What exactly does Learn Where You Live mean?

Learn Where You Live is all about creating new study opportunities in regional Victoria. This simply means that you enjoy the extra freedom of having a Federation University Australia degree delivered at your local TAFE. It’s the more flexible way to achieve great things for you, your family and your community. Study how, when and where you choose.

All the degrees delivered by your local TAFE are fully accredited and issued by FedUni. FedUni is a fully recognised and supported Australian Government university, and our graduates have rated us 5 stars for Teaching Quality six years in a row*. So you can be sure the study experience and final degree is equal to that you’ll find anywhere.

What courses are available at Federation Training?

Bachelor of Applied Management
Bachelor of Sport Management

What are the top five reasons for choosing this style of degree?
These are the reasons most often cited by past and present students:
1. The flexibility and affordability of studying locally.
2. The fact that all degrees are fully accredited by a top university.
3. The relevance and ongoing contribution of studying an 'Applied Degree' to their job/industry along the way – not just upon graduating.
4. Recognition of past study and industry experience.
5. The mix of online and on-campus learning with more intimate class sizes.

Flexibility

I keep hearing the words 'Flexible blended study'. Could you explain this?
It is not just what you learn, but how you learn.

A blended approach to study combines online delivery with on-campus classes, workshops and industry placements depending on the course you are studying. This allows you to translate theory into a workplace context. Essentially, it's a more flexible form of applied learning.

Can prior qualifications help fast-track my degree study time?
Yes. Prior qualifications are taken into account and can accelerate your progress. Depending on the degree and your past qualifications, you may achieve a degree quicker than the usual three or four years. Some Bachelor of Applied Management students have actually graduated in a year. However, this isn't the norm. Contact 1300 133 717 to find out how.

Apart from fast-tracking study time, are there other ways to make the degree more affordable?
HECS-HELP (Higher Education Loan Program) is available. The HECS-HELP scheme is both a student loan and student discount. Studying a degree locally also saves you time and reduces travel costs. That can really make a big difference in terms of affordability.

You can also view a video of some student motivations for choosing a degree here:
federation.edu.au/learnwhereyoulive
Work, Life and Study Balance

How do you balance work, life and study?

Study is always a bit of a juggling act.

Studying locally is a great start, as is the added flexibility of part-time study. Planning ahead and talking to your lecturers, employer, family and anyone who can help keep you motivated and focussed will go along way. Lastly, remember to ask for help when you need it.

Do you have any advice on getting support from my employer?

A degree contributes to enhancing work skills which will benefit both you and your employer.

Supply and Logistics Manager, Ian Croft’s experience highlights how his company also gets a real return on its investment along the way.

As Ian says:

“It is definitely a win-win for myself and my employer who is funding my degree, through our employee training and development program. It’s an opportunity and personal reward to further my education and also share the learnings with my colleagues.”

If my life gets too busy, what are my options?

We understand that sometimes life can get complicated. This is where the personal support of your lecturer and student services staff can come into play. You’ll find that their commitment to helping you goes beyond the classroom, beyond the 9 to 5.

Staff and Support

What are the credentials of the lecturers involved?

This is probably best answered using the words of recent and current students.

“The lecturers contributed their own life work experiences as well as their teaching skills. For example, our lecturer who taught us accounting was actually a practicing accountant. Our project manager and leadership lecturer also had her own project management consulting service. She put a component of leadership in there, and that was just brilliant – I learnt so much from that.”

Jocelyn Sawyer, Senior Paralegal/Administration Manager, Belbridge Hague Solicitors

“The teacher I had in that first year was just amazing for me. She pushed me in the direction I should be going. Now I’m here, it’s just so great”.

Jake Summerfield, Current Student, Bachelor of Sport Management

You can get a few extra tips from present students here: federation.edu.au/learnwhereyoulive
What kind of experience do our lecturers have?
All lecturers have extensive industry experience to complement their Masters level qualifications. So your study benefits from the best of both worlds: academic and professional.

How much support can I expect from day one?
If you haven’t studied before or are getting back into it after some time away, it can be quite daunting. To overcome this, there is an orientation session where you can meet your fellow students, lecturers and campus support staff. We can help you understand the university system and facilitate a smooth return to study.

Can I access extra student support services?
Absolutely! You are entitled to all the student support services the TAFE or FedUni has to offer. This includes everything from access to sports facilities to student welfare, counselling services and academic writing.

Student Life

What’s a typical study day look like?
No two study days are exactly the same. However, whatever degree you choose, you can be sure it’s going to be as rewarding as it is challenging.

What do current students say about the courses?
In particular students say they were impressed with the applied nature of the degrees. How the subjects are relevant to their job or industry today. They often also see the benefits well into the future.

How do current students find the study approach?
The more personal approach, with its direct access to lecturers is seen as very important. Small class sizes are also seen as a big plus.

“It’s a close-knit group. We get so much attention from the teachers. It’s pretty much as close as you can get to one-on-one coaching. Instead of having 50–100 kids in a city lecture theatre, there are just ten of us. I know with my lecturer, I can just email them or text at any time of the day and organise a date to meet them.”

Jake Summerfield, Current Student, Bachelor of Sport Management

Applying

What times of the year can I enrol?
There are two degree intakes per year March and July.

OK. So how do I get things moving?
Contact 1300 133 717 or visit federation.edu.au/learnwhereyoulive

How easy is it to apply?
The easiest way to apply is online at federation.edu.au/learnwhereyoulive or contact 1300 133 717.