

PATHWAY TO WORK PROGRAM [PWP]

For special needs students.

The SuniTAFE PWP is designed as a 3 year program for young people with evidence of a permanent cognitive and/or intellectual disability or who have participated in modified programs at secondary school due to a learning disability. The goal of PWP is to build each students self-esteem and confidence with appropriate levels of support, for successful entry into the workforce at the end of the 3 year program.

Year 1

Students who meet the eligibility requirements will be enrolled in **Certificate I in Transition Education [22567VIC]** where they transition from school environment into an adult education environment at SuniTAFE. Certificate I in Transition Education focuses on hands on learning, goal setting, personal development and explores future options in community activities, volunteering and employment. We recognise that some students may take longer than one year to complete Transition Education and we have the flexibility to modify the program if students need longer to be ready to advance. On successful completion of Certificate 1 in Transition Education students advance to year two.

For important information on entry requirements and fees visit our website [22567VIC Certificate I in Transition Education | SuniTAFE](#)

Year 2

PWP students will advance to **Certificate I in Work Education [22566VIC]** where students will be introduced to career and work possibilities to explore for themselves. Students will learn resume' writing, how to search for jobs, interview skills, OH&S laws, safety in the workplace, and more. This all culminates in each student securing a placement with their teachers support to get a real taste of the workplace. Again, we have the flexibility to modify the program on an individual basis as required. On successful completion of Certificate I in Work Education students have the option to look at entering the workforce or advance to year three of our program.

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Year 3

Students enrol in **Certificate II in Work Education [22481VIC]** and participate in the new **Integrated Placement Program (IPP)**. IPP offers students with learning disabilities the chance to gain job specific skills by integrating them into the work place. The program aims to achieve employment outcomes for the students whilst giving them tailored support to meet their specific needs, including the respective workplace recruitment process.

IPP has been piloted with six students in 2023 in Mildura and has been a huge success. In the pilot students started a 17 week placement working 3 days per week. Three students were placed in businesses across Mildura while another three were placed at Mildura Base Public Hospital (MBPH). All students have excelled in the pilot, embraced by the respective workplaces and always treated like a member of the team. The boost of confidence observed in the students is massive, from the first day through to the end students have excelled in their respective placements and are now ready to enter the workforce. Some may even be employed by their host employer.

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Summary

Extremely passionate student focussed staff teach the PWP. The program is focussed on individual student needs. Adjustments can be made for students if anxiety or other issues arise, this is done on a case-by-case basis and always in consultation with the student's carers.

Occasionally a student may present to us with the confidence and skills to enter the program at the year two or year three point if we assess this as the most suitable option. We have the flexibility to adjust if this is the case.

If further information is required, please contact **Leonie, Engagement Support Officer on 5022 3626** in the Foundation Studies Department at SuniTAFE. We are more than happy to show anyone our teaching space and have a chat about the special needs of prospective students, plus carry out an eligibility check to ensure smooth entry into the PWP.

This training is delivered with Victorian and Commonwealth Government funding. Responsibility for arranging placement sits with SuniTAFE.