Leaving School
The next step
Counselling and Career Development
“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”

- Nelson Mandela
Why choose TAFE?

If you have a career idea in mind we can help you make it a reality. You can gain industry ready skills, start on a direct pathway to university, even complete a degree at TAFE!

We offer:

• practical, career oriented learning
• guaranteed small class sizes and a personalised learning experience
• teachers who are industry experienced and passionate about their field
• the option of simultaneous TAFE NSW and university study
• flexible learning options to suit your schedule – study full time or part time. You can also study some courses online!
• clear, direct pathways from TAFE NSW qualifications to higher education
• specialist training in all industries
• extensive support for students – including career development and job placement services
Why are we different?

In 2012, nine out of ten students were satisfied with the quality of our training. That’s better than the average of all VET providers in Australia.

What we offer

At the Northern Sydney Institute we offer many different types of education, including:

• nationally accredited qualifications from Certificate I to Advanced Diploma
• higher education degrees and post graduate diplomas
• apprenticeships and traineeships.
We offers courses in:

- accounting and finance
- architectural technology
- beauty
- business
- children’s services
- electronics
- environment and conservation
- event management
- fine arts and design
- hospitality and tourism
- information technology
- landscape
- marketing and advertising
- media and entertainment
- multimedia
- nursing
- sport and fitness

...and many more!

For a full list of courses go to [www.nsi.tafensw.edu.au](http://www.nsi.tafensw.edu.au)
We offer quality training:

In 2012, 86% of our graduates were employed or in further study after training at the Northern Sydney Institute.

Choosing a course

Not sure what career path you want to follow, or which education pathway is right for you?

Tips to remember when choosing a course:
• think about what you are interested in and what you enjoy doing
• consider what you see yourself doing in the future
• consider campus locations and accessibility.

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Which qualification do I start with?

The Australian Qualifications Framework

It is not always necessary to complete a lower level certificate to gain entry to a higher one. For example:

With your HSC you can apply for most Diploma courses.
What if you want a university qualification?

If you are thinking about completing a degree – we can help you get there!

There are five ways to gain a higher education with the Northern Sydney Institute:

• study a TAFE NSW Higher Education degree
• enrol in TAFE and university at the same time
• stay at TAFE and study a university degree
• study a degree in partnership with industry.
• articulation pathways
Articulation Pathways – be strategic!

Get up to two years credit towards a degree with an articulation pathway.

Many of our courses offer credit towards study at selected universities.

The amount of credit given varies, depending on the qualification and the university chosen.

For more information visit www.tafensw.edu.au/tafeunicredit
In 2010, TAFE NSW was accredited as a higher education provider. This means that TAFE NSW now offers its own higher education programs, including undergraduate degrees. The Northern Sydney Institute currently offers three TAFE NSW Higher Education degrees: the Bachelor of Information Technology (Network Security), the Bachelor of Applied Finance (Financial Planning) and the Associate Degree of Accounting.
Have the best of both worlds!

TAFE and university simultaneously

The Northern Sydney Institute offers programs where you can enrol in both TAFE and university at the same time and graduate with both an Advanced Diploma and a degree in as little as three years.

With this option, you will study both qualifications at a Northern Sydney Institute campus.
Stay at TAFE and study a university degree

For some diploma and advanced diploma courses, graduates can choose to continue their studies at the Northern Sydney Institute and get a degree.

- Students studying advanced diploma courses such as business, accounting, marketing and hospitality are eligible to enrol directly into the Charles Sturt University Bachelor of Business Studies and study at Crows Nest Campus.
- Students from the Advanced Diploma of Hospitality Tourism and Events are eligible to enrol into the Charles Sturt Bachelor of Hotel Management and study at Ryde Campus.
A degree in partnership with industry

If you are particularly interested in hospitality, the Northern Sydney Institute offers the Bachelor of Business (International Restaurant Management) in partnership with Le Cordon Bleu Australia.

This is a three year qualification offered at Ryde Campus that includes a professional experience.

The degree is the only one of its kind in NSW with applications through Le Cordon Bleu.

www.lecordonbleu.com.au
Apprenticeships & Traineeships
A combination of work and study

Apprenticeships and traineeships are a great way to gain industry training while completing your qualification.

• An **apprenticeship** is a combination of work and structured training that leads to a nationally recognised trade qualification. Apprenticeships generally last for four years and cover traditional areas such as automotive, commercial cookery, plumbing and hairdressing.

• A **traineeship** combines work and training in a formal training contract between a trainee and an employer. The employer provides structured training on the job with off-the-job training provided by a Registered Training Organisation, such as the Northern Sydney Institute.
What are the benefits of an apprenticeship or traineeship?

- **A paid job.** You can earn while you are learning.
- Access to **nationally recognised qualifications** and skills that provide the basis for employment, further education and training.
- **Financial assistance** from the Australian Government.
- Potential for **recognition** and course **credit** for existing skills and prior experience.
- **Competency based training**, which means you may complete your training faster if you reach the required skills level.
How do I get an apprenticeship or traineeship?

• Check jobs online and in newspapers.
• Contact employers directly.
• Talk to family and friends – let them know you are looking for a position.
• Contact a group training company.
Still unsure?

If you need help with choosing a course or you aren’t sure what study pathway is best for you, we can assist!

You don’t need to be a Northern Sydney Institute student to see one of our careers counsellors – you can go now, for free!

Our careers counsellors are able to offer you advice which will help you make the right choice.

Our careers counsellors are fully qualified and registered psychologists, so they offer a holistic and personalised service.

Once you have you have discovered which course is best for you, then a counsellor can help you set up a study pathway that will be the best way to get to where you are going.
Where can I find a careers counsellor at NSI?

Crows Nest
Level 2, Room 2.52 Phone: 9448 4440

Hornsby
Block C, Ground Level, Room C.G.07 Phone: 9472 1512

Meadowbank
Block P, Level 2 Phone: 9942 3710

North Sydney
Building D, Ground Floor Phone: 9942 0056

Northern Beaches
Block A, Ground Floor Phone: 9941 5205

Ryde
Building H, Level 1, Room 6 Phone: 9448 6201

Bradfield Senior College
Block C, Room C2.09 Phone: 9448 4220

www.nsi.tafensw.edu.au/counselling
How to enrol

For most courses you can enrol online.

You’ll be able to complete your enrolment online and there’s no application required.

For selected courses you’ll need to register online and may be asked to provide evidence that you meet the entry requirements before you are accepted into the course and before you can complete your enrolment. You may also be asked to attend a pre-enrolment information session, submit a portfolio, sit for a test or take part in an audition so we can make sure you are suited to the course.

You can enrol in person on the enrolment days in January, but remember...courses that allow online enrolment may fill up before then, so if you can enrol online, do.
Step by Step...

2. Find your course (use ‘Search’ or ‘Advanced Search’ options).
3. Read through the course information.
4. Check the entry requirements.
5. Talk to one of our careers counsellors, if you want to discuss your options, or if you just want to ask a question, call 131 674.
6. Enrol online following the onscreen instructions or enrol in person in January.