DIPLOMA OF TERTIARY STUDIES (DoTS)
Your pathway to a Monash University degree
The Diploma of Tertiary Studies (DoTS) provides an alternative entry pathway that is equivalent to the first year of a university undergraduate degree. What makes DoTS unique is that your motivation for studying at university is considered – and not just your ‘Year 12 score. It takes into account:

- your life experience
- your drive and desire to succeed at university.

If you didn’t get the ATAR score you expected, or you’re looking to pathway into university as a TAFE graduate or a mature-age applicant, DoTS can get you there.

DoTS provides the choice, flexibility and support you need for success at university. In addition to the resources of Australia’s biggest university, you’ll be supported by a team of lecturers and tutors who will work alongside you throughout your studies.

On successful completion of DoTS you can receive up to one year of credit towards a range of degrees in business, business administration, education or nursing.

**STREAMS**

**BUSINESS**

In business you’ll be introduced to a range of core business disciplines and the impact they have on multi-discipline decision-making in organisations spanning the business, professional and public policy communities.

**EDUCATION**

In education you’ll be introduced to studies about learning and educational inquiry, and build a foundation for the skills and knowledge required to practice as a teacher/educator in a range of educational settings, from early years to secondary schools.

Note: If you select the education stream you must show evidence that you have achieved the standard in the National Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education Students prior to enrolment in your education destination degree.

**NURSING**

In nursing you’ll be introduced to nursing and healthcare as a profession. You’ll study foundational knowledge in human bioscience, nursing and midwifery, health assessment and professional practice. The stream you choose forms the first year of your degree, and determines which Monash degree you’ll progress to.

For example, a DoTS stream in nursing will lead you to a Bachelor of Nursing, and a DoTS stream in education will lead you to a Bachelor of Education (Honours).

DoTS is offered at our Peninsula campus. Alongside six first-year units in the stream of your choice, you’ll complete two introductory tertiary units:

- The first unit will introduce you to what it’s like to study at university.
- The second unit varies depending on your prior studies. If you don’t have the mathematics prerequisites for your desired Monash course, you’ll have the opportunity to gain the required level of mathematics as your second unit. If you already meet the mathematics prerequisites, you’ll take a unit in understanding knowledge and its contexts, which will help you to identify, compare and discuss different approaches to knowledge.

On completion of DoTS you’ll have developed skills for tertiary success. Your critical and analytical thinking, and oral and writing skills will be polished and you’ll be ready to take the next step in your higher-education path with confidence.

**ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

To apply for DoTS, you’ll need to have completed:

- Year 12 with an ATAR of 50+ OR
- A recognised graded TAFE/VET Cert IV with distinction (70%) average OR
- A recognised graded TAFE/VET diploma with credit (60%) average.

**HOW TO APPLY**

**Step 1**
Submit your application for DoTS via the VTAC website at www.vtac.edu.au.

**Step 2**
You’ll need to use the correct VTAC code for the DoTS stream you’ve chosen on the VTAC application. Refer to the following table for the VTAC codes.

**Step 3**
You’ll then be prompted to complete an online Supplementary Information form. All applicants must submit the Monash University Supplementary Information form by 31 December 2016. The form is available from: www.adm.monash.edu.au/admissions/vtac/index.html.

This is your opportunity to outline your motivation to study the DoTS course. You can enter details about your career goals, community or work experience and your interest in the DoTS program.

**Step 4**
VTAC processes your application.

**Step 5**
VTAC releases first-round offers in early January.

**DoTS VTAC course codes**

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**Diploma of Tertiary Studies**

**Destination degrees**

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BENEFITS
The Diploma of Tertiary Studies gives you:
- the opportunity to study at Monash if you didn’t get the Year 12 score you expected
- support and guidance for successful study, making it ideal if you’re thinking about returning to university after travelling or working
- the ability to study towards your chosen degree from day one
- the option to progress to a globally-recognised degree from Monash University – opening the door for career opportunities in Australia and around the world.

You’ll be able to transfer into the second year of your approved chosen degree after successful completion of the DoTS program, and required destination degree prerequisites.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
I've already applied for university through VTAC – how can I apply to DoTS?
If you’ve already submitted your application for university – or you need to change the courses you’ve applied for – you can do so during VTAC’s Change of Preference period. This is especially important if you don’t end up getting the ATAR you’re expecting, and need to look at other course options in order to study at university.

If I apply and receive an offer for DoTS, can I defer?
Yes. If you receive an offer for DoTS, you can request to defer your studies for 12 months.

What does DoTS cost?
If you're an Australian citizen or permanent resident, you’re eligible for a Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP). Under the CSP system, you’ll pay a contribution to the cost of your course, with the Australian Government funding the balance. For more information, visit monash.edu/fees

INTERESTED IN ANOTHER MONASH COURSE?
In addition to the destination degrees, you can apply for entry into other Monash courses through VTAC after successfully completing DoTS. Make sure that you’ve met the prerequisites for your chosen course. Admission into your course will be based on your academic performance and meeting the course prerequisites. All your study is at university level so if you progress to a bachelor’s degree course you’ll be eligible to apply for credit for prior study. The amount of credit granted will be at the discretion of the relevant faculty and will not automatically allow for progression into the second year of your preferred course.

FIND OUT MORE
Phone: 1800 MONASH

“...The DoTS program allowed me to transition into university and feel well-supported. It has opened up so many windows of opportunity and enabled me to reach my goal of studying at Monash, helped develop skills and given me the opportunity to meet some amazing people.”

CASSANDRA KOVAC
Education student
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