

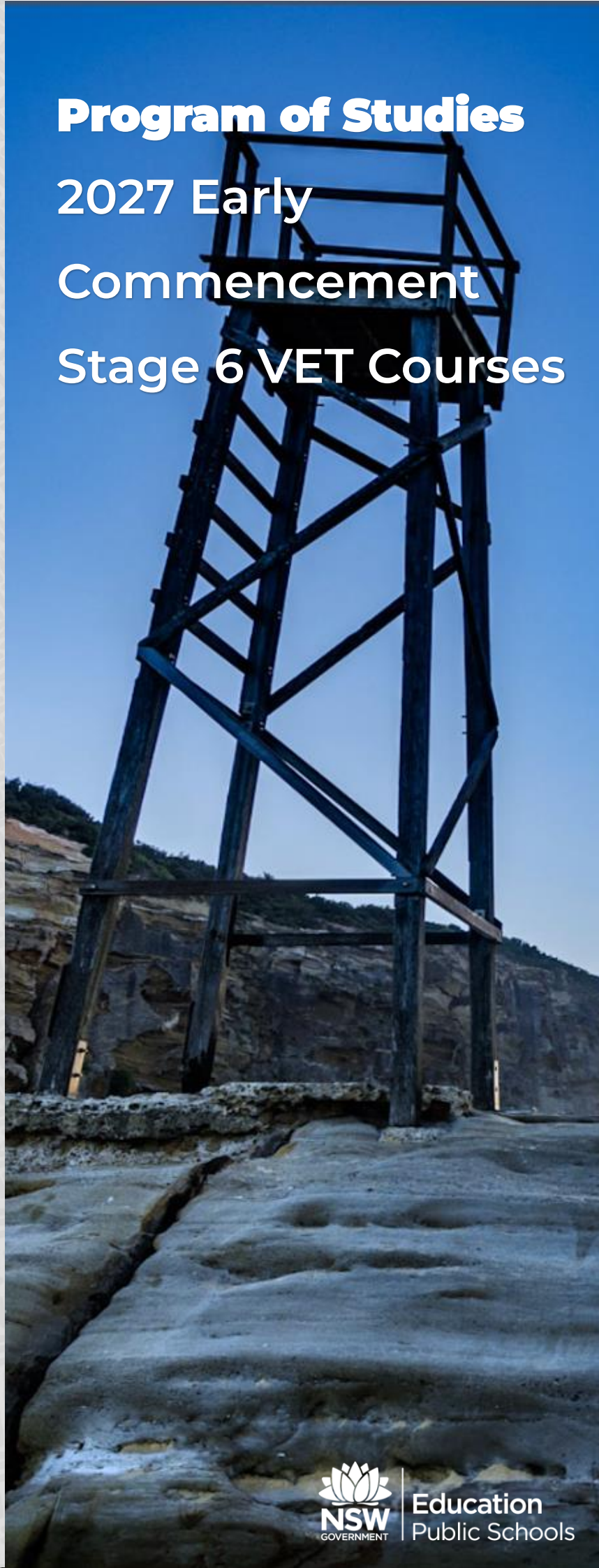


Program of Studies

2027 Early

Commencement

Stage 6 VET Courses



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GENERAL INFORMATION

Year 10 Pattern of Study

Whitebridge High School provides a unique opportunity for all students to undertake an Early Commencement of Stage 6 VET to achieve dual credentialling from their high school experience.

The school offers a comprehensive range of Certificate II and Certificate III Vocational Education and Training courses which support students to achieve nationally recognised workplace credentials through school-based learning and industry work placement.

In addition, students complete their NSW Higher School Certificate credential through undertaking their individualised selection of board developed and endorsed curriculum leading to the award of the HSC and an ATAR for eligible students.

For students electing to pursue a University pathway, there is an added benefit where a Cert III credential is recognised by some universities as an ATAR equivalent (*). Students complete their certificate credential during the Year 11 school year and may then achieve a higher ATAR through the HSC pathway in Year 12.

Our goal is to maximise the opportunity for our students to pursue their future pathway with skills and confidence.

Our school actively encourages students to consider a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship (SBAT) as part of their pattern of study. This program offers many benefits and is an excellent pathway for students to achieve their goals.

Students in Year 10 will study the mandatory subjects to be eligible for a ROSA. In addition, each student will study ONE elective and ONE early commencement Stage 6 VET course.

Student Mandatory Subjects Year 7-10

English

Maths

Science

HSIE

PDHPE

Students will choose ONE early
commencement Stage 6 VET
Course

Students will choose ONE
200 hour Elective

(*) – UoN “certificate III is equivalent to an ATAR of 67” - <https://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/undergraduate/getting-in/completed-vocational-study>

VET COURSES

ASSISTANT DANCE TEACHING

2026 Assistant Dance Teaching Course Descriptor

CUA30320 Certificate III in Assistant Dance Teaching

This information may change due to the Training Package and NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) updates. Notification of variations will be made in due time with minimal impact.

Course: Assistant Dance Teaching

Board Endorsed Course (300 hour)
(3 units x 1 year and 2 units x 1 year)

HSC credit – 5 units

There is no Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) for this course

By enrolling in this VET qualification with the NSW Department of Education RTO 90333, you are choosing to participate in a program of study which will provide you a pathway towards, HSC accreditation and a nationally recognised qualification (dual accreditation). To receive this qualification, you must meet the assessment requirements of CUA30320 Certificate III in Assistant Dance Teaching <https://training.gov.au/training/details/CUA30320>. You will be expected to complete all the requirements for the Registered Training Organisation (RTO) and NESA. To gain the full qualification, you must achieve 12 units of competency. A statement of attainment towards the qualification is possible if at least one unit of competency is achieved.

Students may apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and/or Credit Transfer (CT) provided suitable evidence is submitted.

Transferrable industry skills gained in this course

- working within the dance industry involves customer (client) service
- demonstration of dance skills to younger students
- creativity
- critical thinking
- problem solving

Examples of occupations in the dance industry

- private studio teaching assistant
- choreographer
- warm up coordinator

VET requirements

Competency-Based Assessment

In this course you will work to develop the skills and knowledge described in each unit of competency. To be assessed as competent you must demonstrate your ability to satisfactorily complete the tasks required in the assessments.

Appeals and Complaints

You may lodge a complaint or an appeal about a decision (including assessment decisions) by following the Appeals and Complaints Guidelines

HSC requirements

Mandatory course requirements

You must complete 300 indicative hours of course work and a minimum of 70 hours work placement. Not meeting these requirements will incur an 'N' determined as required by NESA.

External Assessment

There is no external assessment (optional HSC examination) for this course.

Consumable costs: Preliminary - TBC

HSC - TBC

Refunds

Refund arrangements are on a pro-rata basis.
Please refer to your school refund policy

A school-based traineeship is not available in this course.

Exclusions: Students undertaking both this Assistant Dance Teaching course and another course based on the CUA Creative Arts and Culture Training Package should choose different units of competency to meet the requirements of each HSC course and qualification.

Students can only undertake the Assistant Dance Teaching (120 indicative hours) course or the Assistant Dance Teaching (240 indicative hours) course or the Assistant Dance Teaching (300 indicative hours) course.

General information about NESA VET course exclusions can be found <https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/vet/course-exclusions>

BUSINESS SERVICES

2026 Business Services Course Descriptor

BSB30120 Certificate III in Business

This information may change due to the Training Package and NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) updates. Notification of variations will be made in due time with minimal impact.

Course: Business Services

Industry Curriculum Framework (ICF)

Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) eligible course

HSC credit – 4 units

(2 units x 2 years or 4 units x 1 year)

Board Developed Course (240 hour)

By enrolling in this VET qualification with the NSW Department of Education RTO 90333, you are choosing to participate in a program of study which will provide you a pathway towards, HSC accreditation and a nationally recognised qualification (dual accreditation). To receive this qualification, you must meet the assessment requirements of BSB30120 Certificate III in Business <https://training.gov.au/training/details/bsb30120>. You will be expected to complete all the requirements of the Registered Training Organisation (RTO) and NESA. To gain the full qualification, you must achieve 13 units of competency. To meet NESA course hours the program includes 14 units. A statement of attainment towards the qualification is possible if at least one unit of competency is achieved.

Students may apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and/or Credit Transfer (CT) provided suitable evidence is submitted.

Transferrable industry skills gained in this course

- working within the business services industry involves
- customer (client) service
- using technology to organise information
- creativity
- critical thinking
- problem solving

Examples of occupations in the business services industry

- medical administration
- office administration
- information desk operator
- clerical worker
- receptionist
- records and information administration

VET requirements

Competency-Based Assessment

In this course you will work to develop the skills and knowledge described in each unit of competency. To be assessed as competent you must demonstrate your ability to satisfactorily complete the tasks required in the assessments.

Appeals and Complaints

You may lodge a complaint or an appeal about a decision (including assessment decisions) by following the Appeals and Complaints Guidelines

HSC requirements

Mandatory course requirements

You must complete 240 indicative hours of course work and a minimum of 70 hours work placement. Not meeting these requirements will incur an 'N' determined as required by NESA.

External Assessment (optional HSC examination for ATAR purposes)

The Higher School Certificate examination for Business Services is only available after completion of 240 indicative hours and will involve a written examination consisting of multiple-choice, short answers and extended response items. The examination is independent of the competency-based assessment undertaken during the course and has no impact on your eligibility to receive a vocational qualification.

Consumable costs: Preliminary – NA

HSC - NA

NB may include excursion costs

Refunds

Refund arrangements are on a pro-rata basis.
Please refer to your school refund policy

A school-based traineeship is available in this course. For more information: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/career-and-study-pathways/school-based-apprenticeships-and-traineeships>

Exclusions: Students can only undertake the Business Services (120 indicative hours) course or the Business Services (240 indicative hours) course.

General information about NESA VET course exclusions can be found

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/vet/course-exclusions>

2026 Construction Course Descriptor

CPC20220 Certificate II in Construction Pathways & Statement of Attainment towards CPC20120 Certificate II in Construction

This information may change due to the Training Package and NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) updates. Notification of variations will be made in due time with minimal impact.

Course: Construction

Industry Curriculum Framework (ICF)

Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) eligible course

HSC credit – 4 units

(2 units x 2 years or 4 units x 1 year)

Board Developed Course (240 hour)

By enrolling in this VET qualification with the NSW Department of Education RTO 90333, you are choosing to participate in a program of study which will provide you a pathway towards, HSC accreditation and a nationally recognised qualification (dual accreditation). To receive this qualification, you must meet the assessment requirements of CPC20220 Certificate II in Construction Pathways & Statement of Attainment towards CPC20120 Certificate II in Construction <https://training.gov.au/Training/Details/CPC20220> & <https://training.gov.au/Training/Details/CPC20120> You will be expected to complete all and the requirements of the Registered Training Organisation and NESA. Students successfully completing the 10 units required for Construction Pathways will be eligible to receive a CPC20220 Certificate II in Construction Pathways (Release 6). A statement of attainment towards CPC20120 Certificate II in Construction is possible if at least one of the units of competency associated with this qualification is achieved.

Students may apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and/or Credit Transfer (CT) provided suitable evidence is submitted.

Transferrable industry skills gained in this course

- risk management
- time management
- basic emergency response
- communication
- problem solving
- decision making

Examples of occupations in the construction industry

- carpentry
- joinery
- bricklaying
- builder's labourer

VET requirements

Competency-Based Assessment

In this course you will work to develop the skills and knowledge described in each unit of competency. To be assessed as competent you must demonstrate your ability to satisfactorily complete the tasks required in the assessments.

Appeals and Complaints

You may lodge a complaint or an appeal about a decision (including assessment decisions) by following the Appeals and Complaints Guidelines.

HSC requirements

Mandatory course requirements

You must complete 240 indicative hours of course work and a minimum of 70 hours work placement. Not meeting these requirements will incur an 'N' determined as required by NESA.

External Assessment (optional HSC examination for ATAR purposes)

The Higher School Certificate examination for Construction is only available after completion of 240 indicative hours and will involve a written examination consisting of multiple-choice, short answers and extended response items. The examination is optional, is independent of the competency-based assessment undertaken during the course and has no impact on your eligibility to receive a vocational qualification.

Consumable costs: Preliminary - \$130

HSC - \$100

Fees for Preliminary include- Mandatory BASIC PPE pack- (includes safety glasses, dust mask, Hi vis vest and earmuffs), White card training course and course materials.

NB- may include excursion costs

Refunds

Refund arrangements are on a pro-rata basis
Please refer to your school refund policy

A school-based traineeship is available in this course. For more information: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/career-and-study-pathways/school-based-apprenticeships-and-traineeships>

Exclusions: Students can only undertake the Construction (120 indicative hours) course or the Construction (240 indicative hours) course.

General information about NESA VET course exclusions can be found

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/vet/course-exclusions>

2026 Cookery Course Descriptor

SIT20421 Certificate II in Cookery

This information may change due to the Training Package and NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) updates. Notification of variations will be made in due time with minimal impact.

Course: [Hospitality \(Cookery\)](#)

Industry Curriculum Framework (ICF)

Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) eligible course

HSC credit – 4 units

(2 units x 2 years or 4 units x 1 year)

Board Developed Course (240 hour)

By enrolling in this VET qualification with the NSW Department of Education RTO 90333, you are choosing to participate in a program of study which will provide you a pathway towards, HSC accreditation and a nationally recognised qualification (dual accreditation). To receive this qualification, you must meet the assessment requirements of SIT20421 Certificate II in Cookery <https://training.gov.au/training/details/SIT20421>. You will be expected to complete all the requirements of the Registered Training Organisation and NESA. To gain the full qualification you must achieve 13 units of competency. A statement of attainment towards the qualification is possible if at least one unit of competency is achieved.

Students may apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and/or Credit Transfer (CT) provided suitable evidence is submitted.

Transferrable industry skills gained in this course

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • teamwork • attention to detail • organisational skills | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adaptability • communication • problem solving |
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Examples of occupations in the hospitality industry

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assistant cook • short order cook | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • food preparation cook • chef | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • breakfast cook • sandwich hand |
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VET requirements
Competency-Based Assessment

In this course you will work to develop the skills and knowledge described in each unit of competency. To be assessed as competent you must demonstrate your ability to satisfactorily complete the tasks required in the assessments.

Appeals and Complaints

You may lodge a complaint or an appeal about a decision (including assessment decisions) by following the Appeals and Complaints Guidelines

HSC requirements
Mandatory course requirements

You must complete 240 indicative hours of course work and a minimum of 70 hours work placement. Not meeting these requirements will incur an 'N' determined as required by NESA.

External Assessment (optional HSC examination for ATAR purposes)

The Higher School Certificate examination for Hospitality is only available after completion of 240 indicative hours and will involve a written examination consisting of multiple-choice, short answers and extended response items. The examination is independent of the competency-based assessment undertaken during the course and has no impact on your eligibility to receive a vocational qualification.

Consumable costs: Preliminary - \$225
HSC - \$200
Preliminary fee- includes chef uniform, individual knife kit and course consumables
NB may include excursion costs
Refunds

 Refund arrangements are on a pro-rata basis.
Please refer to your school refund policy

A school-based traineeship is available in this course. For more information: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/students/career-and-study-pathways/school-based-apprenticeships-and-traineeships/traineeships/certificate-ii-hospitality-kitchen-operations>

Exclusions: In this Framework, students can only undertake the Hospitality (120 indicative hours) course or the Hospitality (240 indicative hours) course.

General information about NESA VET course exclusions can be found <https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/vet/course-exclusions>

ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY

2026 Entertainment Industry Course Descriptor

Statement of Attainment towards CUA30420 Certificate III in Live Production and Technical Services

This information may change due to the Training Package and NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) updates. Notification of variations will be made in due time with minimal impact.

Course: Entertainment Industry
Industry Curriculum Framework (ICF)
Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) eligible course

HSC credit – 4 units
(2 units x 2 years or 4 units x 1 year)
Board Developed Course (240 hour)

By enrolling in this VET qualification with the NSW Department of Education RTO 90333, you are choosing to participate in a program of study which will provide you a pathway towards, HSC accreditation and a Statement of Attainment (SOA) towards a nationally recognised qualification (dual accreditation). To receive an SOA towards the qualification you must meet the assessment requirements of CUA30420 Certificate III in Live Production and Technical Services <https://training.gov.au/training/details/cua30420>. You will be expected to complete all the requirements of the Registered Training Organisation (RTO) and NESA. A statement of attainment towards the qualification is possible if at least one unit of competency is achieved.

Students may apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and/or Credit Transfer (CT) provided suitable evidence is submitted.

Transferrable industry skills gained in this course

- customer (client) service skills
- technical production of lighting, sound and vision
- communication skills
- creativity
- critical thinking
- problem solving

Examples of occupations in the entertainment industry

- assistant sound technician
- assistant lighting technician
- follow spot operator
- front of house assistant
- production crew
- stagehand

VET requirements

Competency-Based Assessment

In this course you will work to develop the skills and knowledge described in each unit of competency. To be assessed as competent you must demonstrate your ability to satisfactorily complete the tasks required in the assessments.

Appeals and Complaints

You may lodge a complaint or an appeal about a decision (including assessment decisions) by following the Appeals and Complaints Guidelines

HSC requirements

Mandatory course requirements

You must complete 240 indicative hours of course work and a minimum of 70 hours work placement. Not meeting these requirements will incur an 'N' determined as required by NESA.

External Assessment (optional HSC examination for ATAR purposes)

The Higher School Certificate examination for Entertainment is only available after completion of 240 indicative hours and will involve a written examination consisting of multiple-choice, short answers and extended response items. The examination is independent of the competency-based assessment undertaken during the course and has no impact on your eligibility to receive a vocational qualification.

Consumable costs: Preliminary - \$50 HSC - \$20
Preliminary Fee- Includes white card course and consumer materials
NB may include excursion costs

Refunds

Refund arrangements are on a pro-rata basis.
Please refer to your school refund policy

A school-based traineeship is not available for this course.

Exclusions: Students can only undertake the Entertainment Industry (120 indicative hours) course or the Entertainment Industry (240 indicative hours) course.

General information about NESA VET course exclusions can be found

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/vet/course-exclusions>

2026 Financial Services–Financial Services Stream Course Descriptor

FNS30122 Certificate III in Financial Services

This information may change due to the Training Package and NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) updates. Notification of variations will be made in due time with minimal impact.

Course: Financial Services

Industry Curriculum Framework (ICF)

Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) eligible course

HSC credit – 4 units

(2 units x 2 years or 4 units x 1 year)

Board Developed Course (240 hour)

By enrolling in this VET qualification with the NSW Department of Education RTO 90333, you are choosing to participate in a program of study which will provide you a pathway towards, HSC accreditation and a nationally recognised qualification (dual accreditation). To receive this qualification, you must meet the assessment requirements of FNS30122 Certificate III in Financial Services <https://training.gov.au/training/details/FNS30122>. You will be expected to complete all the requirements of the Registered Training Organisation and NESA. To gain the full qualification you must achieve 12 units of competency. A statement of attainment towards the qualification is possible if at least one unit of competency is achieved.

Students may apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and/or Credit Transfer (CT) provided suitable evidence is submitted.

Transferrable industry skills gained in this course

- customer (client) service skills
- using technology to organise information
- communication skills
- creativity
- critical thinking
- problem solving

Examples of occupations in the financial services industry

- investment advisors
- banking
- financial planners
- insurance services
- wealth management
- superannuation services

VET requirements**Competency-Based Assessment**

In this course you will work to develop the skills and knowledge described in each unit of competency. To be assessed as competent you must demonstrate your ability to satisfactorily complete the tasks required in the assessments.

Appeals and Complaints

You may lodge a complaint or an appeal about a decision (including assessment decisions) by following the Appeals and Complaints Guidelines

HSC requirements**Mandatory course requirements**

You must complete 240 indicative hours of course work and a minimum of 70 hours work placement. Not meeting these requirements will incur an 'N' determined as required by NESA.

External Assessment (optional HSC examination for ATAR purposes)

The Higher School Certificate examination for Financial Services is only available after completion of 240 indicative hours and will involve a written examination consisting of multiple-choice, short answers and extended response items. The examination is independent of the competency-based assessment undertaken during the course and has no impact on your eligibility to receive a vocational qualification.

Consumable costs: Preliminary - NA**HSC - NA****NB may include excursion costs****Refunds**

Refund arrangements are on a pro-rata basis.

Please refer to your school refund policy

A school-based traineeship is available in this course. For more information: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/career-and-study-pathways/school-based-apprenticeships-and-traineeships>

Exclusions: Students can only undertake the Financial Services (120 indicative hours) course or the Financial Services (240 indicative hours) course.

General information about NESA VET course exclusions can be found

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/vet/course-exclusions>

2026 Hospitality Course Descriptor

SIT20322 Certificate II in Hospitality

This information may change due to the Training Package and NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) updates. Notification of variations will be made in due time with minimal impact.

Course: Hospitality (Food and Beverage)

Industry Curriculum Framework (ICF)

Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) eligible course

HSC credit – 4 units

(2 units x 2 years or 4 units x 1 year)

Board Developed Course (240 hour)

By enrolling in this VET qualification with the NSW Department of Education RTO 90333, you are choosing to participate in a program of study which will provide you a pathway towards, HSC accreditation and a nationally recognised qualification (dual accreditation). To receive this qualification, you must meet the assessment requirements of SIT20322 Certificate II in Hospitality <https://training.gov.au/training/details/SIT20322>. You will be expected to complete all the requirements of the Registered Training Organisation and NESA. To gain the full qualification, you must achieve 12 units of competency. A statement of attainment towards the qualification is possible if at least one unit of competency is achieved.

Students may apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and/or Credit Transfer (CT) provided suitable evidence is submitted.

Transferrable industry skills gained in this course

- customer service skills
- teamwork
- organisational skills
- adaptability
- critical thinking
- problem solving

Examples of occupations in the hospitality industry

- food and beverage attendant
- restaurant host/hostess
- function attendant
- espresso coffee machine operator
- receptionist
- barista and café service

VET requirements

Competency-Based Assessment

In this course you will work to develop the skills and knowledge described in each unit of competency. To be assessed as competent you must demonstrate your ability to satisfactorily complete the tasks required in the assessments.

Appeals and Complaints

You may lodge a complaint or an appeal about a decision (including assessment decisions) by following the Appeals and Complaints Guidelines

HSC requirements

Mandatory course requirements

You must complete 240 indicative hours of course work and a minimum of 70 hours work placement. Not meeting these requirements will incur an 'N' determined as required by NESA.

External Assessment (optional HSC examination for ATAR purposes)

The Higher School Certificate examination for Hospitality is only available after completion of 240 indicative hours and will involve a written examination consisting of multiple-choice, short answers and extended response items. The examination is independent of the competency-based assessment undertaken during the course and has no impact on your eligibility to receive a vocational qualification.

Consumable costs: Preliminary - \$180 HSC - \$130

Preliminary fee- includes hospitality uniform and course consumables.

OPTIONAL- Barista course -\$99

NB may include excursion costs

Refunds

Refund arrangements are on a pro-rata basis.
Please refer to your school refund policy

A school-based traineeship is available in this course. For more information:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/students/career-and-study-pathways/school-based-apprenticeships-and-traineeships/traineeships/certificate-ii-hospitality>

Exclusions: In this Framework, students can only undertake the Hospitality (120 indicative hours) course or the Hospitality (240 indicative hours) course.

General information about NESA VET course exclusions can be found <https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/vet/course-exclusions>

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

2026 Information and Digital Technology Course Descriptor ICT30120 Certificate III in Information Technology	
<i>This information may change due to the Training Package and NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) updates. Notification of variations will be made in due time with minimal impact.</i>	
Course: Information and Digital Technology Industry Curriculum Framework (ICF) Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) eligible course	HSC credit – 4 units (2 units x 2 years or 4 units x 1 year) Board Developed Course (240 hour)
<p>By enrolling in this VET qualification with the NSW Department of Education RTO 90333, you are choosing to participate in a program of study which will provide you a pathway towards, HSC accreditation and a nationally recognised qualification (dual accreditation). To receive this qualification, you must meet the assessment requirements of ICT30120 Certificate III in Information Technology https://training.gov.au/training/details/ICT30120. You will be expected to complete all the requirements for the Registered Training Organisation and NESA. To gain the full qualification you must achieve 12 units of competency. A statement of attainment towards the qualification is possible if at least one unit of competency is achieved.</p> <p>Students may apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and/or Credit Transfer (CT) provided suitable evidence is submitted.</p>	
Transferrable industry skills gained in this course	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> using technology to organise information creativity programming techniques critical thinking problem solving teamwork 	
Examples of occupations in the information and digital technology industry	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyst programmer Web Developer IT Manager Network professional Motion Graphics Designer Systems Analyst 	
VET requirements	
<p>Competency-Based Assessment In this course you will work to develop the skills and knowledge described in each unit of competency. To be assessed as competent you must demonstrate your ability to satisfactorily complete the tasks required in the assessments.</p> <p>Appeals and Complaints You may lodge a complaint or an appeal about a decision (including assessment decisions) by following the Appeals and Complaints Guidelines</p>	
HSC requirement	
<p>Mandatory course requirements You must complete 240 indicative hours of course work and a minimum of 70 hours work placement. Not meeting these requirements will incur an 'N' determined as required by NESA.</p> <p>External Assessment (optional HSC examination for ATAR purposes) The Higher School Certificate examination for Information and Digital Technology is only available after completion of 240 indicative hours and will involve a written examination consisting of multiple-choice, short answers and extended response items. The examination is independent of the competency-based assessment undertaken during the course and has no impact on your eligibility to receive a vocational qualification.</p>	
<p>Consumable costs: Preliminary - NA HSC - NA MANDATORY- BYOD (bring your own device to enable appropriate software downloads to meet course requirements). NB may include excursion costs</p>	<p>Refunds Refund arrangements are on a pro-rata basis. Please refer to your school refund policy</p>
A school-based traineeship is available in this course. For more information: https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/students/career-and-study-pathways/school-based-apprenticeships-and-traineeships/traineeships/certificate-iii-information-technology	
<p>Exclusions: In this Framework, students can only undertake the Information and Digital Technology (120 indicative hours) course or the Information and Digital Technology (240 indicative hours) course.</p> <p>General information about NESA VET course exclusions can be found https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/vet/course-exclusions</p>	

MANUFACTURING AND ENGINEERING INTRODUCTION

<p align="center">2026 Manufacturing and Engineering Introduction Course Descriptor</p> <p align="center">MEM10119 Certificate I in Engineering & Statement of Attainment towards MEM20422 Certificate II in Engineering Pathways</p> <p><i>This information may change due to the Training Package and NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) updates. Notification of variations will be made in due time with minimal impact.</i></p>	
<p>Course: Manufacturing and Engineering - Introduction Board Endorsed Course (240 hour) (2 units x 2 years or 4 units x 1 year)</p>	<p>HSC credit – 4 units There is no Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) for this course</p>
<p>By enrolling in this VET qualification with the NSW Department of Education RTO 90333, you are choosing to participate in a program of study which will provide you a pathway towards, HSC accreditation and a nationally recognised qualification (dual accreditation). To receive this VET qualification, you must meet the assessment requirements of MEM10119 Certificate I in Engineering & Statement of Attainment towards MEM20422 Certificate II in Engineering Pathways https://training.gov.au/Training/Details/MEM10119 & https://training.gov.au/Training/Details/MEM20422. You will be expected to complete all requirements of the Registered Training Organisation (RTO) and NESA. To gain the full qualification, MEM10119 Certificate I in Engineering students must successfully achieve 8 units of competency (16 points). A Statement of Attainment toward MEM20422 Certificate II in Engineering is possible if at least one of the certificate II units of competency is achieved.</p> <p>Students may apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and/or Credit Transfer (CT) provided suitable evidence is submitted.</p>	
<p>Transferrable industry skills gained in this course</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • risk management • time management • basic emergency response • communication • problem solving • decision making 	
<p>Examples of occupations in the manufacturing and engineering industry</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fitter machinist • refrigeration mechanic • toolmaker • maintenance fitter • Air conditioning mechanic 	
<p>VET requirements</p>	
<p>Competency-Based Assessment In this course you will work to develop the skills and knowledge described in each unit of competency. To be assessed as competent you must demonstrate your ability to satisfactorily complete the tasks required in the assessments.</p> <p>Appeals and Complaints You may lodge a complaint or an appeal about a decision (including assessment decisions) by following the Appeals and Complaints Guidelines.</p>	
<p>HSC requirements</p>	
<p>Mandatory course requirements You must complete 240 indicative hours of course work and a minimum of 35 hours work placement. Not meeting these requirements will incur an 'N' determined as required by NESA.</p> <p>External Assessment) There is no external assessment (e.g. HSC examination) for this course.</p>	
<p>Consumable costs: Preliminary - \$100 HSC - \$80 Fees for Preliminary include- Mandatory BASIC PPE pack- (includes safety glasses, dust mask, Hi Vis vest and earmuffs).</p> <p>NB- may include excursion costs</p>	<p>Refunds Refund arrangements are on a pro-rata basis Please refer to your school refund policy</p>
<p>A school-based traineeship is not available in this course.</p>	
<p>Exclusions: General information about NESA VET course exclusions can be found https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/vet/course-exclusions</p>	

RETAIL

2026 Retail Services Course Descriptor

SIR30216 Certificate III in Retail

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Course: Retail [Services](#)

Industry Curriculum Framework (ICF)

Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) eligible course

HSC credit – 4 units

(2 units x 2 years or 4 units x 1 year)

Board Developed Course (240 hour)

By enrolling in this VET qualification with the NSW Department of Education RTO 90333, you are choosing to participate in a program of study which will provide you a pathway towards HSC accreditation and a nationally recognised qualification (dual accreditation). To receive this qualification, you must meet the assessment requirements of SIR30216 Certificate III in Retail <https://training.gov.au/Training/Details/SIR30216>. You will be expected to complete all requirements of the Registered Training Organisation and NESA. To gain the full qualification you must achieve 13 units of competency. A statement of attainment towards the qualification is possible if at least one unit of competency is achieved.

Students may apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and/or Credit Transfer (CT) provided suitable evidence is submitted.

Transferrable industry skills gained in this course

- maintain store operations
- using technology to organise information
- meeting organisational expectations
- customer service skills
- teamwork
- problem solving

Examples of occupations in the retail services industry

- frontline sales assistant
- shop assistant
- team leader
- customer service representative
- retail supervisor
- senior sales assistant administration

VET requirements

Competency-Based Assessment

In this course you will work to develop the skills and knowledge described in each unit of competency. To be assessed as competent you must demonstrate your ability to satisfactorily complete the tasks required in the assessments.

Appeals and Complaints

You may lodge a complaint or an appeal about a decision (including assessment decisions) by following the Appeals and Complaints Guidelines

HSC requirements

Mandatory course requirements

You must complete 240 indicative hours of course work and a minimum of 70 hours work placement. Not meeting these requirements will incur an 'N' determined as required by NESA.

External Assessment (optional HSC examination for ATAR purposes)

The Higher School Certificate examination for Retail Services is only available after completion of 240 indicative hours and will involve a written examination consisting of multiple-choice, short answers and extended response items. The examination is independent of the competency-based assessment undertaken during the course and has no impact on your eligibility to receive a vocational qualification.

Consumable costs: Preliminary - \$40

HSC - \$40

NB may include excursion costs

Refunds

Refund arrangements are on a pro-rata basis.

Please refer to your school refund policy

A school-based traineeship is available in this course. For more information: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/career-and-study-pathways/school-based-apprenticeships-and-traineeships>

Exclusions: In this framework students can only undertake the Retail Services (120 indicative hours) course or the Retail Services (240 indicative hours) course.

General information about NESA VET course exclusions can be found <https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/vet/course-exclusions>

SCREEN AND MEDIA

2026 Screen and Media Course Descriptor		
CUA31020 Certificate III in Screen and Media		
This information may change due to the Training Package and NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) updates. Notification of variations will be made in due time with minimal impact.		
Course: Screen and Media Board Endorsed Course (240 hour) (2 units x 2 years or 4 unit x 1 year)	HSC credit – 4 units There is no Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) for this course	
By enrolling in this VET qualification with the NSW Department of Education RTO 90333, you are choosing to participate in a program of study which will provide you a pathway towards, HSC accreditation and a nationally recognised qualification (dual accreditation). To receive this qualification, you must meet the assessment requirements of CUA31020 Certificate III in Screen and Media https://training.gov.au/training/details/cua31020 . You will be expected to complete all requirements of the Registered Training Organisation and NESA requirements. To gain the full qualification you must achieve 11 units of competency. A statement of attainment towards the qualification is possible if at least one unit of competency is achieved.		
Students may apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and/or Credit Transfer (CT) provided suitable evidence is submitted.		
Transferrable industry skills gained in this course		
<div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">customer (client) service skillstechnical production and digital technologiescommunication</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">creativitycritical thinkingproblem solving</div></div>		
Examples of occupations in the screen and media industry		
<div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">camera / lighting assistantassistant audio-visual technician</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">interactive media assistantcommunity radio presenter</div><div><ul style="list-style-type: none">production assistantediting assistant</div></div>		
VET requirements		
Competency-Based Assessment In this course you will work to develop the skills and knowledge described in each unit of competency. To be assessed as competent you must demonstrate your ability to satisfactorily complete the tasks required in the assessments.		
Appeals and Complaints You may lodge a complaint or an appeal about a decision (including assessment decisions) by following the Appeals and Complaints Guidelines		
HSC requirements		
Mandatory course requirements You must complete 240 indicative hours of course work. Not meeting this requirement will incur an `N` determined as required by NESA.		
External Assessment There is no external assessment (optional HSC examination) for this course.		
Consumable costs: Preliminary - TBC NB may include excursion costs	HSC - TBC	Refunds Refund arrangements are on a pro-rata basis. Please refer to your school refund policy
A school-based traineeship is available for this course. For more information:		
Exclusions: Students undertaking both this Screen and Media course and another course based on the CUA Creative Arts and Culture Training Package should choose different units of competency to meet the requirements of each HSC course and qualification.		
General information about NESA VET course exclusions can be found https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/vet/course-exclusions		

SKILLS FOR WORK

2026 Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways Course Descriptor FSK20119 Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways

This information may change due to the Training Package and NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) updates. Notification of variations will be made in due time with minimal impact.

Course: Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways
Board Endorsed Course (180 hour)
(3 units x 1 year)

HSC credit – 3 units
There is no Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) option for this course

By enrolling in this VET qualification with the NSW Department of Education RTO 90333, you are choosing to participate in a program of study which will provide you a pathway towards, HSC accreditation and a nationally recognised qualification (dual accreditation). To receive this qualification, you must meet the assessment requirements of FSK20119 Certificate II in Skills for Work and Vocational Pathways <https://training.gov.au/training/details/FSK20119>. You will be expected to complete all the requirements of the Registered Training Organisation and NESA. To gain the full qualification, you must achieve 14 units of competency. A statement of attainment towards the qualification is possible if at least one unit of competency is achieved.

Students may apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and/or Credit Transfer (CT) provided suitable evidence is submitted.

Transferrable industry skills gained in this course

- Entry level digital literacy
- Vocational training and employment plan
- Reading, writing, oral communication, learning and numeracy skills primarily aligned to the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF) Level 3

Pathways to further employment or vocational training

- This course provides foundation skill development to prepare for workforce entry or vocational training pathways.

VET requirements

Competency-Based Assessment

In this course you will work to develop the skills and knowledge described in each unit of competency. To be assessed as competent you must demonstrate your ability to complete the tasks required in the assessments.

Appeals and Complaints

You may lodge a complaint or an appeal about a decision (including assessment decisions) by following the Appeals and Complaints Guidelines

HSC requirements

Mandatory course requirements

You must complete 180 indicative hours of course work. Not meeting these requirements will incur an 'N' determined as required by NESA. Work placement may be undertaken in this course but is not mandatory.

External Assessment

There is no external assessment (optional HSC examination) for this course.

Consumable costs: Preliminary – NA
NB may include excursion costs

HSC - NA

Refunds

Refund arrangements are on a pro-rata basis.
Please refer to your school refund policy

A school-based traineeship is not available in this course.

Exclusions: are determined by NESA at a unit level for this course. (ie. a unit of competency being undertaken in another VET course cannot contribute to meeting HSC course indicative hour requirements of this course)

SPORTS COACHING

2026 Sport Coaching Course Descriptor SIS30521 Certificate III in Sport Coaching

This information may change due to the Training Package and NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) updates. Notification of variations will be made in due time with minimal impact.

Course: Sport Coaching

Board Endorsed Course (240 hour)
(2 units x 2 years or 4 units x 1 year)

HSC credit – 4 units

There is no Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) for this course

By enrolling in this VET qualification with the NSW Department of Education RTO 90333, you are choosing to participate in a program of study which will provide you a pathway towards, HSC accreditation and a nationally recognised qualification (dual accreditation). To receive this qualification, you must meet the assessment requirements of SIS30521 Certificate III in Sport Coaching <https://training.gov.au/training/details/sis30521>. You will be expected to complete all requirements of the Registered Training Organisation and NESA. To gain the full qualification you must achieve 10 units of competency. A statement of attainment towards the qualification is possible if at least one unit of competency is achieved.

Students may apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) and/or Credit Transfer (CT) provided suitable evidence is submitted.

Transferrable industry skills gained in this course

- organisational skills
- teamwork
- using technology to collate data
- time management
- problem solving
- communication

Examples of occupations in the sport coaching industry

- sport coaching development officer
- sports club administrator
- sport journalism
- sports therapist
- strength and conditioning coach
- sport performance researcher

VET requirements

Competency-Based Assessment

In this course you will work to develop the skills and knowledge described in each unit of competency. To be assessed as competent you must demonstrate your ability to satisfactorily complete the tasks required in the assessments.

Appeals and Complaints

You may lodge a complaint or an appeal about a decision (including assessment decisions) by following the Appeals and Complaints Guidelines

HSC requirements

Mandatory course requirements

You must complete 240 indicative hours of course work and a minimum of 35 hours work placement. Not meeting these requirements will incur an 'N' determined as required by NESA.

External Assessment

There is no external assessment (optional HSC examination) for this course.

Consumable costs: Preliminary - NA HSC - NA

NB may include excursion costs

Refunds

Refund arrangements are on a pro-rata basis.
Please refer to your school refund policy

A school-based apprenticeship or traineeship is not available for this qualification.

Exclusions: Sport Coaching - Certificate II. Students undertaking both this Sport Coaching course and another course based on the SIS Sport, Fitness and Recreation Training Package should choose different units of competency to meet the requirements of each HSC course and qualification.

General information about NESA VET course exclusions can be found

<https://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/stage-6-learning-areas/vet/course-exclusions>

PARENTS & CAREGIVERS

A QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE FOR

WORK PLACEMENT

HOW CAN YOU HELP MAKE WORK PLACEMENT WORK FOR YOUR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT?

If your young person is preparing to attend 'work placement' as part of their HSC Vocational (VET) course in the coming year, they will need to consider a number of issues before attending. Apart from being a compulsory requirement of their course, the qualification they attain will enhance their future job prospects! Their 'work placement' will be very different from a normal school day, as students are required to spend 5 days (35 hours) in the work place like a potential employee.



TRANSPORT - Work times are not school hours, so transport arrangements will need to be planned in advance. Can you **assist them get to work** for this week or will they require public transport?



ATTITUDE - Work Placement is not just about practising and extending industry skills. Attitude-initiative-communication-attire-functionality are all on show as well. Helping your young person **feel positive and ready to try their best** will help set them up for a great placement!



SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS - some courses require a student to hold **additional records**. Eg. WH&S (White Card) in Construction, National Police Check in Human Services. Does your young person have these in place if needed?



INDUSTRY TRAINING - employers understand students need to use work placement to apply themselves as a 'young worker' in their industry and as a result gain a genuine insight into the jobs market. This is an incredibly **valuable opportunity that school cannot provide alone**.



CAREER POTENTIAL - what can happen after a successful work placement? Part time employment, resume building, traineeships, apprenticeships, informal guidance on career paths and further education by those in the industry – **all potential results from a positive work placement week!** Can you back this up with good news stories of your career experiences?

WORK PLACEMENT WORKS!

69%



said that VET helped them get a job

89%

of students said that they received useful training while on workplacement

24%

go on to University

go on to TAFE

28%

18%

go into traineeships/ apprenticeship

82%

of teachers agree Work Placement boosts motivation to learn



2 OUT OF 3

say that participating in work placement helped them to make a decision about working in the industry*

24%

of students were offered employment as a direct result of participating in work placement*



Students who can recall just 4 or more interactions with employers were 5 times less likely to be unemployed or not in further education and training at 19-24 years*

Subject Selection Planning Sheet

You will need to select THREE subjects in order of preference.

Priority	VET Early Commencement Course	Stage 6 Units
	Assistant Dance Teaching Certificate III	2
	Business Services Certificate III	2
	Construction Certificate II	2
	Cookery Certificate II	2
	Entertainment Industry Certificate III	2
	Financial Services Certificate III	2
	Hospitality (Food & Beverage) Certificate II	2
	Information & Digital Technology Certificate III	2
	Manufacturing and Engineering Introduction Certificate I	2
	Retail Services Certificate III	2
	Screen and Media Certificate III	2
	Skills For Work Certificate II	2
	Sports Coaching Certificate III	2