

## **Diploma of Science Foundations (DOSF) - DipSF**

This program is offered only to continuing students. No new admissions will be accepted. Students who are interested in this study area should consider the

There is no specified minimum educational achievement entrance standard.

Normally, to be eligible for enrolment in the program a person will have attained an age of at least 18 years in the year of the proposed enrolment.

Students will need to complete the online application form for entry to the Diploma Programs. All applicants are required to complete online diagnostic tests in Mathematics, e-literacy, and English Communication Skills. Applicants will then be given advice detailing whether the Diploma Program is the most appropriate pathway for them to undertake. Some students may be advised to undertake the [Tertiary Preparation Program](#) .

All students are required to satisfy the applicable [English language requirements](#).

If students do not meet the English language requirements they may apply to study a University-approved [English language program](#). On successful completion of the English language program, students may be admitted to an award program.

## **Program fees**

### **Commonwealth supported place**

A Commonwealth supported place is where the Australian Government makes a contribution towards the cost of a students' higher education and students pay a [student contribution amount](#), which varies depending on the courses undertaken. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedules](#).

Commonwealth Supported students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [HECS-HELP](#).

### **Domestic full fee paying place**

Domestic full fee paying places are funded entirely through the full fees paid by the student. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedule](#)

Domestic full fee paying students may be eligible to defer their fees through a Government loan called [FEE-HELP](#) provided they meet the residency and citizenship requirements.

Australian citizens, Permanent Humanitarian Visa holders, Permanent Resident visa holders and New Zealand citizens who will be resident outside Australia for the duration of their program pay full tuition fees and are not eligible for [FEE-Help](#).

### **International full fee paying place**

International students pay full fees. Full fees vary depending on the courses that are taken and whether they are studied on-campus, via distance education/online. Students are able to calculate the fees for a particular course via the [Course Fee Schedules](#).

## **Program structure**

This Program consists of four core courses followed by four courses of foundation studies in science. Students must successfully complete the four compulsory core courses before they will be enrolled in the four science courses of foundation studies.

### **Core courses**

There are four compulsory courses:

- [DIP1000 E-Literacy for Contemporary Society](#)
- [DIP1001 Academic and Professional English](#)
- [DIP1002 Strategies for Successful Study](#)
- [DIP1003 Essential Mathematics](#)

[DIP1000 E-Literacy for Contemporary Society](#) and [DIP1002 Strategies for Successful Study](#) are co-requisites: they must be studied together, and they must be the first courses undertaken.

For part-time students, [DIP1001 Academic and Professional English](#) and [DIP1003 Essential Mathematics](#) must be studied after [DIP1000](#) and [DIP1002](#). All four courses can be taken in a single semester for those pursuing full-time studies.

### Foundation studies in Science courses

After completing the four compulsory courses students can select four courses from the following selection of foundation courses\* :

- [PSY1010 Foundation Psychology A](#)
- [PSY1020 Foundation Psychology B](#)
- [CSC1402](#)
- [CSC1401 Foundation Programming](#)
- [STA2300](#)
- [MAT1000 Mathematics Fundamentals](#)
- [BIO1101 Biology 1](#) ^ §
- [CHE1110 Chemistry 1](#) ^ §
- [PHY1104 Physics 1](#)
- [REN1201 Environmental Studies](#)
- [PHY1101 Astronomy 1](#)
- [BIO2103 Biology 2](#) ^
- [CHE2120 Chemistry 2](#) ^
- [PHY1911 Physics 2](#)
- [PHY1107 Astronomy 2](#)
- [CLI1110 Weather and Climate](#)
- [MAT1100 Foundation Mathematics](#)

^ These courses have a compulsory residential school.

§ [BIO1101](#) and [CHE1110](#) are prerequisites of [BIO2103](#) and [CHE2120](#): they must be studied first.

\* The number of units of credited towards the will depend on the courses studied and the major chosen in the .

### Program completion requirements

To successfully complete the Diploma of Science Foundations students must successfully complete the four compulsory core courses, and also the four science foundation courses.

### Required time limits

Students have a maximum of three years to complete this program.

### IT requirements

Students must have reliable and ready access to email and the Internet. Broadband access is required for the four compulsory core courses. Students should have access to a scanner for [DIP1003 Essential Mathematics](#). For information technology requirements, please see the [minimum computing standards](#)

Students are able to enrol in any offered mode of a course (on-campus, external or online), regardless of the program mode of study they enrolled in.

Students undertaking the Diploma of Science Foundations must complete the four compulsory courses first. [DIP1000](#) and [DIP1002](#) are co-requisites and must be taken first, and at the same time.

The recommended enrolment pattern for the four compulsory core courses is as follows: These courses 426.483 11479.371


