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Acknowledgement of Country and recognition of Australian First Nations traditional owners and cultures

Charles Darwin University acknowledges and respects the many Australian First Nations traditional custodians of the lands upon which our campuses and centres are located.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Larrakia, who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Darwin Casuarina, Waterfront and Palmerston campuses are located.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Arrente, who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Alice Springs campus is located.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Jawoyn, Wardaman and Dagomon, who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Katherine campuses are located.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Gadigal, who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Sydney campus is located.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Turrbal and Yuggera, who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Brisbane centre is located.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Woiworung, who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Melbourne centre is located.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Kaurna, who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Adelaide centre is located. We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Whadjuk, who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Perth centre is located.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Warumungu, who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Tennant Creek centre is located.

We acknowledge and pay our respect to the Yolgu who are the traditional custodians of the lands upon which our Nhulunbuy centre is located.

We also acknowledge and pay our respect to the Mirrarr (Jabiru), the Kungarakan (Batchelor and Adelaide River), the Anindilyakwa (Groote Eylandt) and the Tiwi (Tiwi Islands) people.

We acknowledge Australian First Nations peoples' long tradition of sustaining their communities and environments over thousands of years. They are the first educators and first innovators.

They are the holders of knowledge that makes an important contribution to the improvement of our local, national and global communities. We extend our respect to Elders – past, present and emerging – and to all First Nations people.



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Why choose CDU?



Top ranked university for employment outcomes

CDU is ranked the number two university for postgraduate outcomes and number four for undergraduate outcomes in Australia.*



Convenient

We have multiple campuses through the main areas of Darwin and surrounds, Alices Springs and Sydney Central Business District.



Work-integrated learning

Many CDU postgraduate courses include professional placements where students can gain practical skills and develop competency and knowledge within their field.



Leader in online learning

You will be studying with an innovative, multi-sector university that is a leader in research and online study delivery.



Excellent Return on Investment (ROI)

High employment and graduate salary outcomes mean that students who choose to study at CDU have an excellent ROI.



We have a pathway for everyone

You can study ELICOS, pathway programs, TAFE courses, undergraduate, postgraduate and higher degrees by research. We have courses for all levels.



Personal

With small class sizes, lecturers know your name and provide personalised support and advice.



We are leaders in research

82% of research at CDU is at world standard.**



Supportive

You will receive dedicated support from academic staff and personal support staff, who will work with you throughout your studies to ensure your success.



We lead the return of international students

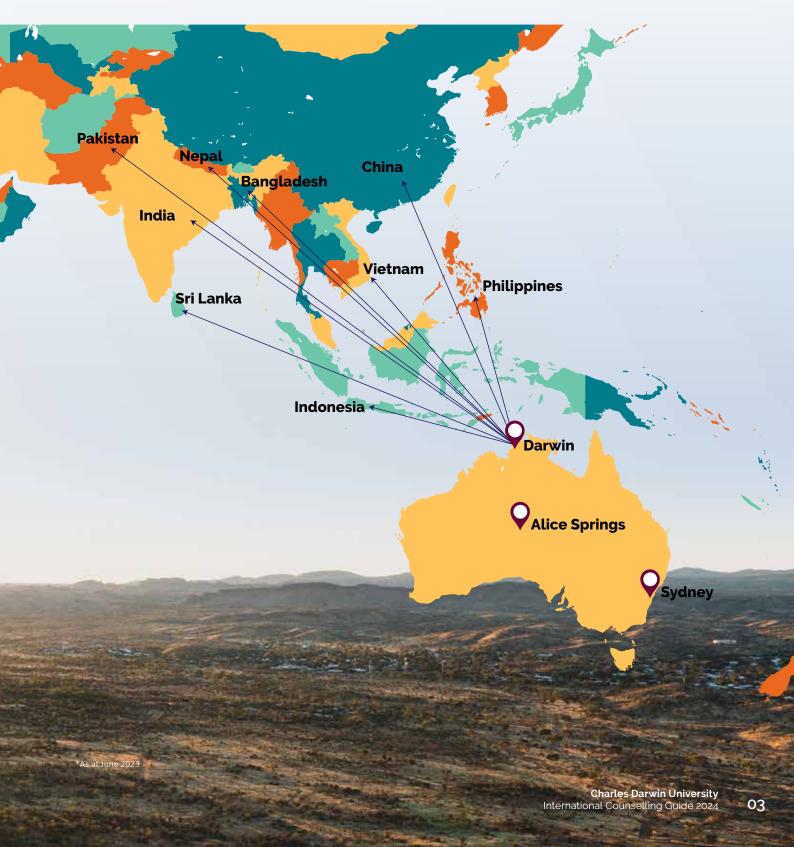
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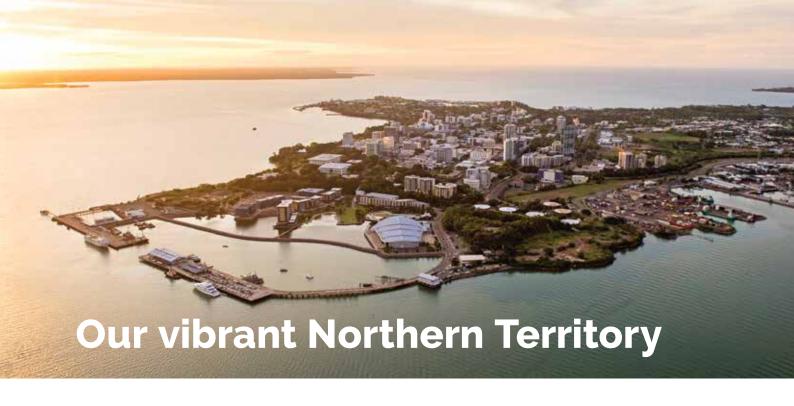
^{*}Good Universities Guide 2023.

^{**}ERA Research Excellence Ranking 2018

Our study locations

CDU has approximately 22,000 students, online and on campuses, with over 2,800* international students from more than 69 different countries. This sets the scene for a truly inclusive multicultural environment for study and career development. Our main campus is located in the suburb of Casuarina in Darwin, with study locations also in Palmerston, the Darwin Waterfront, Alice Springs and Sydney.





Why Darwin? Australia's best-kept secret

Multicultural

Almost one-quarter of the Darwin population speaks a language other than English at home. While in Darwin, you can enjoy the many multicultural community groups, markets and international festivals.

Close to home

Darwin is the gateway to Asia, with a four-and-a-half-hour flight to Singapore.

A laid-back lifestyle

Wide-open spaces, tropical vibes, good public transport and little traffic.

Young population

A median age of 32 with a population of 140,000.

Tropical weather

As Australia's only tropical capital city, Darwin's weather is similar to the neighbouring countries.

Nature

Surrounded by world-class national parks, including Kakadu, Nitmiluk and Litchfield, you can experience stunning Australian wildlife and outback adventures.

Darwin is a vibrant, multicultural city with plenty of job opportunities. As a student it was my priority to choose a city that's a continuous hub for skilled and qualified CDU graduates."

Isha, CDU Master of Teaching Alum, India

Indigenous culture

Approximately 30% of the Northern Territory's population is Indigenous, and more than 4,000 Indigenous students' study at CDU each year. There are many opportunities to experience and celebrate local culture.

History

The Northern Territory tells a unique story of ancient art and culture, wartime heroics and pioneering resilience.



Learn more about studying in Darwin





Casuarina Campus, Northern Territory

The Casuarina campus is our main campus, just a 15-minute drive from the Darwin CBD. Among 56 hectares of lush tropical gardens, the campus has state-of-the-art facilities including specialised science, engineering, health and medical laboratories, a library, and on-campus student accommodation.

Casuarina campus is close to the beach and Darwin's largest shopping precinct, Casuarina Square. It is serviced by regular, affordable public transport and is connected to the suburbs and city centre by extensive bicycle tracks.

You will enjoy:

- → nearby cafés and dining venues
- \rightarrow student lounges
- → state-of-the-art library
- → IT service kiosk
- → sports facilities and undercover basketball courts
- \rightarrow art gallery
- → book shop
- → ATM services
- \rightarrow post office
- ightarrow transport services, including an on-campus bus stop and bike racks
- \rightarrow free onsite parking
- $\,
 ightarrow \,$ bike lock-up and shower area
- → prayer rooms
- \rightarrow parent rooms
- \rightarrow sensory space
- \rightarrow student accommodation
- → The Confucius Institute
- → Chinese Gardens
- \rightarrow Indonesian Gardens.

Darwin Waterfront Campus, Northern Territory

Our Waterfront campus offers the latest, state-of-the-art facilities right in the heart of Darwin's exciting Waterfront precinct and a five-minute walk from the Darwin city centre. It is situated near the Darwin Convention Centre, local shops and the Wave Pool and Lagoon, where you can swim all year round. The campus is home to the Faculty of Arts and Society and the CDU International College, where our students have easy access to business, industry and government located in Darwin's CBD.

You will enjoy:

- $\,\,
 ightarrow\,\,$ nearby cafés and dining venues
- ightarrow student lounges
- \rightarrow library
- → IT service kiosk
- $\,\rightarrow\,\,$ transport services, including a bus stop at the front of the campus
- → prayer room
- $\rightarrow \,$ modern computer labs.





Palmerston Campus, Northern Territory

Our Palmerston campus is set in tropical bushland within walking distance from the Palmerston city centre and a 20-minute drive from Darwin's city centre. Our scenic lake attracts an abundance of birdlife and helps to create a relaxing campus environment. The campus is home to a number of TAFE courses, and our highly acclaimed teaching team consists of experts in kitchen management, bakery, tourism and hospitality, hair, beauty and retail services.

You will enjoy:

- $\,
 ightarrow \,$ a café
- → student lounges
- $\,
 ightarrow \,$ a library
- → transport services, including a bus stop and bike racks.

Education and Community Precinct (New City Campus), Northern Territory

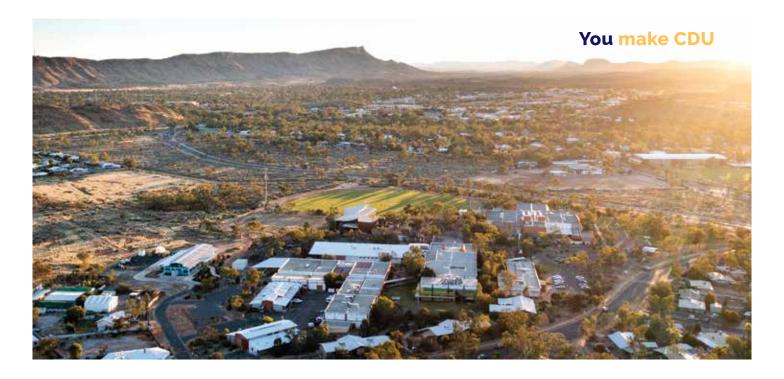
In collaboration with the Australian Government and the Northern Territory Government, we are building a \$250 million state of the art and iconic education and community precinct in the heart of Darwin. The new city campus will have state-of-the-art infrastructure to enhance teaching quality and the student learning experience. The proximity of students to the working realities of their chosen industries in the city will benefit future workforce requirements.

The new campus is set to open in 2024.



The IT Code fair is one of the biggest events organised by students and it's one of the best opportunities I've had."

Digita, CDU Master of IT Alum, Nepal Incident Management Officer, NEC Australia



Why Alice Springs? The heart of Australia

Employment opportunities

With a thriving tourism industry and a range of hotels, resorts and restaurants, Alice Springs is ideal for kitchen management and hospitality students.

Nature

Surrounded by natural wonders, including Uluru, Kings Canyon, the MacDonnell Ranges and the Larapinta Trail, you can experience stunning Australian wildlife and outback adventures.

Diversity

With a culturally diverse population, Alice Springs is the second largest city in the Northern Territory.

Accessible

The town centre is easy to navigate and connected via public buses, walking paths and bike paths.



Learn more about studying in Alice Springs

Alice Springs Campus, Northern Territory

Our Alice Springs campus is the kitchen management and hospitality hub for students. The campus has modern facilities, including an extensive training kitchen, bakery and bar, and a commercial training restaurant.

You will enjoy:

- ightarrow a café
- $\,
 ightarrow \,$ student lounges
- \rightarrow library
- ightarrow IT service kiosk
- → transport services, including a bus stop
- \rightarrow access to student accommodation.





Why Sydney? Australia's unofficial capital

Famous

World-renowned for its fabulous harbour, the Sydney Opera House, beaches and friendly locals, Sydney is a city bursting with life.

Dynamic

Sydney always has plenty of things to do, no matter the season. It's the perfect place for students to study.

Safe

Sydney is ranked the fourth safest city in the world (Safe Cities Index 2021).

Sydney Campus, New South Wales

Our Sydney campus is in the heart of the central business district, in Haymarket, opposite Central Station. This location allows you to be part of the day-to-day business world in a major capital city while studying. The campus specialises in information technology, business, accounting and nursing courses for international students, offering programs at postgraduate levels with guaranteed placement opportunities.

By studying in Sydney, you will have contact with a diverse student body to enrich your learning environment. In addition, you will be taught by leading scholars in small class sizes for an enhanced learning experience.

You will enjoy:

- \rightarrow guaranteed placements
- $\,\,
 ightarrow\,\,$ nearby cafés and dining venues
- $\,\,
 ightarrow\,\,$ student lounges and student areas
- $\rightarrow \ \mathsf{library}$
- → clinical simulation suite
- → student kitchenette
- ightarrow IT service kiosk
- \rightarrow transport services, including a bus stop
- → prayer room
- → modern computer labs.

Learn more about studying in Sydney



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CDU's employment rate and scholarship ranges are also some of the reasons why I applied with CDU. Also, since I wanted to explore a lot, CDU's Sydney campus is at the perfect location if I wanted to go somewhere. she says."

Rhea, CDU Master of IT student, Philippines

International scholarships

Our scholarships provide you with incredible opportunities and financial support to reach your full potential.

We offer a range of scholarships of up to 50% to international students who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement, making their dreams of studying in Australia come true. Many of our scholarship recipients have gone on to make a positive impact in their local communities and around the world.

If you have a record of academic excellence and high personal achievement, you may be eligible for one of these life-changing scholarships.

Vice-Chancellor's International High Achiever Scholarship (VCIHAS)

We offer a limited number of scholarships for international students with a record of academic excellence and high achievement. The VCIHAS is open to students studying an undergraduate or postgraduate coursework degree, covering 50% of the tuition fee for the full duration of the course.*

Minimum GPA: 5.3

CDU Global Merit Scholarship

We offer a 30% tuition fee scholarship for the duration of your studies for applicable courses at CDU. It is available to all new students commencing studies for the first time at CDU in 2024. The 30% scholarship will be included in your Letter of Offer.*

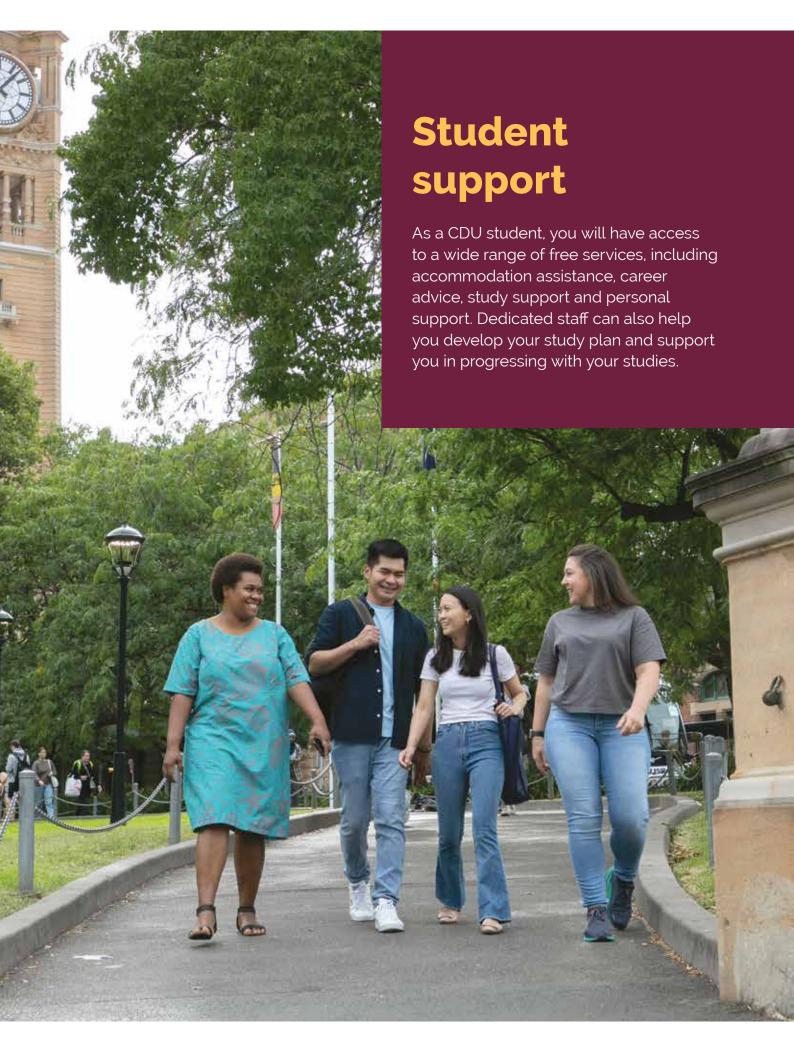




Receiving the Vice-Chancellor's International High Achiever Scholarship has given me financial security but also an incentive to keep giving my best in every aspect of my life and to help others."

Carolina, CDU Master of IT student, Colombia

*Ongoing scholarship requirements must be met to continue receiving the scholarship in subsequent years. Terms and conditions apply.



Language and learning support

You can access free, confidential learning support through a variety of services, which include online tutoring, Grammarly, an academic integrity module, online study skills resources, workshops and individual consultations.

These services are created to support you with understanding the requirements of your assignments, language skills, academic writing, critical thinking, reading and all aspects of your study. Set yourself up for success by attending workshops and accessing these services.



Learn more about Language and Learning support

Learn about library services

askthelibrary@cdu.edu.au

24/7 online tutoring

You will find plenty of help online with access to academic support. Online tutoring is available to students through your Learnline account for a range of subjects. Access is available to a free online tutor 24 hours, 7 days a week across more than 40 subjects, including Maths, Science, Social Studies, Business and English. You can also access our CDU Library online, which has lots of resources and support for you.

Peer Assisted Study Sessions

Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS) are useful if you want to improve your grades, meet other students and study your unit content in a relaxed, friendly and focused way. These study sessions are conducted by PASS leaders, who are current CDU students who have successfully completed the targeted unit and have been trained to run group study sessions.

The faculty staff give out such positive vibes, inspire you to work hard and cheer you on with every step you take."

Rafat, CDU Master of Professional Accounting Alum,

Peer Mentoring

Peer mentoring is facilitated by senior students who are available to assist you with navigating your first semester at CDU.

Study Skills

Study skills are essential for your success. We want to help you develop your study skills and make the most of your time at CDU. We offer open access to academic resources and practical study help, which provides practice and sample annotated texts with downloadable PDF summaries.

Workshops

We facilitate a series of workshops covering academic skills and topics to help you develop the skills you need to succeed at university. Workshops are in-person or online and offer you the opportunity to participate in learning activities and ask questions or receive feedback.

Individual appointments

When you need help with any aspect of your English language skills, assignments, writing, presentations and other study skills, Language and Learning Support Advisors are available for individual consultations. Consultations are available online or in-person.

CDU Library

CDU Library has a specialist team of librarians to help with research and referencing for your study area. Use the modern facilities to study with your friends or on your own, and use computers, printers and online materials.





During my last semester of university, I was enrolled in a workshop organised by CDU Careers Centre and KPMG.
After the workshop I got selected for my graduate role in KPMG Darwin where I currently work as a consultant in the advisory team."

Fahad, CDU Master of Professional Accounting Alum, Bangladesh Consultant, KPMG

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Careers and Employability support

The Careers Centre team is here to support you during your studies, to find work while studying, and to secure your dream career after you graduate. The team will provide expert advice and give you a competitive edge in the job market.

Services:

- \rightarrow workshops
- $\,
 ightarrow \,$ networking events
- \rightarrow mentoring programs
- → experience programs
- → a comprehensive self-help online resource
- \rightarrow meet with the team for one-on-one appointments.



Learn more about CDU Careers Centre

Volunteering

Volunteering is a great way to use your skills, give back to your community and meet new people. There are many opportunities to volunteer your time and you can find opportunities with the help of the Careers team.



The first volunteering experience I had I met my manager who works at the Department of Environment, Parks, and Water Security in NTG, and I started to volunteer in her workspace in the second semester."

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Ka, CDU Master of IT Alum, China Data Management Officer, Northern Territory Government

Personal support

We offer a range of services to support you to feel included, feel safe, be resilient and thrive during your studies.

Access and inclusion

If you have a disability, medical or mental condition (permanent or temporary), our Access and Inclusion team can assist you with adjustments that enable equal access and participation in your studies and university life.

Student counselling

We provide personal, confidential and free counselling services with qualified professional staff. You can book a session to discuss anything that may be affecting your wellbeing.

Wellbeing Support Line

We have a 24/7 support line available to provide you with immediate assistance for emotional and mental distress.

Respect. Now. Always

We are committed to providing a safe, inclusive and respectful learning, working and living environment for all students, staff and visitors.

Free airport pick-up

We offer free pick-up from Darwin International Airport and Alice Springs Airport for international students.



Learn more about personal support

I feel like it's an amazing opportunity for every student to be here ...
There are a lot of events all the time for inclusion and diversity, which makes you feel so welcome."

Akansh, CDU Bachelor of Accounting Alum, India External Auditor, KPMG





International Compliance support

Our dedicated International Compliance team is available to assist you with compliance with your visa obligations. It is a requirement that you are familiar with your rights and responsibilities as a student visa holder.

Visa compliance

Your student visa is the document issued by the Department of Home Affairs that allows you to enter Australia to study. This document is facilitated by your Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE). If you need to reduce your study load, take intermission or extend your CoE, you will need to contact this team.

Orientation

Attending Orientation is a compulsory student visa requirement, and all new students can join the fun and excitement. During Orientation you will receive information about life in your new city and an introduction to CDU, including:

- $\,
 ightarrow\,$ meet and greet with CDU staff
- → enrolment advice
- → overview of your student visa conditions
- \rightarrow information about student support services
- $\, o \,$ campus tours
- $\,\to\,$ lots of fun activities to get to know your new university and fellow students and the University.



Learn more about compliance at CDU

Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC)

OSHC is a compulsory requirement for all international students studying in Australia on a student visa.
Our preferred OSHC provider is Allianz Global
Assistance (AGA).

Purchase your policy through CDU and receive additional benefits. These benefits include:

- Access to AGA's on-campus staff members to assist with healthcare information
- → Allianz Care Safety Services (Sonder)
- → Allianz MyHealth App
- → Allianz Care Telehealth (Doctors on Demand)
- → Allianz Care Mental Wellbeing App
- \rightarrow 24/7 Emergency helpline.

If you need to make changes to your existing OSHC policy, please contact Allianz for assistance.



Learn more about Allianz Global Assistance







Allianz Care Safety Services - powered by Sonder

- On demand safety & wellbeing services
- Network of professionals available 24/7
- Assistance over the phone, via chat or in-person
- Mental health first aid
- Complex problem solving
- Medical triage by qualified nurses



Allianz Care Telehealth powered by Doctors on Demand

- 24/7 video and phone consults from your phone, tablet or laptop
- See a doctor without leaving home
- Qualified Australian-based doctors
- Repeat prescriptions and select medications can be delivered to home
- Private medical advice for a range of health concerns
- Get doctors' referrals for investigative tests, specialists and medical certificates



Allianz MyHealth app

- Submit a claim
- Manage your policy
- Access emergency numbers
- Access health assistant to find local equivalents of brand name medicines

Download'



*Available to CDU Allianz policy holders only.





allianzcare.com.au

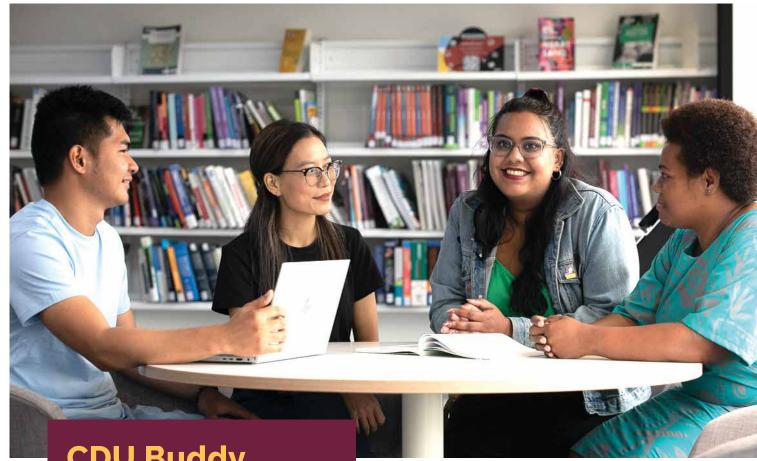
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CDU Buddy Program

We facilitate a Buddy Program designed to assist new commencing international students with their transition to study at CDU.

You will be paired with a current student who will provide friendly and practical assistance, establish a supportive network for you and help you integrate into the CDU community.

I think the program, overall, brings benefits to all Junior and Senior buddies. We make new friends, share reliable experiences, and information. These relationships can be maintained during the course to support each other."

Junior Buddy Participant, March 2022





Leading the return of international students to Australia

During the COVID-19 pandemic, CDU were the first and only university to welcome a flight of international students back to Australia. CDU organised a charter flight to safely bring students to the Northern Territory from Mainland China, Vietnam, Hong Kong SAR, Indonesia, and Japan.

Once the international borders opened in December 2021, CDU personally communicated with hundreds of students through dedicated social media groups and support staff to ensure students were able to arrive safely in Darwin. At the same time, CDU facilitated the Buddy Program.



After my family witnessed how much effort CDU put into the pilot program, they were truly impressed."

Heather, CDU Master of Accounting Alum, China

Student life

There is something for everyone at CDU. You can feel confident knowing that whatever your journey or interests may be, you can find support and friendship through our many social, cultural and personal development programs.

Find out what's happening on campus and online

CDU student groups

Join a CDU student group and you can make lifelong social and professional connections. Also, connecting with others can provide friendship, support and a way of managing the stress of completing assignments and exams.

CDU Student Ambassador Program

Student Ambassadors work directly with the CDU Student Recruitment and Events team to contribute to the university community. They share the knowledge and experience they gained from studying at CDU with prospective students and are involved in various activities and events.



Learn more about this program

Charles Darwin University Students' Council (CDUSC)

CDUSC is the voice of all CDU students and strives to promote and advance the rights, interests and welfare of CDU students. CDUSC represents all CDU students and provides the means for communication between students and the University.



Learn more about joining CDUSC

Other ways to get involved

There are also many opportunities for involvement in the wider Northern Territory (NT) or New South Wales (NSW) communities.

Some of the options include:

NT

- → Study NT Ambassador Program
- → Multicultural Council of the Northern Territory
- → Kindness Shake
- → Multicultural service or community group

NSW

- → Study NSW
- → Multicultural NSW





Accommodation options

At CDU, you have a range of accommodation choices to suit your budget and lifestyle. You may like to live on campus or off campus. Details of both can be found below.



On-campus accommodation

Living on campus will allow you to meet new people from across Australia and all over the world. All rooms are semi-furnished; you just need to unpack your bags and make the space your own. Get involved in campus life and access campus facilities at your doorstep.

International House Darwin (IHD)

IHD is surrounded by lush tropical gardens, located on the CDU Casuarina campus. There is a vibrant community that takes advantage of the Territory lifestyle through a range of events run by IHD for residents.

The rooms are semi-furnished and IHD residents have access to a variety of onsite facilities, including Wi-Fi, an outdoor swimming pool, games room, BBQ area, bicycles and a complimentary shuttle bus service to key locations around Darwin.

Become part of the IHD community with short-term and long-term options and various room types available.



ASSA accommodates CDU students, students from other universities undertaking placements, CDU staff, and visiting guests and groups. All rooms are semi-furnished. You can choose from twin-share and sole occupancy rooms across two houses and take advantage of communal kitchen areas, a self-service laundry and Wi-Fi. Stay for a couple of nights, a week, or longer. We have flexible contracts to suit.







Off-campus accommodation

Off-campus accommodation options include purpose-built student accommodation at UniLodge or private rental accommodation. If you are interested in living off campus, we offer a free and confidential service which provides information and advice on housing options, tenancy advice, and support and assistance with accommodation problems.

UniLodge

UniLodge Darwin student accommodation is a convenient option for students studying at Casuarina. It neighbours Casuarina Square shopping centre and is only a 10-minute walk from the Casuarina campus.

Private rental accommodation

Several organisations advertise available accommodation. Please note some of these organisations are external to CDU and the University cannot take responsibility for the information provided by such organisations:

- → Websites
 - realestate.com.au
 - domain.com.au
 - gumtree.com.au
- → Facebook Marketplace.



UniLodge Darwin

StudyStays

CDU StudyStays is a listing site to facilitate the connection between our students and private rentals, ensuring that students find the perfect place to call home during their studies. The StudyStays platform simplifies the process of finding suitable accommodation, providing a safe and supportive environment for students to thrive.

Homestay

Students who are new to Australia enjoy the benefits of homestay programmes to get a taste of local life. An international student and a local person or family in the host country exchange cultures during a homestay. For an agreed-upon duration and cost, the "host" offers accommodation and assistance. Meals, assistance, and other activities are all options for homestays. The students gain an understanding of the language, way of life, and local customs.

Need assistance with finding accommodation? Our dedicated team is here to support you. Learn more online.



Learn more about accommodation services

How much does it cost to live in Australia?

The Department of Home Affairs has financial requirements you must meet to receive a student visa for Australia. Therefore, knowing the average living costs in Australia is an important part of your financial preparation.

The cost of living in Australia varies from city to city, and students should not expect to fund their studies or living costs in Australia through part-time employment only. The Australian Government website provides an approximate guide to expenses according to the city and lifestyle.



Estimated living expenses

The table below indicates Darwin and Sydney's estimated living expenses.

	DARWIN	SYDNEY
Groceries and eating out	\$100 to \$300 per week	\$100 to \$300 per week
Gas and electricity	\$20 to \$140 per week	\$20 to \$140 per week
Phone and internet	\$15 to \$30 per week	\$15 to \$30 per week
Public transport	\$7 per week	\$30 to \$55 per week
Car (after purchase)	\$150 to \$260 per week	\$150 to \$260 per week
Entertainment	\$80 to \$150 per week	\$80 to \$150 per week
On-campus accommodation	\$185 - \$240 per week with all utility bills included	Not applicable
Off-campus accommodation	\$150 - \$350 per week in a shared rental. \$360 - \$650 per week in a private rental.*	\$250 - \$400 per week in a shared rental. \$500 - \$1200 per week in a private rental.

^{*} Subject to change. Correct at the time of print.



Fees and payments

During your studies, you will need to purchase textbooks and other items required to study. Textbooks can vary from \$200 to \$500 per semester, depending on your course. Other expenses might include stationery, printing, purchasing a laptop or computer, protective clothing, work materials, working with children clearances and computing programs. These will depend on your course.



Learn more about fees and payments

School-aged dependents

If you are bringing school-aged dependents to Australia, you will need to consider the cost of schooling. In Australia, children are required to be in school from six years of age.



More information for Northern Territory school fees



More information for New South Wales school fees



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I chose to study at CDU because of the top-quality education at an affordable price and also the cheaper living expenses compared to other parts of Australia."

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Shushan, CDU Accounting Alum, China `xternal Auditor, Deloitte Darwin

Academic entry requirements

You must meet the minimum academic entry requirements as part of your application.



Academic requirements

ELICOS	You must meet the academic requirements of their primary degree program.
FOUNDATION PROGRAM	You will need a qualification equivalent to an Australian Year 11 High School Certificate.
TAFE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS	You will need a qualification equivalent to an Australian Year 10 High School Certificate.
TAFE DIPLOMA PROGRAMS	You will need a qualification equivalent to an Australian Year 12 High School Certificate.
CDU INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE FIRST-YEAR DIPLOMAS	You will need to achieve successful completion of the Northern Territory Certificate of Education and Training (or equivalent) and the awarding of an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) of at least 50.*
UNDERGRADUATE	You will need a qualification deemed equivalent to an Australian Year 12 High School Certificate by the University's qualification assessment references. You may also be required to satisfy specific course requirements, such as a minimum overall grade score or prerequisite knowledge. For a complete list of common equivalencies by country, please visit our website.
PRE-MASTER'S PROGRAMS	Accelerated International Masters Qualifying Program (MQP): You must have completed three years of post-secondary study. Additional postgraduate entry requirements from pre-master's degree programs may be required.
POSTGRADUATE COURSEWORK	You will need a qualification which is deemed equivalent to an Australian bachelor's degree. You may also be required to satisfy specific course requirements such as a minimum overall grade score, prerequisite knowledge or work experience. Course-specific entry requirements are listed under the course details.
HIGHER DEGREE BY RESEARCH	 Master by Research (MRes) To be eligible for entry to an MRes you should have completed either: 1. a bachelor degree with first-class or second-class honours; or 2. a master's degree by coursework or extended master, which contains a substantial research component. Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) To be eligible for entry to a PhD you should have completed either: 1. a bachelor honours degree with first-class or second-class honours division; or 2. a master's qualification that contains a substantial research component.

English entry requirements

You must meet English entry requirements as part of your application.

We accept the following English tests for entry into the CDU International College, TAFE, undergraduate and postgraduate courses:

- → Cambridge Advanced English (CAE)
- ightarrow Common European Framework Certificate of English Proficiency
- ightarrow CDU English for Academic Purposes 3 or 4
- → IELTS Academic
- → Pearson Test of English (PTE) Academic module
- \rightarrow TOEFL Internet-based Test (iBT).

All tests are valid for two years from the test date to the date of commencement at CDU, unless otherwise specified.

If you have studied English in your previous studies, you may meet the English language entry requirements if you have achieved the required grades and qualifications. However, some courses may require higher levels of English or only accept specific English language tests.

If you do not meet the entry requirements, we offer alternative pathways through CDU International College.



English for Academic Purposes

English for Academic Purposes (EAP) is designed for international students who meet academic entry requirements for either their undergraduate or postgraduate course, but don't yet meet the English proficiency required. The course builds the English language and academic skills that students need to succeed at university.

There are two levels of English for Academic Purposes (EAP 3 and EAP 4), which can be taken separately or together (20 weeks together) depending on your English entry level and your destination degree. Each EAP level is undertaken full-time over 10 weeks by the CDU International College.*



Learn more about EAP

CRICOS code: 112342B

EAP₃

Location: Darwin Waterfront Campus, Sydney Campus

Tuition fee: A\$450 per week + \$200 non-tuition fee**

Upon successful completion of EAP 3, students will meet the English language requirements for direct entry to:

- → Eligible CDU undergraduate programs requiring an IELTS equivalent of 6.0 overall.
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 ightarrow\,$ Or EAP 4

CRICOS code: 112343A

EAP 4

Location: Darwin Waterfront Campus, Sydney Campus

Tuition fee: A\$450 per week + \$200 non-tuition fee**

Upon successful completion of EAP 4, students will meet the English language requirements for direct entry into eligible CDU programs requiring an IELTS equivalent of 6.5 overall.

Study EAP with a CDU scholarship





On completion of EAP, you may receive a 30% tuition-fee scholarship. Please refer to the Global Merit Scholarship for more information.****

^{*} Programs at the CDU International College are delivered by UP Education, an education provider that partners with leading universities in Australia and New Zealand to provide learning pathways for international students, equipping them with the knowledge, skills and confidence to excel at English language universities.

^{**} Subject to change in 2024.

^{***} Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

^{****} Terms and conditions apply.



Important dates for EAP 3 and 4:

	INTAKE 1, 2024	INTAKE 2, 2024	INTAKE 3, 2024
Last date to submit offshore applications	29 January 2024	26 May 2024	29 September 2024
Last date to submit onshore applications	25 March 2024	22 July 2024	25 November 2024
Orientation	29 March 2024	26 July 2024	29 November 2024
Teaching commences	1 April 2024	29 July 2024	2 December 2024

All dates are correct at the time of printing; however, they are subject to change. For more information on 2024 academic dates, please visit: cdu.edu.au/current-students/student-admin/important-dates

Study EAP with us and you will be studying in small classes, fully supported by specialist teachers in a safe and friendly environment.



CDU International College

CDU International College ensures you can achieve your academic and career goals by providing a variety of pathway programs designed to get the most out of your studies*. From your first day, you are integrated into the CDU student life, exposed to rigorous academic standards, and experience modern waterfront facilities and comprehensive student support.

degree. You can find a list of the degrees this course leads to on our website. → Our First-Year diploma programs are two-

academic pathway to a first-year undergraduate

Programs are available in three categories:

 \rightarrow The Foundation Studies program is a direct

- semester courses that function as an alternative first year of an undergraduate degree at CDU.
- → Our Pre-Masters programs support international students to enter a postgraduate degree program. You can find a list of the degrees this course leads to on our website.



Learn more about the CDU International College

Study at CDU International College with a CDU scholarship



Specialised language development, a well-rounded curriculum and small classes provide the support for students to thrive.

On completion of the CDU International College course, you will receive a 30% tuition-fee scholarship.***

Important dates for CDU International College:

	SEMESTER 1, 2024	SEMESTER 2, 2024	SEMESTER 3, 2024
Last date to submit offshore applications	22 January 2024	20 May 2024	23 September 2024
Last date to submit onshore applications	26 February 2024	1 July 2024	28 October 2024
Last date to submit applications for course changes/transfers	26 February 2024	1 July 2024	28 October 2024
Orientation	26 February 2024	1 July 2024	28 October 2024
Teaching commences	4 March 2024	8 July 2024	4 November 2024
Census date	24 March 2024	29 July 2024	25 November 2024

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CDU TAFE

CDU TAFE is the leading provider of vocational education and training (VET) in the Northern Territory, and some TAFE courses can qualify for entry into some CDU bachelor degrees.

We are one of the only Australian universities with dual-sector status, which means we offer Technical and Further Education (TAFE) and Higher Education (HE) courses. We believe every learner should be provided with options to access various education levels and acquire globally applicable skills and experience.

We offer TAFE courses in:

- → Accounts and Bookkeeping
- → Kitchen Management and Baking
- → Event Management
- → Hairdressing, Barbering and Beauty Services
- → Tourism and Hospitality.

Study at CDU TAFE with a 30% tuition-fee scholarship*



Learn about CDU TAFE course and packages

TAFE Application Dates:

	SEMESTER 1, 2024	SEMESTER 2, 2024
Last date to submit offshore applications	20 November 2023	17 June 2024
Last date to submit onshore applications	22 December 2023	24 June 2024
Orientation and teaching commences	1 January 2024	1 July 2024
Census date	11 March 2024	11 August 2024

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Learn more about scholarships

They ICDU chefsI are incredibly patient and informative. They have taught me everything I need to know to prepare for a real commercial kitchen."

Tran, CDU Cookery student, Vietnam



Higher Education

We have fantastic undergraduate and postgraduate opportunities for our students across a broad range of study areas. As the #2 Australian university for postgraduate employment outcomes (Good Universities Guide 2023), we will support you to secure the future that you dream of.



A comprehensive list of courses can be found online

Higher Education Application Dates:

	SEMESTER 1, 2024	SEMESTER 2, 2024	SEMESTER 3, 2024
Last date to submit offshore applications	22 January 2024	20 May 2024	23 September 2024
Last date to submit onshore applications	26 February 2024	1 July 2024	28 October 2024
Last date to submit applications for course changes/transfers	26 February 2024	1 July 2024	28 October 2024
Orientation	26 February 2024	1 July 2024	28 October 2024
Teaching commences	4 March 2024	8 July 2024	4 November 2024
Census date	24 March 2024	29 July 2024	25 November 2024

Study an undergraduate or postgraduate degree with a 30% tuition-fee scholarship*

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Faculty of Science and Technology

Message from the Pro Vice-Chancellor Professor Suresh Thennadil

Charles Darwin asked the great questions of nature. There has never been a more important time to do the same, and to master the emerging technologies of our age.

The Faculty of Science and Technology delivers creative and flexible training, teaching programs and research excellence in the areas of environment and livelihoods, primary industries, technology, energy and renewables, materials, and resources. We equip students with the tools to face our modern challenges.

The faculty staff is renowned for the new knowledge they have created and for their ability to pass on this knowledge.

Our courses are accredited by their professions and you will be expertly trained. Our graduates have attained success in their careers, and we look forward to seeing you also contribute to the world of the future.

Guaranteed industry placements*

Join the CDU IT Code Fair and meet industry employers**

Faculty of Science and Technology Study Areas



Engineering

Explore internationally accredited Engineering degrees specialising in mechanical, civil and structural, or electrical and electronics engineering. Graduate with real work experience and participate in projects across biomedical engineering, renewable energy, sustainability, 3D printing, robotics and mechatronics.



#3 IN AUSTRALIA FOR ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES*

The university provides plenty of options when it comes to looking for a job and getting to know more people in the industry."

Trong, CDU Bachelor of Engineering with honours Alum, Vietnam Electrical Engineer, APD Engineering







Information Technology and Network Engineering

Forge an IT career in network security, data analytics, web design and development, application development, information systems, or systems development.

We offer ICT courses in data science, cyber security, network and software engineering.



#1 IN
AUSTRALIA FOR
POSTGRADUATE
LEARNER
ENGAGEMENT IN
COMPUTING AND
INFORMATION
TECHNOLOGY*

I got involved with CDU's IT Code Fair as an ambassador. I also did some voluntary work with Inspired NT as a member of STEM for Women and attended the STEM for Women Mentorship Program, where I got valuable suggestions from my selected mentor."

Showkat, CDU Master of Data Science student, Bangladesh Project Officer, Northern Territory Government







Science, Environmental Science and Management

Explore biology, environmental science, spatial science, chemistry or biochemistry with an Environmental Science or Science degree. You will take part in exciting in-field intensives and get hands-on practical and laboratory experience.





Faculty of Arts and Society

Message from the Pro Vice-Chancellor Professor Ruth Wallace

The Faculty of Arts and Society leads positive global change and advances social justice through our teaching, research and collaboration with industry and the community.

The faculty brings people and places to life. From that, our desire to think, examine, express and create grows. This drives us to act collectively for positive social change and advance an inquisitive, harmonious and equitable society, particularly for those who are most vulnerable.

We strive to prepare students to be teachers, creative thinkers and innovators in a complex, changing world. We bring together expertise in education, business, law, Indigenous knowledge practices, human geography, disaster preparedness and management, languages, humanities, and the creative industries.

Faculty of Arts and Society Study Areas



Accounting

Become a Chartered Accountant in two years with the Master of Professional Accounting (Professional Practice). Choose from a variety of undergraduate or postgraduate options to suit your passion.

I had a lot of precious opportunities while I was studying, and I used to work part-time for Northern Territory Government. One day, I got a call from a partner at KPMG who said I was highly recommended to him, and he'd like to interview me. That's how I landed my current job."

Heather, CDU Master of Professional Accounting Alum, China External Auditor, KPMG





Business

Whether you are just starting your career or taking the next step, studying a Business course at CDU can help you future-proof your career. Tailor your studies to match your goals, with options to complete courses in management, marketing, economics, or human resources.



TOP 10 FOR BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES*

I attended a networking event hosted by KPMG. It was an opportunity for all graduate to go and talk to employers. From that, I got an interview and was offered a job."

Catherine, CDU MBA Alum, China Consultant, KPMG





Creative Industries and Innovation

To enhance your learning experience, our courses provide you with invaluable opportunities to engage with a vibrant arts community. You will nurture techniques through workshops, studio and practice-based learning environments, guest speakers, events and seminars, open forums, performances, and student and professional exhibitions.





Faculty of Arts and Society Study Areas



Education

Study teaching with us and make an impact as an educator. Graduate with a nationally accredited Education degree which lets you teach anywhere in Australia. Choose from courses in early childhood, primary, secondary and adult education to suit your goals.



EMPLOYMENT

OUTCOMES**

One of my mentors was the principal himself, and he really liked the way I worked. He offered me the opportunity to take an interview for a full-time role once I graduated. I got the job, and I've been here since."

Hasan, CDU Master of Teaching Alum, Bangladesh Curriculum Coordinator, St. John's Catholic College





Humanitarian and Disaster Resilience

Want to work in emergency management, become an aid worker or do disaster relief work? Learn how to approach disaster, emergency and community risks holistically. Our courses focus on the Asia-Pacific, Africa, the Middle East and South America. You'll do scenario training, be taught by industry experts, and complete placements at leading aid agencies, non-government organisations and government departments.



Humanities and Social Sciences

Study a Humanities and Social Science course with subjects in philosophy, sociology and social science, culture, politics, public policy, history, Indigenous perspectives, war and more.





Indigenous Futures

Explore subjects in Indigenous engagement, governance and policy, culture and community, languages, land and resources, research and more.



Do you want to be a lawyer or work in a range of industries that require legal expertise? With our Law degrees, you will learn about politics, policy, government, business and private legal practice.



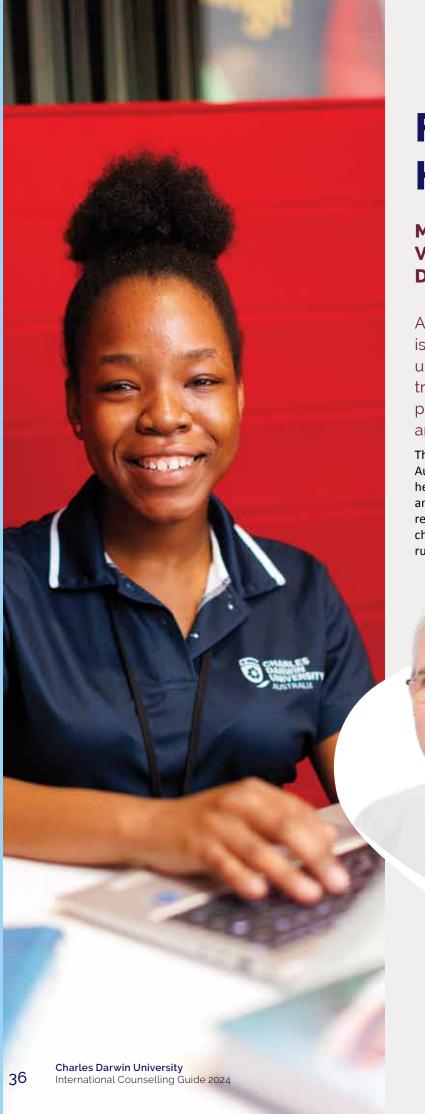


CDU is one of the best universities in Australia, and it provides pathways to commence your career as a professional in any field with extensive knowledge and experience required in that field."

> Iqra, CDU Master of Accounting Alum, Pakistan Payroll Specialist, Arnhem Land Progress Aboriginal Corporation







Faculty of Health

Message from the Pro Vice-Chancellor Professor Dominic Upton

At Charles Darwin University, our vision is to be Australia's most connected university by delivering the education, training and research that matters to the people of the Northern Territory, Australia and beyond.

The Faculty of Health leads CDU's commitment to Australia's health and community sectors. Delivering health education and research that is locally embedded and world-class, we focus on issues of national and regional significance, including the management of chronic health conditions and mental health, as well as rural, remote and First Nations health.



Allied Health Sciences

Study with us and specialise in one of Australia's fastest-growing employment sectors. Study Nutrition, Occupational Therapy, Speech and Language Therapy and more.



Community Services and Social Work

Make a real difference in communities through a career in social work, counselling, or in the humanitarian aid industry.

By studying with us, you will build the knowledge and experience to assess the social needs of individuals, families and groups; empower people to develop skills and resources to resolve social and other problems; and further human wellbeing, human rights, social justice and social development.





CDU brings social work to life. The lecturers are experts from various sectors of social work practice. Students are guaranteed first-hand information from tutors who have actual experience in the field."

Chi, CDU Master Social Work student, Nigeria





Exercise and Sports Science

Interested in working with elite athletes, improving the health of your community, or helping people recover from an injury? Study Exercise and Sport Science with us and gain the skills and knowledge to forge a career-changing lives for a happier, healthier future.



#2 IN
AUSTRALIA FOR
POSTGRADUATE
NURSING
STARTING
SALARIES*

Nursing and Midwifery

Do you have a passion for helping others? Study a nationally recognised Nursing or Midwifery degree with us and you could be delivering care in local or remote communities and hospitals, assisting with global humanitarian relief, or providing evidence-based care for women and babies.



Faculty of Health Study Areas



Psychology

Passionate about making a positive impact on the lives of others? Study a nationally accredited Psychology course with us to gain the skills and knowledge to help people overcome mental health challenges.





Public Health

Study Public Health and prepare for a career in critical sectors such as health promotion, policy-making, research, and disease prevention.

Choose an undergraduate or postgraduate degree developed and delivered by industry leaders and help shape a better future for Indigenous, local and global health settings.

We partner with Menzies School of Health Research to deliver postgraduate public health and health research courses.

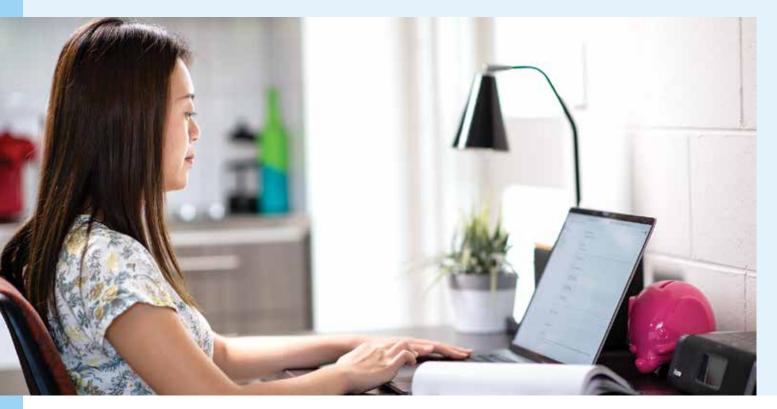
Study Online

CDU is a leader in online study delivery, with 30 years' of experience in distance and online education. If you are unable to move to Australia, you can study these courses 100% online:

- → Graduate Certificate of Aeromedical Retrieval
- → Graduate Certificate of Health Emergency Preparedness and Response
- → Master of Aeromedical Retrieval
- → Master of Health Emergency Preparedness and Response.



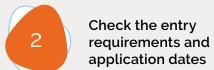
Learn more about our online courses



How to apply

Follow our simple 8-step process to apply to study as an international student with CDU.

















Advanced standing

Advanced standing is a credit applied to your current course of study based on prior achievement. It can either be a credit transfer or Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). To apply for advanced standing, you must first complete an application to study with CDU. For more details about advanced standing, email international@cdu.edu.au



For more information, please visit our website





Research

Our commitment to the perpetual evolution of knowledge lies at our heart through world-class, innovative and valuable research studies. We attract global recognition for research excellence in areas including tropical and desert knowledges, Indigenous knowledges, human health and wellbeing, tropical health, social and public policy, environment and livelihoods, and engineering and resources.

Located primarily in the far north of Australia, research is central to the purpose of the University. It is closely tied to the needs of the NT and our immediate region, including Timor-Leste, Eastern Indonesia and the Arafura Sea.

Centres and Institutes

- → Energy and Resources Institute (ERI)
- → Northern Institute (NI)
- → Molly Wardaguga Research Centre (MWRC)
- ightarrow Research Institute for the Environment and Livelihoods (RIEL)
- ightarrow Research Institute for Northern Agriculture and Drought Resilience (RINA)
- ightarrow Northern Hub
- → Centre for Creative Futures (CCF)
- $\,
 ightarrow\,$ First Nations Sovereignty and Diplomacy Centre
- → The Australasian Centre for Resilience Implementation for Sustainable Communities (RISC)
- → North Australian Centre for Autonomous Systems (NACAS)
- ightarrow Northern Territory Centre for Cyber Security
- → Centre for Renewable Energy.



Learn more about research



Expert researchers

In 2021, 22 researchers from CDU and Menzies School of Health Research were recognised as leaders, featuring in the Public Library of Science Biology's recently updated list of top 2% world scientists in their fields, according to the citation impact.

The studies by CDU's Dr Elnaz Saki investigated the efficacy of Calophyllum inophyllum seed oil and Tinospora smilacina leaves water extract as alternative sources of wound healing medicine. Both plants are native to the Northern Australia.



Read Dr Elnaz Saki's studies online

First Nations research

CDU is dedicated to promoting First Nations knowledges and perspectives in all aspects of the University. This is achieved by participating in ethical research, providing expert analysis of research projects to develop sustainable livelihoods, and preserving knowledge.

Choosing CDU as a place to do my HDR was a choice I'm glad I made. All my supervisors were very supportive of my research as well as my individual development. I was also supported by many other staff at the institute and university that made the HDR process easier."

Damian, CDU Higher Degree by Research, Papua

Northern Australia Universities Alliance

Northern Australia is set to benefit from the combined academic and research powers of its three major universities, with the signing of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to establish the Northern Australia Universities Alliance. Under the MOU, Charles Darwin University, Central Queensland University and James Cook University will partner on projects that support the social, environmental and economic development of Northern Australia

Menzies School of Health Research (Menzies)

The University collaborates closely with the world-leading Menzies School of Health Research. Menzies' work addresses critical issues such as mental health, nutrition, substance abuse, child health and development, and chronic diseases such as cancer, kidney disease and heart disease. Menzies is also a research leader in life-threatening illnesses in the Asia-Pacific such as malaria, melioidosis and tuberculosis.



Life after CDU

Your connection with the University does not end with the completion of your qualification. After you graduate, we are here to support you throughout your career journey. Your knowledge, expertise and success can also be shared to develop others.

Once you graduate, you automatically become a member of our alumni cohort, joining a continually growing group of highly regarded professionals, knowledge brokers and change-makers. These are connections you can continue to foster for a lifetime.

Exclusive benefits to CDU Alumni include:

- → CDU Alumni account A CDU Alumni computer account is available to all graduates of Charles Darwin University. The account provides you with access to selected CDU online services through the CDU Portal upon your graduation (conferral).
- → Career Development Help identify your career goals and plan your career path with free support from the CDU Careers Centre, accessed from wherever you are through the CDU Portal.
- → Library Access Even after you finish studying with CDU, with an alumni account you will have access to a wide range of CDU Library's online resources, including a growing number of high-quality databases, e-journals and e-books. You will always be welcome to borrow physical materials from any of our campus libraries.

- → LinkedIn Learning Access over 15,000 courses, delivered in 7 languages. With free access to LinkedIn Learning, you can learn a wide range of new skills, anywhere and at any time. Learn a new language, how to build a website or app, become an expert user of Microsoft Office, learn how to play a musical instrument, or improve your leadership skills. The choices are endless.
- → Chinese language Master the most widely spoken language in the world with a 40% discount on courses offered by the CDU Confucius Institute.

You can also enjoy exclusive access to opportunities which make an impact to teaching and learning in your industry, develop and maintain rewarding personal and professional connections, contribute to leading research and knowledge development, and have a positive impact on future generations through the power of education.





Quality assurance

CDU adopts a quality assurance and enhancement strategy that reflects our recognition and understanding of our obligations to maintain quality practices, systems and processes that comply with the relevant standards and support diversity, innovation and excellence. See further information in the Educational Quality and Excellence Framework Policy.

As a dual-sector Australian Higher Education provider, CDU is regulated by – and our performance is regularly evaluated against – the following National Standards:

- → Higher Education Standards Framework (Threshold Standards) 2021
- → VET Quality Framework
- → Australian Qualifications Framework 2013
- ightarrow Education Services for Overseas Students Act 2000 (ESOS Act)
- → ELICOS Standards 2018
- → National Standards for Foundation Programs.



Information about when enrolment may be deferred, suspended or cancelled is available in our International Student Policy

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