Chisholm

Pathways to Chisholm degrees



TAFE VICTORIA

Exploring the path beyond your certificate or diploma

At Chisholm, a certificate or diploma is just the beginning of a broader learning journey. Each qualification builds a strong foundation that can lead to further study or expanded opportunities.

With clearly defined pathways from your current course into a bachelor's or postgraduate degree at Chisholm, you can confidently build on your existing knowledge and skills.

Your prior learning and experience are recognised, making your transition to higher education more seamless and achievable. These pathways provide an opportunity for you to advance your qualifications and invest further in your future.





I'm considering a career in business and want the flexibility to explore my options.



I'm aiming to run my own business and lead teams successfully in the workplace.



I know roles in IT will be in high demand in the future, and I want to start working in industry as soon as possible.



I want to get the qualifications and advanced skills I need for my first role in IT.



I want to work in a role that makes an impact, and I think studying mental health might be a good place to start.



I want to advance my career in community services and specialise in mental health and alcohol and other drugs.

Start your career sooner

Get job-ready skills fast and step into the workforce. You could start with an entry-level course, study while you work, or build practical skills now and continue studying later.

Get your qualification your way

There's no single path to success. You might stack qualifications over time, or start at a lower level and progress if you don't meet entry requirements.

Study levels explained

Certificate

Length: 6 months–3 years.

Study level: Basic training and skills in a specific industry to get you started in the workplace. Can include pre-apprenticeships, apprenticeships, traineeships and VET Delivered to Secondary Schools.

Completion level:
Entry-level skilled worker.

Diploma

Length: 1–2 years.

Study level: More detailed knowledge and hands-on training to help you start a professional career or continue learning.

Completion level:
Skilled worker.

Degree

Length: 2–4 years.

Study level: Technical and theoretical knowledge of a specific subject and the ability to apply that knowledge.

Completion level:
Study area generalist.

Graduate certificate/ diploma

Length: 6 months–1 year.

Study level: Further, specialised knowledge of a specific study area. Can be an extension to your degree studies or a complementary vocational skillset.

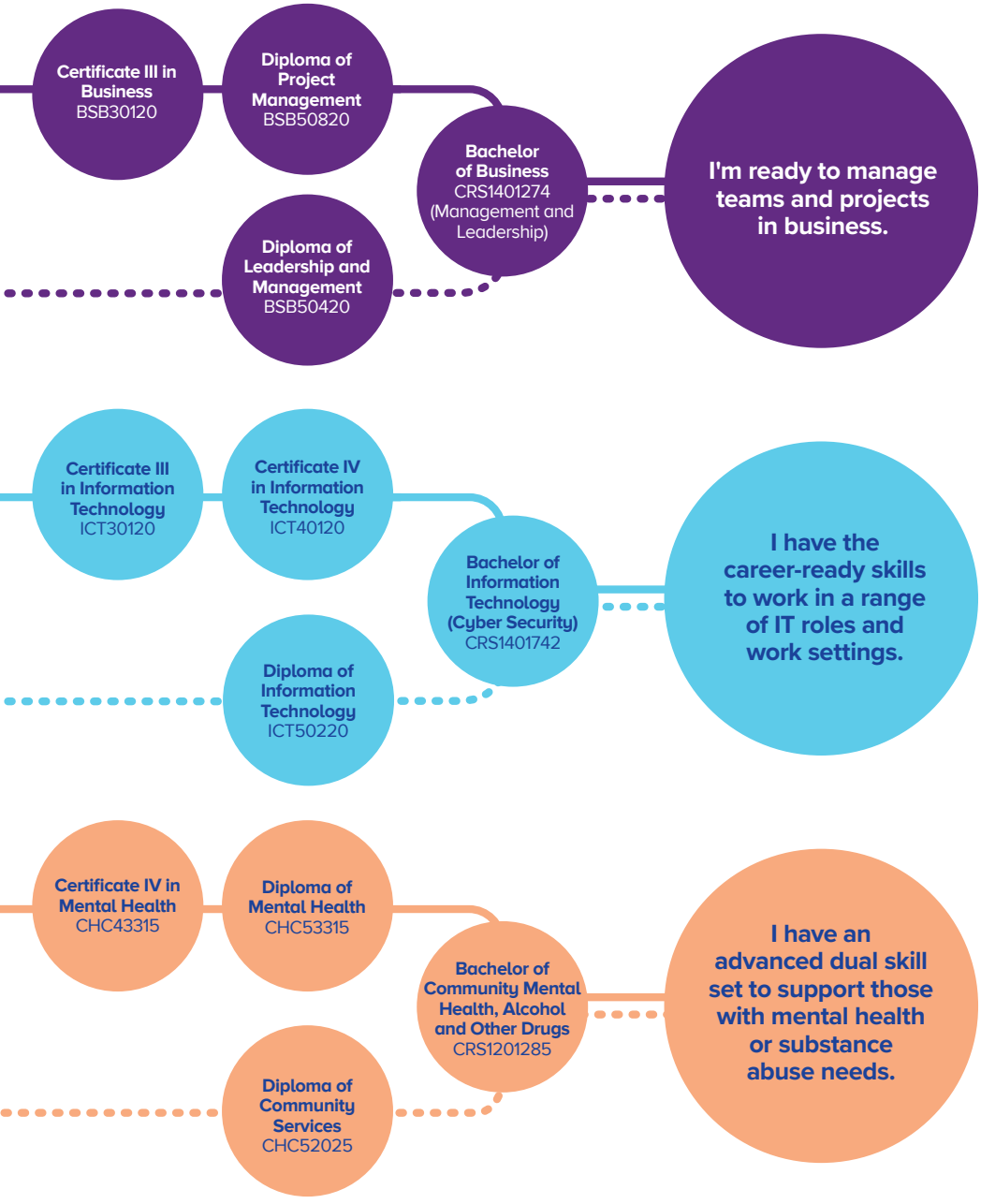
Completion level:
Study area specialist.

Master's degree

Length: 1.5–3+ years.

Study level: Advanced, specialised knowledge and skills for research or professional practice.

Completion level: Study area expert.



MONASH University

Did you know?

Chisholm has a partnership with Monash University. This means if you successfully complete your Chisholm bachelor degree – and meet Monash's entry requirements – you can transition seamlessly into a Monash University master's degree.

Key

Pathway one

Pathway two

This diagram shows some of the ways your study and career journey can unfold. You can change direction, adjust your goals, or discover a different path that suits you better – there's always a next step.

Your guaranteed pathway to higher education

Continue your study journey with confidence

Take the next step in your education journey with a guaranteed pathway from Chisholm into a relevant bachelor degree. If you successfully complete one of the Certificate IV or diploma qualifications listed below, you may be eligible for guaranteed entry into the corresponding degree*.

See the table below to explore available pathway options and plan your next step with confidence.

	As a current student completing a...	I can get direct entry into Chisholm's...	So I can become a...
Business and Finance	Certificate IV in Cyber Security (22603VIC) Certificate IV in Information Technology (ICT40120) Certificate IV in Accounting and Bookkeeping (FNS40222) Certificate IV in Business (BSB40120) Certificate IV in Leadership and Management (BSB40520)	Bachelor of Business (Management and Leadership) CRS1401274	Business analyst Business development manager Small business manager
	Diploma of Project Management (BSB50820) Diploma of Leadership and Management (BSB50420) Diploma of Accounting (FNS50222) Diploma of Justice (22594VIC) Diploma of Information Technology (ICT50220) Note: A successfully completed Diploma in any field guarantees entry into the second year of Bachelor of Business (Management and Leadership).		
	Certificate IV in Accounting and Bookkeeping (FNS40222)	Bachelor of Business (Accounting) CRS1401273	Accountant Auditor Tax agent
	Diploma of Accounting (FNS50222)		

*Guaranteed entry is available to eligible students who successfully complete the specified qualification and meet all entry requirements, including any inherent requirements or English language proficiency requirements. Eligibility is subject to credit assessment, verification of academic transcripts and other admission requirements.

Your diploma may provide credit for up to one year of study. Depending on your qualification, this could allow you to commence your degree in its second year.

As a current student completing a...	I can get direct entry into Chisholm's...	So I can become a...
Health and Community Services		
Certificate IV in Ageing Support (CHC43015) Certificate IV in Alcohol and Other Drugs (CHC43215) Certificate IV Disability Support (CHC34121) Certificate IV in Mental Health (CHC43315) Certificate IV in Youth Work (CHC40421)	Bachelor of Community Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drugs CRS1201285	Case support worker Community health support worker Psychosocial rehabilitation worker
Diploma of Community Services (CHC52025) Diploma of Counselling (CHC51015) Diploma of Justice (22594VIC) Diploma of Mental Health (CHC53315) Diploma of Nursing (HLT54121) Diploma of Youth Work (CHC50425)		
Diploma of Nursing (HLT54121)	Bachelor of Nursing (Enrolled Nurse Pathway) CRS1401863 Bachelor of Nursing (Enrolled Nurse Pathway) La Trobe University Partnership	Clinical nurse specialist Registered nurse School nurse
Diploma of Community Services (CHC52025) Diploma of Counselling (CHC51015) Diploma of Justice (22594VIC) Diploma of Mental Health (CHC53315) Diploma of Nursing (HLT54121) Diploma of Sport (SIS50321) Diploma of Youth Work (CHC50425)	Bachelor of Psychology CRS1401150	Case manager Probation and parole officer Rehabilitation specialist Social services support worker
Engineering		
Certificate IV in Engineering (MEM40119) Diploma of Engineering (MEM50222)	Bachelor of Engineering (Mechatronics) CRS1201286	Maintenance engineer Production manager Systems engineer
Certificate IV in Engineering (MEM40119) Diploma of Engineering (MEM50222)	Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical and Manufacturing) CRS1201286	CAD/CAM engineer Manufacturing engineer Project engineer
IT and Cyber Security		
Certificate IV in Cyber Security (22603VIC) Certificate IV in Information Technology (ICT40120) Diploma of Information Technology (ICT50220)	Bachelor of Information Technology (Cyber Security) CRS1401742	Cyber security specialist Network security administrator Penetration tester
Certificate IV in Cyber Security (22603VIC) Certificate IV in Information Technology (ICT40120) Diploma of Information Technology (ICT50220)	Bachelor of IT (AI and Data Science) CRS1401743	Artificial intelligence specialist Business intelligence officer Data analyst

Frequently asked questions

Can I get help paying for my fees?

We want to make paying course fees as easy as possible, so we offer several payment options.

> **HECS-HELP:** You can apply for a loan from the Australian Government that you can use to pay your student contribution amount.*

> **FEE-HELP:** FEE-HELP is a Federal Government loan scheme available to eligible full-fee students to cover tuition fees for Higher Education programs.

> **Upfront:** Pay your course fees in full before you start.

> **Payment plans:** Spread the cost of your course over your enrolment period with one of our customised payment plans.

Will I get credits towards my degree?

Some courses can give you credit towards a bachelor's degree, but it depends on both what you're studying now and the degree you want to move into. Check the legend on pages 4–5 to see what applies to you.

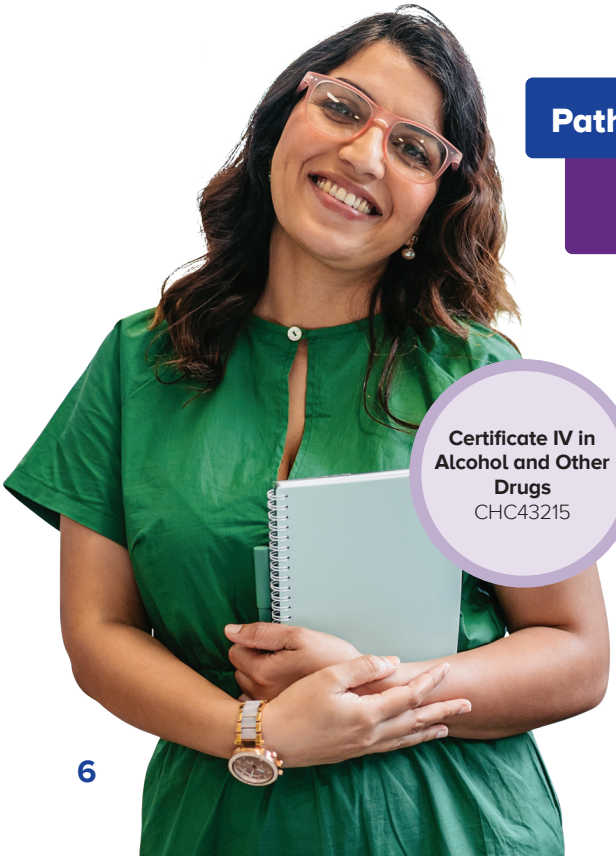
How can I decide which course is right for me?

Our team is here to help. If you're unsure which course is right for you, have a chat with one of our friendly higher education course coordinators. You can also sit in on a higher education class to experience it first hand.

What is the Higher Education student experience like at Chisholm?

In 2024, Chisholm was the highest-ranked TAFE in Australia for quality of student experience in Higher Education.** When you study with us, you'll stay in the same familiar environment. Same campus, same comfort.

* Only applicable to Commonwealth Supported Places.
www.chisholm.edu.au/students/higher-education/how-to-apply
** Source: www.qilt.edu.au/surveys/student-experience-survey-(ses)



Pathway example

Keen to make a difference in the community?

Certificate IV in Alcohol and Other Drugs
CHC43215

→

Diploma of Mental Health
CHC53315

→

Bachelor of Community Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drugs
CRS1201285

→

Now, you have advanced skills to make a real impact.

And, you'll have the skills to work in the industry after each course!

Why should I consider a pathway instead of stopping after my course?

Continuing your studies can improve your career prospects, broaden your employment opportunities, increase long-term earning potential and give you access to roles that require higher-level qualifications.

Are there deadlines for applying for a pathway course?

Yes. Each course has its own start date, so you will need to apply before this date. The most up-to-date information is on our website.

What happens if I don't meet the entry requirements for the course I want?

You may still have options, such as alternative entry pathways by starting with a different course. Our course advisors can help identify your best pathway.

Can I secure my place in a higher education course before I finish my current studies?

Yes. Eligible students may receive a Conditional Letter of Offer, which allows us to hold a place in your chosen higher education course while you complete your current certificate or diploma. Final admission is subject to successfully meeting all course entry requirements.

How does Chisholm's partnership with Monash University work?

Successful Chisholm bachelor degree students can now move seamlessly between their degree studies with Chisholm and a Monash University master's degree. All you need to do is achieve Monash's academic entry score and meet any language, age or special requirements before you apply direct to Monash. Find out more **www.monash.edu/graduate-study/chisholm-partnership**.

Pathway example

Want to specialise in mechanical and manufacturing engineering?

Certificate II in Engineering Studies
22632VIC

→

Certificate III in Engineering – Mechanical Trade (Apprenticeship)
MEM30219

→

Diploma of Engineering – Technical
MEM50222

→

Bachelor of Engineering Technology – Mechanical and Manufacturing
CRS1201286

→

Now, you have a degree and job-ready skills for your career.



And, you'll have the skills to work in the industry after each course!

Ready to take the next step?

Whether you're beginning with a certificate or diploma, or continuing your studies, our team can help you explore your options and plan your pathway forward.

Explore your pathways →

chisholm.edu.au/pathways

Call us
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Visit your nearest Chisholm campus to speak with a course advisor.

Acknowledgement of Country

Chisholm acknowledges the Bunurong people of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Custodians of the Country on which our campuses are located. We recognise their continuing connection to land and waters and thank them for protecting the Country and its ecosystems that we enjoy today. We pay our respects to Elders, past and present, and extend that respect to all First Nations people.



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