



Victorian Certificates of Applied Learning (VCAL)

**Faculty Of Further Education
Youth Unit
NMIT**



VICTORIAN CERTIFICATE OF APPLIED LEARNING (VCAL)

NMIT's Youth Unit offer a range of Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) programs.

The Youth Unit is located at the Technical Education Centre (TEC) at the Heidelberg campus. The centre's new purpose-built training facilities provide a vocational based learning environment for young people wishing to complete their secondary schooling through a VCAL program. VCAL Programs will also be offered at other campuses with the TEC remaining as the central hub for the Youth Unit.

WHAT IS VCAL?

Students at senior secondary level have the choice of two certificates, the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE) and the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL).

VCAL sits alongside VCE as an accredited senior school completion certificate. It applies the principles of applied learning (hands on) in all areas of the curriculum. It gives students practical work related experience, as well as literacy and numeracy skills and the opportunity to build personal skills that are important for life and work. VCAL's flexible curriculum enables students to undertake a study program that suits their interest and learning needs while building on current skills.

WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF VCAL?

The VCAL aims to provide students with the skills, knowledge and attitudes to make informed choices about pathways to work and further education. The principles underpinning the VCAL are:

- accredited pathways for secondary students
- tailored programs to suit students' interests
- personal development
- development of work related and industry specific skills.

In the VCAL these principles are shown through:

- the development of knowledge and employability skills that help prepare students for work and for participation in a broader society – family, community and lifelong learning
- the development of knowledge and skills that assist students to make informed vocational choices and facilitate pathways to further learning and employment.

There are three levels of study in VCAL. These are outlined below. Students at NMIT will be placed in the appropriate level according to their previous schooling, literacy skills and interests. An assessment will be conducted by a Youth Unit staff member at the initial interview.

VCAL CERTIFICATE LEVELS:

Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL)	
Foundation Government Category Foundation Skills	At this level the focus is on knowledge and employability skill development, supported by a strong emphasis on literacy and numeracy skills and preparatory learning.
Intermediate Government Category Skills Creation	At intermediate level, the focus is on knowledge and employability skills development that leads to independent learning, confidence and a higher level of transferable skills.
Senior Government Category Skills Creation	At this level the focus is on knowledge and employability skills that lead to a high level of interpersonal skills, independent action and achievement of tasks that require decision making and leadership. The demonstration of knowledge and skills which apply directly to the workplace or further training is also important.

Further information can be obtained from

http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/vcal/Publications/Information_Sheets/VCALInfo

PROGRAMS:

Current programs on offer at **Heidelberg TEC** include:

- VCAL Carpentry (includes the Certificate II in Carpentry – Pre-apprenticeship)
- VCAL Ticket to a Trade (Building and Construction industries taster program)
- VCAL Foundation– General program
- VCAL Intermediate– General program
- VCAL Senior– General program
- VCAL YAMEC Introduction to Trade Skills (specifically for ESL students)

PROGRAMS AT OTHER LOCATIONS INCLUDE:

- VCAL Foundation/Intermediate General – Epping campus
- VCAL Young Adult Migrant Education Course (YAMEC) – Collingwood and Preston campuses
- VCAL LinkED (offered in conjunction with the Salvation Army) – Brunswick
- Certificate I - III in Creative Industries (Media) – Brunswick
- YAMEC (ESL Intro, Certificate I and Certificate II) – Collingwood and Preston campuses

Programs can also have an industry focus but these can change from year to year. We have offered Animal Studies, Hospitality, Music and Multimedia. Please contact the Youth Unit for further information relating to current / proposed industry based VCAL programs.

AGE ELIGIBILITY:

Programs are generally targeted at young people from 15 years of age (Certificate I programs). However some programs have age restrictions (from 16+).

Please refer to program outlines.

NMIT YOUTH UNIT – PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Please note: Programs will not proceed if the minimum enrolment number is not met.

VCAL General - Foundation				
<p>The General Foundation VCAL program is suitable for students who require supported development of literacy, numeracy and communication skills in order to go onto further study, apprenticeships or employment.</p> <p>Applicants: 15+ yrs</p>	<p>Location: NMIT Heidelberg TEC & NMIT Epping Full-time Enrolments will be semester based</p>	<p>Interviews on going Enrolments On Going</p>	<p>Course commences February and July</p>	<p>Contact: Youth Unit p: 03 9269 8665</p>
VCAL General - Intermediate				
<p>The General Intermediate VCAL program is suitable for students who require further development of literacy, numeracy and communication skills in order to go onto further study, apprenticeships or employment.</p> <p>Applicants: 16+ yrs</p>	<p>Location: NMIT Heidelberg TEC & NMIT Epping Full-time Enrolments will be semester based</p>	<p>Interviews on going Enrolments On Going</p>	<p>Course commences February and July</p>	<p>Contact: Youth Unit p: 03 9269 8665</p>
VCAL General - Senior				
<p>The Senior VCAL program is open to people of all ages. It will provide an opportunity to actively engage in education in preparedness for higher education or employment. Students will enrol in units from business related certificates as part of their industry-specific strand.</p> <p>Applicants: 17+ yrs. Suitable for mature aged adults</p>	<p>Location: NMIT Heidelberg TEC Full-time 2 x 1 Semester</p> <p>* Students may be eligible to complete by mid year</p>	<p>Interviews on going Enrolments On Going</p>	<p>Course commences February and July</p>	<p>Contact: Youth Unit p: 03 9269 8665</p>
VCAL Carpentry (Pre-apprenticeship) - Foundation/Intermediate/Senior				
<p>The program will benefit people who require extra support with literacy and/or numeracy or those who would like a VCAL school completion certificate as well as a trade pre-apprenticeship. Successful completion will give students a pre-apprenticeship certificate (Certificate II in Building and Construction – Carpentry Pre-apprenticeship) as well as a VCAL certificate (Foundation, Intermediate or Senior - depending on enrolled level).</p> <p>Students must contact B&C department to place their names on the waiting list (contact details in right hand column) even if they are assessed via the Youth Unit.</p> <p>Applicants: 16+ yrs</p>	<p>Location: NMIT Heidelberg TEC Full-time for 1 year</p>	<p>Interviews September - November Selection beginning December Enrolment December *Students need to be 16+ yrs at time of course commencement (early February 2011)</p>	<p>Course commences February</p>	<p>Contact: Youth Unit p: 03 9269 8665</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Building & Construction Dept. Kevin Radcliffe p: 03 9269 8706</p> <p>(Indicate VCAL Carpentry as preferred program)</p>
VCAL Ticket to a Trade - Foundation/Intermediate/Senior				
<p>Students will be enrolled in VCAL units (literacy, numeracy, personal development and work-related skills) for one semester.</p> <p>On successful completion, students can apply for a range of pre-apprenticeship positions. They will then complete the pre-app application process for the following semester intake of that particular pre-apprenticeship.</p> <p>On successful completion of both VCAL and the pre-apprenticeship, students will be eligible for their VCAL certificate as well as their pre-apprenticeship certificate.</p> <p>This program will be repeated in Semester 2 with a new group commencing VCAL who will then be ready to apply for a pre-apprenticeship position the following year</p> <p>Applicants: 16 yrs by June 30th</p>	<p>Location: NMIT Heidelberg TEC</p> <p>1 semester VCAL 1 semester Pre-Apprenticeship</p>	<p>Interviews On Going Enrolment June / July and November /December</p> <p>*Many trade areas require students to have turned 16 yrs prior to commencement of the pre-apprenticeship course.</p>	<p>Course commences February & July</p>	<p>Contact: Youth Unit p: 03 9269 8665</p>

*** Enrolments may continue after set dates if places are available.**

Students over the age of 20 as of 1st January in the year of enrolment will need to meet eligibility requirements in order to qualify for government subsidised training.

Further information available: www.nmit.edu.au/course_info/local_students/fees

VCAL ESL YAMEC				
<p>YAMEC ESL VCAL combines an accredited ESL Certificate II or III with VCAL modules and community projects. With a focus on improving language, literacy and employability skills, the students engage in projects and courses that also increase leadership skills, knowledge of mainstream society, career options and employment readiness. It is a first step in TAFE, leading to educational/vocational pathways to further academic or vocational study, new apprenticeships, traineeships and/or employment.</p> <p>Applicants: 15 – 26 yrs</p>	<p>Location: NMIT Preston campus NMIT Collingwood campus</p>	<p>Interviews on-going Enrolments On going</p>	<p>Course commences February</p>	<p>Contact: YAMEC Office p:03 9269 1775 03 9269 1776</p>
VCAL LinkED/Salvation Army - Foundation/Intermediate				
<p>This program is offered in partnership with the Salvation Army (Brunswick Youth Services) Program. It is designed for those 'at risk' young people who require extra assistance to restart their education. It has an emphasis on supporting students into their post VCAL pathway.</p> <p>Applicants: 15+ yrs</p>	<p>Location: Salvation Army Brunswick Youth Services, Brunswick Full-time for 1 year</p>	<p>Interviews on -going Enrolments On going</p>	<p>Course commences February</p>	<p>Apply: Direct to VCAL staff at Brunswick Salvation Army (Youth Services) p: 03 9386 0407</p>

OTHER YOUTH UNIT PROGRAMS:

Creative Industries/Media				
<p>Students can gain credits towards a VCAL by completing this course. Youthworx Media will partner with NMIT to offer Certificate II in Creative Industries (Media). The course will be tailored to the needs of young people from disadvantaged backgrounds, with a high level of support provided.</p> <p>Applicants: 15+ yrs</p>	<p>Location: Salvation Army Brunswick Youth Services, Brunswick 6 month program</p>	<p>Interviews on -going Enrolments November – February May - July</p>	<p>Course commences February & July</p>	<p>Apply: Direct to VCAL staff at Brunswick Salvation Army (Youth Services) p: 03 9386 1232</p>
YAMEC				
<p>The YAMEC program is designed for migrant and refugee young adults from 16-26 yo who have not completed secondary schooling and/or who need to develop further English language and literacy skills. Students are supported to overcome barriers to engagement in education through elements of the curriculum, connection with community agencies and pathway planning with their Managed Individual Pathways (MIP's) worker.</p> <p>Applicants: 15 – 26 yrs</p>	<p>Location: NMIT Preston campus NMIT Collingwood Campus Full-time for 1 year</p>	<p>Interviews on-going Enrolments On going</p>	<p>Course commences February</p>	<p>Contact: YAMEC Office p:03 9269 1775 03 9269 1776</p>
YAMEC - Trade Taster				
<p>The YAMEC program is designed for migrant and refugee young adults who have not completed secondary schooling and/or who need to develop further English language, literacy, numeracy and employability skills. The program will have a focus on the world of work within the Building and Construction industry.</p> <p>Applicants: 16 – 26yrs</p>	<p>Location: NMIT Heidelberg TEC Full-time 1 semester</p>	<p>Interviews on-going Enrolments November, December May & June</p>	<p>Course commences February July</p>	<p>Contact: YAMEC Office p: 03 9269 1775 03 9269 1776</p>

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FEES:

Fees will vary between different programs depending on government category and number of enrolled hours. Some programs will carry additional costs due to clothing and equipment requirements.

Current concession card holders eligible for minimum fees.

Students over 20 years of age as of 1st January in year of enrolment are subject to eligibility requirements

For further information regarding fees:

www.nmit.vic.edu.au/course_info/local_students/fees/

APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. Download application form from: www.nmit.vic.edu.au/forms or contact Youth Unit on 03 9269 8665 to request that a form be sent to you.
2. Send completed application form to:
VCAL Program Coordinator
TEC Building
Youth Unit – NMIT
Cnr Bell Street & Waterdale Road
HEIDELBERG 3081
3. An interview appointment letter will be sent to you. It is important that you attend this interview otherwise we will assume you are no longer interested. If you cannot attend the interview please contact the Youth Unit **PRIOR** to the arranged interview in order to reschedule another time.

ENROLMENT PROCESS:

After completing the application and interview process, eligible applicants will be sent a 'Letter of Offer' with details of fees and enrolment process. Offers are subject to places being available.

If an applicant is identified as not being eligible for one of our programs, they will be notified of the reason and, if possible, given referrals to more suitable programs.

For further information regarding specific programs:

Carpentry, Ticket to a Trade

Youth Unit, Heidelberg, p: 03 9269 8665

ESL YAMEC Programs

Youth Unit, YAMEC Office, p: 03 9269 1775 /1776

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LinkED, Creative Industries

VCAL Staff, Brunswick Youth Services, p:03 9386 0407/1232

All other programs

Youth Unit, Heidelberg, p: 03 9269 8665/8666
w: www.nmit.vic.edu.au/departments/youth_unit

Please note that this information is subject to change as programs rely on student enrolment numbers.

Information correct as at July 2011