to where to buy text books. You and your mentor can meet face-to-face, communicate online via email, or catch up on Facebook and other social media sites.

More details at:

[scu.edu.au/mentor](https://scu.edu.au/mentor)







## Research degrees

Southern Cross University offers Masters by Thesis, Professional Doctorates and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) awards.

All applications for Higher Degrees by Research are made via the Southern Cross University Graduate School.

For more info, and to apply visit

[scu.edu.au/graduateschool](https://scu.edu.au/graduateschool)



### Graduate Certificate in Research Management and Communication

Higher Degree by Research (HDR) candidates have high-level, transferable skills in communication and management. These are attractive to employers across industries and organisations. The Graduate Certificate of Research Management and Communication has been designed to recognise the broad range of higher-level generic skills and graduate attributes that our HDR students acquire during their candidature.

### Research Masters and PhD Scholarships

All students choosing to undertake a research program should refer to the Graduate School's Scholarships page or the Southern Cross Plant Science's Scholarship page for full details of available financial support.

In addition to the above scholarship opportunities, Australian Indigenous research students should consider applying through the Indigenous Australian Student Services Scholarship or Indigenous Australian Student Services Book Bursary or Indigenous Australian Student Services Technology Bursary program.

More details and how to apply:

[scu.edu.au/scholarships](https://scu.edu.au/scholarships)



## Indigenous Australian Student Services (IASS)

IASS provides information, advice and support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students relating to admission, acceptance of offers, enrolment through self-management, fees, examinations and grades, accommodation, tutorial assistance, Abstudy, access to learning resources, counselling and other support services. We have IASS staff located at each campus – Northern Rivers, Coffs Harbour and the Gold Coast.

More details at:

[scu.edu.au/iass](https://scu.edu.au/iass)



Call: 1800 769 763

Email: [iass@scu.edu.au](mailto:iass@scu.edu.au)



### Unleash your inner entrepreneur

Live Ideas provides students opportunities to realise their entrepreneurial capabilities and work directly with industry to build solutions for the challenges of the future.

Learn more:

[scu.edu.au/live-ideas](https://scu.edu.au/live-ideas)



### Southern Cross University Health Clinics

On-campus clinics at the Northern Rivers and Gold Coast campuses provide safe and supervised environments for health students to gain clinical experience. Student clinics run throughout the year.

Learn more:

[scu.edu.au/health-clinic](https://scu.edu.au/health-clinic)





# Our campuses

We are a multi-campus university on Australia's east coast at the Gold Coast in Queensland and in the Northern Rivers and Coffs Harbour in New South Wales.

The regions we call home all have unique characteristics as study locations – from cosmopolitan cities, thriving industries and coastal lifestyles to living laboratories of great natural beauty and ecological diversity, right next to the campus.

We have branch campuses in Sydney, Melbourne and Perth which operate in collaboration with EduCo, and The Hotel School Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Hayman Island in partnership with Mulpha Australia. We also deliver degrees at the Coomera Creative Campus in partnership with TAFE Qld.



Legend

● Main campuses

Gold Coast, Northern Rivers, Coffs Harbour

○ Branch campuses


Sydney, Melbourne, Perth (EduCo)

Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane & Hayman Island (The Hotel School)


## Gold Coast campus

Our Gold Coast campus is located at Coolangatta on the lands of the Yugambah Nation, just 400 metres from North Kirra Beach, and adjacent to the Gold Coast Airport. Many vantage points offer stunning views of the Pacific Ocean.


The campus is spread across three contemporary buildings that house innovative learning spaces, health science laboratories, computer labs, student lounges, the University's Digital Enterprise Lab and an on-campus Health Clinic.




Transport hub



On-campus Health Clinic



Digital Enterprise Lab



Beachside campus





# Northern Rivers campus

Lismore is the foundation Southern Cross campus, located in the heart of the Northern Rivers on the lands of the Bundjalung Nation. Set on acres of lush rainforest that includes a koala hospital, Lismore is a hub for our creative degrees, within easy reach of both national parks and the ocean.

It is also home to state-of-the-art engineering and environmental science facilities, specialist health labs and simulated hospital wards, a Learning Centre and library complex, heated pool and gym, on-campus accommodation and a Health Clinic.



On-campus Health Clinic



Innovation Hub



On-campus accommodation




Surrounded by nature




# Coffs Harbour campus

Coffs Harbour campus is located on the lands of the Gumbaynggirr Nation at the heart of an education and innovation hub. Coffs Harbour boasts a relaxed coastal lifestyle but this growing city also hosts international sporting events and regional festivals thanks to outstanding facilities and a major regional airport.


A multi-million-dollar Health Sciences Building on campus features a biomechanics running track and high-tech simulation teaching laboratories. The campus also has a fitness centre, on-campus accommodation, sporting fields and proximity to beautiful beaches and national parks. The University's world-renowned National Marine Science Centre is located in nearby Charlesworth Bay.




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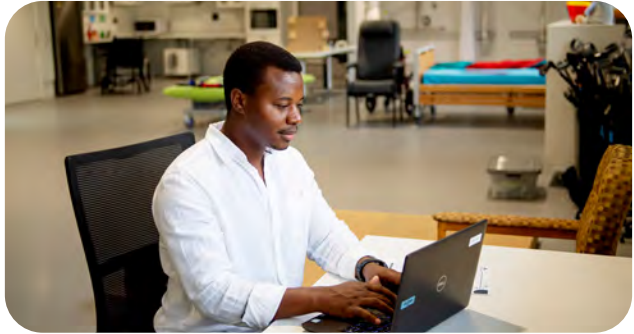
International sports



Health Sciences precinct



On-campus accommodation





# Study online

Online learning, the Southern Cross way, is a dynamic and interactive environment where you can access pre-recorded and live lectures and events, online study materials and interact with your peers and lecturers.

Online learning provides access to the quality of a Southern Cross University education with the convenience of studying where and when it suits you best.



Learn anywhere,  
anytime



Connected  
student community



Access campus  
facilities



Great learning  
support



# Student life

## UniLife

Our UniLife program aims to encourage your academic success and support your wellbeing. Students can get involved in social sports clubs and societies, and University-wide events such as the University Student Awards, snow tour, learn-to-surf camps, beach and water safety programs, and other national competitions.

For details visit:

[scu.edu.au/unilife](https://scu.edu.au/unilife)





# How to apply

Apply for postgraduate coursework degrees directly to the University through the web page of the course you are interested in. All applications for Higher Degrees by Research (HDR) are made via the Southern Cross University Graduate School.

For postgraduate coursework

[scu.edu.au/applytostudy](https://scu.edu.au/applytostudy)



For Higher Degrees by Research (HDR)

[scu.edu.au/graduateschool](https://scu.edu.au/graduateschool)



## Holly's dream is to become a principal

Holly Wedd  
Mathematics Teacher, Master of Education graduate

For award-winning mathematics teacher Holly Wedd, pursuing postgraduate study while working opened up numerous opportunities to further her career.

The flexible online format of the Master of Education enabled her to continue teaching five days a week, including launching a thriving mathematics enrichment tutoring program, while working towards her goal of a school leadership role. "My Masters degree focused on student wellbeing and school leadership, and the long-term dream is to become a deputy principal or a principal," she said.

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### Key to professional bodies:

AASW Australian Association of Social Workers  
ACECQA Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority  
ACS Australian Computer Society  
AIPM Australian Institute of Project Management  
ANPA Australian Naturopathic Practitioners Association  
ANTA Australian Natural Therapists Association  
AOAC Australian Osteopathic Accreditation Council  
APAC Australian Psychology Accreditation Council

ATMS Australian Traditional Medicine Society  
CMA Complementary Medicines Australia  
CPA Australia  
CA ANZ Chartered Accountants Australia and New Zealand  
EA Engineers Australia  
NESA NSW Education Standards Authority  
NMBA Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia

Please note some courses may be at a pending stage in their accreditation. Check the web page for up-to-date information.






## All course enquires

Talk to us about courses, ask a question about your individual situation or find out more about studying at Southern Cross University.

1800 626 481


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