



Charles Sturt  
University  
—  
First Nations



# Grow Your Own Teacher Training Program

First Nations Pathways in Education

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## How our program works

### Step 1: Apply

Apply to study the degree that's right for you (have a look at the table on the next page). Your offer from us will outline any credit you're eligible for, which could fast-track your study.

### Step 2: Customise

Choose to study full-time or part-time. Decide which Key Learning Areas (KLAs) (Primary) or Teaching Areas (Secondary) you're interested in. For example:

- Creative arts
- English
- Human society and its environment (Aboriginal Studies, History, Geography, etc.)
- Mathematics
- Personal development, health and physical education
- Science, technology and applied studies

### Step 3: Begin

Start your course. You'll get real-world experience with up to 60 days' work experience towards the end of your degree. Plus you can keep working as an AEO throughout your course.

### Step 4: Advance

If you choose to proceed to your master's degree, you can specialise in the same KLAs as your bachelor's degree – and get credit for the subjects you've already completed. You can work part-time in your final four semesters of study, and may be able to complete your final placement in the school you work in.

### Step 5: Complete

You graduate as a fully qualified primary or secondary school teacher.

At Charles Sturt, we recognise Aboriginal Education Officers' (AEOs') unique experience, cultural perspective and commitment to education.

That's why we're proud to partner with Western Sydney University and the New South Wales Department of Education to support AEOs to become teachers.

Our ethos is Yindyamarra Winhanganha – a Wiradjuri phrase meaning 'the wisdom of respectfully knowing how to live well in a world worth living in'.

## Study options

Your background	Enrolment options	Study duration
<b>You already have a bachelor's degree</b>	<p><b>Apply for one of the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor of Teaching (Primary)</li> <li>• Master of Teaching (Primary)</li> <li>• Bachelor of Teaching (Secondary)</li> <li>• Master of Teaching (Secondary)</li> </ul> <p>Get Recognised Prior Learning (RPL) for previously completed study</p>	<p><b>Full-time</b></p> <p>Two years of study with eight subjects per year</p> <p><b>Part-time</b></p> <p>Four years of study with four subjects per year</p> <p>Note: you may need to study additional subjects to meet NESA Subject Content Knowledge requirements</p>
<b>You're currently working and have previously completed vocational study (e.g. a Diploma, or Cert III/ IV Education Support) or university study</b>	<p><b>Apply for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor of Educational Studies and then Master/Bachelor of Teaching (Primary)</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor of Educational Studies and then Master/Bachelor of Teaching (Secondary).</li> </ul> <p>Receive up to two years of credit: one year (8 subjects) of RPL for completed vocational study, plus up to one year of credit for previous university study</p>	<p><b>Full-time</b></p> <p>Between two and three years of study with eight subjects per year, studied over two or three semesters</p> <p><b>Part-time</b></p> <p>Between four and six years of study with four subjects per year, studied over two or three semesters</p>
<b>You've been working in an AEO role for at least one year and have not completed any post-school qualifications</b>	<p><b>Apply for:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor of Educational Studies and then Master/Bachelor of Teaching (Primary)</li> </ul> <p><b>OR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bachelor of Educational Studies and then Master/Bachelor of Teaching (Secondary).</li> </ul> <p>Complete optional short courses to enhance study skills and build confidence before studying</p>	<p><b>Full-time</b></p> <p>Four years of study with eight subjects per year, studied over two or three semesters</p> <p><b>Part-time</b></p> <p>Eight years of study with eight subjects per year, studied over two or three semesters</p>

"It is so important to have someone supporting you on a journey like this. In this pathway, you feel like more than just a number at a university – my experience has been so much more personal."

**Nikea, First Nations Student,**  
 Bachelor of Educational Studies / Master of Teaching (Primary)  
 Aboriginal Literacy and Numeracy Teacher Assistant

# First Nations Student Connect

## Scholarships and financial advice

The cost of study can be one of students' biggest barriers to success. Our First Nations Course Commencement Grant can provide \$1,000 to assist with your upfront costs. Plus, you can apply for our First Nations Education Costs Scholarship.

## Advice and support

Our team of First Nations student advisers understand that First Nations students have unique experiences and cultural perspectives. You can book an appointment for a yarn or call in to one of our First Nations Student Centres on campus.

## Connect sessions

These sessions connect you with other First Nations students, staff and university services. You can have a yarn with other First Nations students, learn about support services, give feedback on your study experience, hear from First Nations inspirational speakers, and connect with culture and identity.

## First Nations Tutor Program

We connect you with specialised study experts. Students registered with First Nations Student Connect are eligible for up to 10 hours of content-specific tutoring per enrolled subject.

## Academic skills

Our First Nations academic skills advisers and academic skills team help you develop academic and professional skills. You can access support seven days a week, with free resources and interactive services.

Learn more

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### Get in touch

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