Build a solid foundation for your future career as a Vet Nurse, with a thorough education in specialist vet nursing. Delivered as a combination of online learning and work placement, the ACM40412 Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing covers everything you will need to know, from the basics to advanced clinical and surgical practice.

Why study this course?

Your coursework is all contained and accessible through Open Colleges' online campus OpenSpace. You can access your learning materials, including videos, podcasts, readings, and assignments, from your desktop, phone or tablet device wherever, whenever you want.

The Certificate IV is structured to give you maximum flexibility to fit study around your life by combining online coursework with a work placement component that requires you to work 480 hours at a vet clinic or hospital of your choosing.

For those who would like a bit of help to find a placement, Open Colleges has partnered Greencross Vets, Australia’s largest integrated pet care company. As a result students have access to placement opportunities across NSW, Victoria and South Australia.

The ACM40412 Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing is a nationally recognised TAFE qualification, so you can use it across Australia!

Course number
E1015

Qualification name
ACM40412 Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing

Course duration
Maximum 24 months

Qualification Level
Certificate IV

Delivery Method
Online with Work Placement
About the Course

The industry

According to Job Outlook (http://joboutlook.gov.au/), employment for this occupation rose very strongly (in percentage terms) in the past five years and rose very strongly in the long-term (ten years). Looking forward, employment for Veterinary Nurses to November 2020 is expected to grow strongly.

Who this course is for

Ideal for anyone with a passion for animals, the {{course}} is direct entry so you don't need to have done any prior study in the area of animal care to enroll or undertake study.

To study the Certificate IV you do however need to be over 16 years of age, and have completed Year 10, or equivalent.

Potential career outcomes

- Animal Hospital Assistant
- Veterinary Nurse
- Wildlife Hospital Nurse

What you'll learn

Designed to give you a complete education and have you job-ready when you graduate, the {{course}} will teach you:

- The physical structures and biology of the six major domestic animals, including dogs and cats.
- How to provide first aid and veterinary care to domestic animals.
- Effective ways to communicate with pet owners and deliver animal care advice.
- Infection control procedures.
• Surgical and operating room practice and procedures.
• The skills and knowledge to carry out vet nursing, imaging, surgical and dental routines.
• How to perform clinic pathology procedures.
• Workplace health and safety practice.
• How to source information for animal care.
• Clinical office procedures and reception duties.
• Skills to coordinate patient admission and discharge.
• How to maintain and monitor animal health.
• In-depth knowledge of animal nutrition.
• How to provide enrichment for animals.
• Expert people skills to assist you in communicating with vets, colleagues and pet owners.

Learning materials

The following resources are provided to you via OpenSpace:

• Student workbooks and learning guides
• Weblinks, readings and resources
• Videos and PowerPoint presentations
• News, discussion forums and “live chats”
• The British Small Animal Veterinary Association Textbook of Veterinary Nursing 5th edition, 2011/12.

Industry Relationships

Work Placement

Open Colleges has a work placement partnership with these organisation(s):

RTO partnership information

This course is offered by Open Colleges on behalf of North Coast TAFE (provider number 90010)

Course Trainers
Amber Barnier

Amber has worked as a Veterinary Nurse for more than 14 years. She undertook the Veterinary Nursing Certificate with Tamworth TAFE while working within a busy mixed animal practice. Amber has also worked as a Pound Officer and spent some time employed as an Environmental Health Officer in a remote community where she worked alongside the RSPCA in Community Animal Health programs. Amber has been part of the VET sector for 6 years as a teacher of Animal Studies, Companion Animal Services and Equine Nursing with TAFE NSW and gained a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment. Amber has recently completed her Diploma of Veterinary Nursing General Practice.

Amy Hope

Amy has worked as a veterinary nurse and taught puppy schools in busy general practices in regional Victoria. Whilst completing her Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing, she qualified with high distinctions receiving an award nomination for outstanding academic achievements. Discovering a passion for training, Amy gained her Certificate IV in Training and Assessment to take on a new career in the vocational education sector. Amy enjoys encouraging nurses to learn new skills, enjoy their work, and take pride in their profession. Amy is a compassionate nurse, spending time volunteering across Thailand and will continue to do more during her career.

Cassandra Fake

Throughout her nursing career, Cassie has collected qualifications, including Certificate II in Animal Studies, Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing and Diploma in Veterinary Practice Management. She has worked at a range of different types of veterinary hospitals, including emergency specialist, welfare, breeding/greyhound and general practice. Cassie has also held a wide range of roles within the clinic. Cassie’s real passion lies in emergency nursing and education. She has come full circle to Open Colleges as a trainer to ensure the future of the veterinary industry is filled with competent and quality nurses.

Dr Julia Etel

Julia graduated from the University of Sydney in 2002 and worked as a veterinarian on the south coast of NSW. In 2004
she completed a year long internship at the Animal Referral Hospital in Sydney. Here, she developed a passion for all things medical, emergency and soft tissue. She has lived in Coffs Harbour since 2005 practising as a small animal vet. In 2012 she become a part time trainer and assessor at TAFE and in 2014 began working with Open Colleges. Her most recent addition to the family is a RPSCA rescue kitten who is a fantastic personal assistant.

Dr Louisa Johnson

Dr Louisa Johnson graduated from the University of Melbourne Veterinary School in 2001 with first class Honours and the Payne Exhibition Prize for the highest marks in her final year. She has worked in various veterinary roles, including a canine blood bank, emergency clinic, rural and urban practice as well as overseas. Prior to becoming a vet, Louisa was employed as a veterinary nurse and now greatly enjoys being involved with Open Colleges, training and assessing veterinary nurses.

Dr Merrilyn Fitzgerald

After graduating from The University of Sydney with a Bachelor of Veterinary Science with Honours, Dr Merrilyn Fitzgerald worked as a veterinarian and completed a post graduate course in equine medicine. Merrilyn has been a part time teacher for North Coast TAFE and has been involved in the delivery and assessment of various courses in animal studies and veterinary nursing. She has delivered presentations at several Australian Veterinary Association conferences and has written articles on horse reproductive health in equine magazines. She currently manages the equine reproduction unit for Pacific Vet Care.

Dr Yvonne van der Veek

Yvonne studied Veterinary Medicine at the University of Utrecht and graduated in 2000. After doing some volunteer work in Turkey, she moved to England in 2001 and worked in several small animal practices. In 2004 she emigrated to Australia and worked in general practice for 3 years. In 2007 Yvonne joined the VCS as an emergency vet. She achieved her MACVS in 2009 and then joined the team at SASH. Yvonne has always enjoyed teaching other veterinarians and nurses and therefore pursued her Certificate IV in Training and Assessment. She is looking forward to helping veterinary nurses achieve their goals.
Lauri Steel

After seven years of veterinary nursing, Lauri changed her focus to the vocational training sector. She decided to follow her passion for training and educating up and coming veterinary nurses and animal carers. Lauri holds a variety of qualifications including a Cert II and III in Animal Studies, Cert III and IV in Companion Animal Services, Cert IV and Dip (ECC) in Veterinary Nursing, Cert IV in TAE and Diplomas in Vocational Education and Training, Training Design and Development, Business Admin, Management and Business.

Meghann Beckley

Meghann is a surgical, anaesthesia and critical care veterinary nurse with 18 years' experience at various specialist hospitals across Sydney. Being a mature age, online tertiary student herself, she has always been passionate about adult education, and is very excited to have joined the education sector. Her in-depth experience within the veterinary industry enables her to create and maintain relationships with animal-based organisations across Australia. She enjoys challenging herself mentally and physically, and is currently studying a Bachelor of Science majoring in Genetics and Biotechnology.

Robyn Bardsley

Robyn has principally worked as a Veterinary Nurse and as a Receptionist for 23 years. She undertook the Veterinary Nursing Certificate with Tamworth TAFE while working at the South Tamworth Animal Hospital Referral practice. Robyn worked at the Coffs Harbour Veterinary Hospital, and the Koala Hospital, moving further to the mid-north coast to the Macksville Veterinary Clinic. Throughout her working life, Robyn has undertaken numerous correspondence courses related to various disciplines.
Sally Lee

Sally Lee is an experienced Veterinary Nurse. She has completed both the Certificate II in Animal Studies and the Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing. Sally has worked in a number of veterinary practices with various professional responsibilities ranging from monitoring anaesthesia to practice management. She is currently employed by two of the busiest specialist veterinary practices in Sydney. Sally also has experience with native wildlife, a passion of hers.

Tanya Jacobs

Her love and passion for the health and wellbeing of animals has driven Tanya to educate herself and others to provide patients with paramount health and psychological care. Completing a Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing pushed Tanya professionally and drove her to complete a Diploma in Emergency and Critical Care in 2011. She is privileged to have had 15 years in the industry, with 7 years spent in speciality services at two of Sydney’s leading hospitals.

Victoria Murray

Victoria commenced her vet nursing career as a receptionist in an Eastern Suburbs clinic of Sydney where she became a veterinary nurse and covered medicine, surgery, grooming, practice management and animal attending. Prior to commencing at Open Colleges as a workplace assessor she was employed as an emergency and critical care nurse with a 24-hour specialist practice in Sydney and worked in emergency, dermatology, surgery, oncology, ophthalmology and medicine. She holds a Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing and is a member of the Veterinary Nurses Council of Australia.

Academic information
Open Colleges may make changes to the course from time to time to reflect changes introduced to the relevant Training Package or other regulatory requirements.

Courses offered by Open Colleges on behalf of North Coast TAFE may include Units of Competency that are graded by TAFE NSW. Students studying through Open Colleges are not subject to TAFE NSW grading criteria, receiving an ungraded outcome for Units of Competency and Qualifications successfully completed.

### Module 1: Introduction to the veterinary workplace

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Module 2: Module 2: Animal advice and care

ACMGAS208A
Source information for animal care needs
- Read and interpret product labels
- Gather information on products and services
- Profile nominated animal physiological features relevant to health and application of treatments
- Take an animal history

ACMVET409A
Provide specific animal care advice
- Provide specific animal health advice
- Offer animal care product advice
- Advise on animal nutritional requirements
- Provide animal behaviour advice

ACMGAS204A
Feed and water animals
- Prepare for feeding
- Feed and water animals
- Complete the feeding and watering process

ACMGAS205A
Assist in health care of animals
- Assist in capture of animals
- Assist in assessment of animals
- Assist in treatment of animals

Module 3: Module 3: Admit and prepare patients

ACMVET401A
Coordinate patient admission and discharge
- Coordinate clinic admissions
- Provide veterinary nursing care
- Provide grief support to clients
- Implement discharge procedures

ACMVET202A
Carry out daily clinic routines
- Maintain clinic hygiene
- Carry out daily treatment of patients
- Assist in stock control and clinic security

**ACMVET203A**
Assist with surgery preparation

- Prepare animal for surgery under direction
- Prepare theatre or surgical operating area for use
- Provide pre- and post-operative patient care
- Clean theatre equipment

**Module 4: Module 4: Medical, surgical and dental nursing procedures**

**ACMVET406A**
Nurse animals

- Identify patients and monitor clinical signs
- Communicate with clients concerning hospitalised patients
- Provide animal care in pain situations
- Care for animals
- Care for hospitalised animals

**ACMVET407A**
Carry out medical nursing routines

- Prepare for and assist with medical procedures
- Prepare for specific clinic routines

**ACMVET405A**
Carry out surgical nursing routines

- Prepare for surgical procedures
- Provide support for surgical routines
- Monitor patients and anaesthesia
- Perform post-operative procedures

**ACMVET410A**
Carry out veterinary dental nursing procedures

- Perform oral examination
- Complete dental chart
- Perform dental prophylaxis under veterinary supervision
- Assist in the performance of a simple extraction under veterinary supervision
Module 5: Module 5: Imaging, pathology and theatre procedures

ACMVET402A
Apply imaging routines
- Prepare imaging environment
- Prepare imaging equipment
- Implement imaging procedures
- Carry out post-imaging procedures

ACMVET403A
Perform clinic pathology procedures
- Implement pathology procedures
- Perform and record appropriate tests
- Assist with post-mortem examination

ACMVET408A
Coordinate and perform theatre routines
- Prepare surgery schedules
- Implement surgery preparations
- Clean, maintain and store theatre instruments, equipment and supplies
- Carry out post-operative theatre routines

Module 6: Module 6: Plan, provide and maintain animal health

ACMSPE304A
Provide basic care of dogs
- Identify commonly available dogs
- Identify and evaluate behavioural and housing needs
- Handle and restrain dogs
- Assist with health care needs
- Feed dogs
- Maintain records

ACMGAS301A
Maintain and monitor animal health and wellbeing
- Follow animal health management practices
- Monitor and maintain the physical wellbeing of animals
- Identify and report signs of ill health or injury in animals
- Administer and record animal treatments

ACMGAS302A
Provide enrichment for animals
- Observe and record animal behaviour
- Assist with managing undesirable animal behaviour
- Implement enrichment programs

ACMGAS303A
Plan for and provide nutritional requirements for animals

- Identify nutritional requirements of animals
- Evaluate food sources and calculate dietary requirements
- Prepare diets and provide food and water
- Monitor feeding and watering practices

Assessment details

- Attendance Report
- Case Studies
- Interviews
- Logbook
- Multiple Choice Questions
- Research Projects
- Short-Answer Questions
- Workplace Portfolio

Recognition of Prior Learning

We understand that you may already have many skills and areas of expertise that you have obtained in different ways and these are recognised through our Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) process.

Open Colleges has developed an RPL application kit for this course.

The Student Handbook, available in the Key Student Information section of our website, provides more information about our RPL process. Alternatively, you can contact an Enrolment Consultant to discuss your RPL options.

Course duration

The duration for the course is maximum 24 months. As a self-paced online course, the time it will take you to complete is flexible and dependent on ability and time available.

Qualification awarded

Upon successful completion of this course you will receive a nationally recognised qualification ACM40412 Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing awarded by North Coast TAFE (provider number: 90010).
Work Placement

What is a work placement?

A work placement is the part of your course where you learn and are assessed in a place of work related to your course which has been approved by Open Colleges.

At your work placement, you’ll get practical, hands-on training under the guidance of a supervisor.

What are the benefits?

- By undertaking a work placement you’ll get a chance to put the knowledge you’ve learned on your course into practice.
- You’ll also develop practical, on-the-job skills and could make contacts that could help you find a job once you graduate.
- Work placement is often the most rewarding part of a student’s course. Working face-to-face with clients and colleagues in your chosen field makes a huge difference to your career confidence.

How do I find a work placement?

You’ll need to find a work placement yourself and ensure it’s approved by Open Colleges. When looking for a suitable work placement host organisation, have a think about the following:

- Are you already working or volunteering in the industry your course is related to? You could potentially do your work placement at your current place of work or have contacts that could recommend a suitable work place. Ask around!
- If you’re entering a new industry, do some research and start thinking about organisations you could approach. We have plenty of resources available to help with approaching and finding a suitable work placement organisation.

What support will I get?

It’s your responsibility to find a suitable work place to carry out your work placement, however, there is a Work Placement Team available to give you a hand if you find that you are struggling.

Work placement summary

It is recommended that you should commence your work placement no earlier than Study Period 3. It is also recommended that you undertake your work placement on a part-time basis. This means attending the workplace a minimum of one day a week commencing at the end of Study Period 2.

The workplace will need to provide veterinary services to animals. The workplaces which would offer this experience are veterinary practices and veterinary hospitals.

Each facility will require specific equipment and resources, such as organisational policies and procedures concerning care and handling of animals including those which are sick or injured. You will also need access to animals commonly encountered, including both native and introduced species. The workplace should also provide documents specific to animal welfare, including ethical use of animals for research, relevant state and territory legislation and wildlife regulations. A full list of requirements for the workplace is available in the Workplace Assessment Guide.

Work placement hours

This course contains a minimum of 480 hours of work placement.
Host organisation

The workplace will need to provide veterinary services to animals. Examples of appropriate workplaces are veterinary practices or veterinary hospitals.

Each facility will require specific equipment and resources, organisational policies and procedures concerning the care and handling of animals, including those which are sick or injured. You will also need access to animals commonly encountered, as well as both native and introduced species. You will be required to take videos and photos in the workplace to submit as part of your portfolio.

Your work placement will need to be completed in Australia, and you will be responsible for the costs of any travel, accommodation, statutory checks or other requirements related to your work placement.

The workplace should also provide documents specific to animal welfare, including ethical use of animals for research, territory legislation and wildlife regulations. A full list of requirements for the workplace is available in the Workplace Assessment Guide.

Supervisor requirements

Your supervisor is required to be a qualified veterinary nursing professional who holds a minimum Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing OR five years’ experience working as a veterinary nurse.

Recommendation

Open Colleges recommends that you consider the work placement options in your local area prior to enrolling in this course.

Requirements

Depending on the host organisation, you may be asked to provide proof of immunisation for certain diseases which may include Q fever, tetanus, or rabies. In addition, you may be asked to sign a confidentiality agreement.

Insurance

Open Colleges provides insurance cover for the mandatory work placement you undertake as part of your course. This insurance coverage includes Public and Products Liability Insurance as well as Student Personal Accident Insurance.

Additional

More information can be found in the Workplace Assessment Guide. (https://docs.google.com/file/d/0Bzgyi4L-9NfrM3U2vKNEU2doZ28/edit?pref=2&pli=1)

Contact our Enrolment Consultants on 1300 853 033 to discuss any questions you might have regarding the work placement requirements of the course.

Other requirements

To support students in securing work placement Open Colleges has partnerships with local industry in the form of assessment centres and work placement centres.

You may be required to travel to the assessment centre or work placement centre at your own cost. Attending an assessment centre or work placement centre will incur a fee, which is outlined in the Schedule of Administrative Fees (available to
Requirements

Education

You will need to have completed year 10, or equivalent. Equivalency can be demonstrated by one of the following:

- A qualification at Certificate II level or higher OR
- 2 years of industry experience in a role that requires the use of written documentation and communication.

Minimum age

You will need to be at least 16 years old. If you are under 18 your enrolment form will need to be signed by a parent or guardian.

English

This course involves reading learner guides and undertaking a range of written assessments and engaging in online forums and discussions. Furthermore, the delivery mode relies on the extensive use of written communication. As such, entry to the course requires the successful completion of English to Year 10 level.

If you haven’t successfully completed English at Year 10 level, you can demonstrate equivalency through one of the following:

- Successful completion of a Nationally Recognised Training qualification at Certificate II level or higher; or
- 2 years relevant industry experience in a role that requires the use of written documentation and communication

Open Colleges recognises that not all people are able to read, write and perform calculations to the same standard. See the Language, Literacy and Numeracy Considerations section for more information on tools, resources and support services provided to by Open Colleges.

Computing

You will need access to a computer and the internet and have basic computing skills. Minimum specifications for your computer are:

- Microsoft Office 2007 or equivalent
- Broadband internet connection
- 2GB of RAM
- CD-ROM or DVD drive
- Adobe Reader X or equivalent
- Printer and scanner.
Specific requirements for Windows users:

- Microsoft Windows XP or higher (Windows 7 or higher is recommended)
- 1 gigahertz (GHz) or faster processor (2GHz or faster recommended)
- Adobe Flash Player 10 or higher

Specific requirements for Mac OS users:

- Mac OS X v 10.5 or higher (Mac OS X v 10.6 or higher is recommended)
- 1 gigahertz (GHz) or faster Intel processor (2GHz or faster recommended)

Digital equipment

You will need access to:

- A digital video recording device and/or a digital camera and associated software to save and upload video, image and audio files to OpenSpace. Many mobile phones and smart phones include this technology.
- Software to view online videos and images. Software such as Adobe Reader, Windows Media Player, Windows Photo Viewer etc. are available as a free download from the internet.

Skills

To successfully complete this course, you will require basic computing skills. This includes:

- Creating, saving and editing Microsoft Office documents
- Accessing and searching the internet
- Downloading and saving documents from websites
- Uploading documents through websites
- Participating in online discussions
- Compressing image files.

Physical requirements

Students will need to be reasonably physically fit to undertake the work placement as the tasks and activities associated with the work placement may involve manual lifting and other physical activities.

Language, Literacy and Numeracy

Our free online assessment tool can help give you an idea of the language, literacy and numeracy skills needed to study a VET course. This tool can also help you determine your learning level and help you plan your future studies. You can access the Language, Literacy and Numeracy tool here (http://www.opencolleges.edu.au/online-learning-assessment).

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Studying online with Open Colleges

Flexibility - study at your own pace
When you study online with Open Colleges you’re in control.

You can choose to complete your course quickly or keep to a steady pace, and with no deadlines or schedules to stick to, fitting your learning around your everyday commitments is easy.

Everything you need to study is online so you can study wherever you like – but that doesn’t mean you’re on your own.

OpenSpace is our purpose-built online learning platform. It’s where you’ll go to access to your learning materials, contact your expert trainers and assessors, upload your assessments and find all the support and motivation you need to keep going from the OC community.

Your online community

What is OpenSpace?

Open Colleges offers you a custom-designed online-learning platform called OpenSpace.

Your learning platform is the heart of your study experience. This is where you’ll navigate through your course materials, contact your trainers and assessors, and connect with other online students.

What can I do in OpenSpace?

OpenSpace provides you with a secure, interactive learning environment that allows you to access a wealth of learning resources. In OpenSpace you can:

- Access all your course materials, including videos and other digital resources
- Complete the learning activities related to your course
- Get the latest news about Open Colleges and your course
- Access the Student Lounge - a hub for student information and resources, including how-to videos, forms, relevant policies and procedures, communication tools and study tips
- Get to know your fellow students by posting in the course forums, and find a ‘Study Buddy’
- Connect with your Trainer and Assessor and Course Coordinator
- Access extensive online libraries for research
- Upload your assessments, view feedback, and access your grades

It’s just like a real campus – but it’s available anywhere and anytime.

How to get support

Academic support

Your experienced trainers are available in OpenSpace to answer any questions you may have regarding the learning materials or assessments.

Your program manager can also provide you with advice and support regarding the overall course.

Student support

The student support team is your one-stop service centre for all student administrative issues – including enrolment, change of contact details, OpenSpace support, assessment results and certification.

You can access the student support team in OpenSpace or by email or phone.

Learning support

The learning support team is a dedicated team of specialists that provide you with a comprehensive induction to studying with Open Colleges as well as specific support if you encounter learning difficulties during your studies.

Learning support resources, such as writing guides, are available in OpenSpace. You can access the learning support team via your trainer or the student support team.
Peer support

As a student of Open Colleges you will join a community of over 65,000 people who are also studying online. Through OpenSpace you can connect and collaborate with others to share study tips and advice.

Our students find this a great way to keep motivated and build lasting friendships and networks.

Work Placement Support

If your course contains work placement, the work placement support team can provide you with support, advice and resources if you encounter difficulties in securing a workplace for your work placement.

You can access the work placement support team via your trainer and assessor or the student support team.

Payment Options

You have two options for paying your course fees.

Paying in full: Pay your course fees upfront when you enrol in an eligible Open Colleges course and you can save 20% on your course fee.

Payment plan: Pay a small deposit and pay off the rest of your fees through a weekly or fortnightly payment plan.

24, 36 or 48 months interest-free payment plan: Open Colleges has partnered with Australian financial company zipMoney to offer you a flexible payment plan option designed to suit your life (not available for every course. Terms and conditions apply. Please click here (http://www.opencolleges.edu.au/zipmoney-info) for more information). The plan lets you start studying with no deposit and no interest repayments for the first 24, 36 or 48 months. Plus, you get the choice of weekly, fortnightly or monthly repayments.

An Enrolment Consultant can help you decide which option is best for you.

Other courses you may be interested in

If you complete this qualification, you may also choose to undertake further study including diplomas in veterinary nursing in various areas of specialisation, such as emergency, dental or surgical. Students who complete this qualification may choose to undertake further study, for example:

- ACM50212 Diploma of Veterinary Nursing (Surgical)
- ACM50312 Diploma of Veterinary Nursing (Dental)
- ACM50412 Diploma of Veterinary Nursing (Emergency and Critical Care)
- ACM50512 Diploma of Veterinary Nursing (General Practice).

The ACM40412 Certificate IV in Veterinary Nursing is a requirement of the Accredited Veterinary Nurse Scheme which has been established by the Veterinary Nurses Council of Australia.
About Open Colleges

Our history and heritage

Open Colleges has been delivering quality education for over 100 years. During this time, we have honed our unique learning model to become Australia’s leader in online learning.

We’ve achieved this by continuously evolving our approach to meet the needs of our learners by offering flexible, accessible, affordable and supportive courses.

So far, we’ve helped over 700,000 people gain the skills to launch, change or take the next step in their careers.

All of us at Open Colleges put the student at the centre of everything we do, whether that’s helping you find the right course, designing a new course, making improvements to our online campus or giving the support you need to reach your goals.

Commitment to quality

In June 2012, Open Colleges established a unique partnership with North Coast TAFE, an Institute of TAFE NSW, to collaborate on the development and delivery of Nationally Recognised Training online.

We have also established strong partnerships with leading industry bodies, such as Early Childhood Australia and The Institute of Certified Bookkeepers.

December 2013 saw Open Colleges Australia (the holding company of Open Colleges Pty Ltd) become part of Apollo Education Group, Inc.

Being part of Apollo gives Open Colleges access to the expertise, experience and educational resources of the University of Phoenix (USA), Institute of Professional Development (USA), BPP University (UK) and other institutions in the Apollo global network.

Our ongoing partnerships and place within the Apollo family ensure we continue to deliver a student experience that’s best in class.

With Open Colleges you can:

- Study TAFE and other nationally recognised qualifications
- Choose from over 100 online courses
- Fit study around your family or work commitments
- Enrol 365 days of the year
- Find a payment option that works for you
- Get academic and student support – online or over the phone
- Join a community of thousands of like-minded students

Get in touch

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Call an Education Advisor on 1300 782 149 for more details about this course and the enrolment process.
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