

**Student  
Prospectus**  
2012



**Casuarina campus** is CDU's largest teaching and research site, 12 km from Darwin's centre, covering 56 ha of parkland. Serviced by major bus routes and extensive cycle track system. Tropical architecture. Quality facilities for education, training and research. Extensive library. Student computer labs. On-campus student accommodation.

**Palmerston campus** is located in Palmerston, 20km from Darwin. Set in bushland near Palmerston's retail zone. Relaxed atmosphere. Student training facilities include a restaurant that is open to the public, a commercial kitchen and a simulated hotel. The library has comprehensive electronic learning resources. 24-hour access to computer labs.

**Katherine campus** is located 300km south of Darwin. Offers vocational training in targeted areas. CDU town centre study area has computer labs, classrooms, conference areas, lecture theatre and student lounge. The NT Rural College, just north of Katherine, covers 4000 ha and has workshops, cattle handling facilities, stables, library, and computer facilities.

**Alice Springs campus** is located in Australia's heart, surrounded by native gardens and the incredible MacDonnell Ranges. Library has an electronic Learning Resource Centre. Extensive facilities for tourism and hospitality students, including multi-award winning Desert Lantern training restaurant. CDU centres also operate at **Jabiru, Nhulunbuy, Yulara and Tennant Creek.**



**Casuarina campus**



**Palmerston campus**

# Why CDU?

## At CDU it is all about YOU

CDU is a nationally recognised university that can help you achieve your goals in a supportive, friendly environment. Be part of a community where your individual needs, expectations and aspirations are our priority.

At CDU, you'll live and study in some of Australia's most amazing places, while making life-long friends with people from a wide variety of backgrounds and cultures. We offer a broad range of excellent Higher Education degrees, from Bachelors to Doctorates, as well as Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses.

## Higher Education

CDU has smaller class sizes compared with most other universities, so teaching staff know you by name and are able to spend more time with you if you need extra help or guidance. Many of our courses are available in part-time and external mode, so you can fit your studies around your lifestyle and location.

## Quality lecturers and courses

We offer some of the most distinctive courses in Australia, ranging from Indigenous cultural and South-east Asian studies to tropical, environmental and desert science. From 2011, CDU is offering a Bachelor of Clinical Sciences as a pathway into Medicine at Flinders University.

CDU's pharmacy, law, sports science and creative arts courses continue to be sought out by students Australia wide. Our Bachelor degrees in engineering, nursing and education offer work placements so you can gain valuable professional experience and make industry contacts before you graduate.

Our teaching staff are passionate about their subjects and many have received national and international recognition for their expertise and research.

Courses are offered in the broad areas of:

- Aboriginal and Australian studies
- Architecture, building, design and planning
- Business and economics
- Computing and information technology
- Education and teaching
- Engineering
- Environmental studies
- Humanities and social sciences
- Law and legal studies
- Medicine and health
- Music and performing arts
- Science and mathematics
- Tertiary Enabling Program (TEP)

## Flexible study options

Returning to study after a break can be daunting. That's why we offer a Tertiary Enabling Program (TEP) to ensure you have the skills, knowledge and confidence you need to succeed at university. TEP is free for Australian citizens and can be studied on campus or online. Successful completion of the course ensures students meet the minimum entry requirements for most CDU Bachelor degrees.

## Starting your career

Graduating from CDU means a better chance of getting a job. The university has an excellent reputation within the Northern Territory business community and many graduates who choose to stay in the NT find work immediately in their chosen field. To get a head start on their careers, CDU students often secure work part-time in a related industry during their final year of study. A CDU qualification can open doors to careers locally, nationally and internationally.

## Study and travel

Live the dream and travel while you study through the Study Abroad program. World-renowned universities in the USA, Canada, Europe and Asia are partners with CDU in this program. Check out the Study Abroad opportunities at [W: www.cdu.edu.au/international/studyabroad/studyabroad.html](http://www.cdu.edu.au/international/studyabroad/studyabroad.html).



# Vocational Education and Training

CDU offers a large number of VET courses. Qualifications range from Certificate I through to Advanced Diplomas across 23 different industries, including tourism, hospitality, childcare, agriculture and construction.

Our VET courses will help you to develop a variety of work skills and qualify you to work in a wide range of occupations and careers. They can also provide a pathway to studying at Higher Education level.

If you are from interstate, you're probably familiar with TAFE. In the NT, CDU VET courses are the equivalent. Most VET courses offer flexible study options, allowing you to fit study in with your other commitments.

To find out how our VET courses can help kickstart your career, phone 1800 CDU VET (1800 238 838).



*"My subjects are so interesting and my degree is so flexible that it will give me the skills to do a range of different things."*

Rob Moran  
Bachelor of Creative Arts and Industries

# Study online

At CDU you don't need to sacrifice work or family life to study. Our online learning options offer the flexibility of studying when it suits you, so that you can balance Higher Education commitments with a career, family and social life.

Increasingly popular with mature age students, studying externally at CDU allows you to learn at your own pace through our supportive and informative virtual classrooms. There is a range of study options including part-time, and you can even spread your study load over three semesters a year in some courses.

Importantly, you don't have to live interstate to take advantage of CDU's external studies. More and more Territorians are enjoying the benefits of learning online, and the variety of courses CDU offers.

Online courses are offered in the broad areas of:

- Aboriginal and Australian studies
- Business and economics
- Computing and information technology
- Education and teaching
- Engineering
- Environmental studies
- Humanities and social sciences
- Law and legal studies
- Medicine and health
- Tertiary Enabling Program (TEP)

*"Job opportunities for CDU graduates are excellent"*



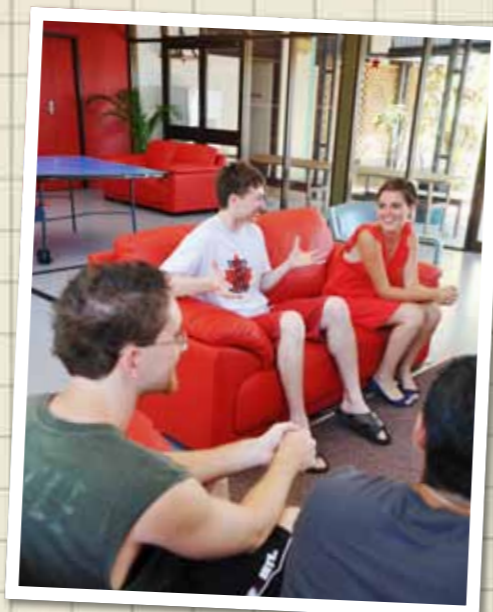
# Campus life

## Orientation

It won't take long to feel at home at CDU, with Orientation Week giving you the low down on your campus and how to get around. Held the week before teaching starts, Orientation provides all the information you need about CDU services, facilities and support staff. It is also an opportunity to meet other new students through organised social events.

## Places to meet

Casuarina campus has plenty of places to meet, including the coffee shop, cafeteria and bar. There are BBQ facilities in the Balinese-inspired Student Square, while the Chinese and Indonesian Gardens are perfect for a picnic or a stroll. If you feel like heading off campus for a night out, a short bus trip will take you into Darwin's CBD where you can find a lively restaurant, cafe and bar scene.



*"Small class sizes mean lecturers have more time for each student"*



## CDU Student Association

Remember, university is not just about gaining a qualification, it is also about broadening your experiences and making a lifelong network of friends. The CDU Student Association organises a range of social events throughout the year for on-campus students, such as balls and end of semester celebrations.

## CDU Sport

CDU Sport is a community hub for sporting and recreational services. It is home to a range of sporting clubs, including Aussie Rules Football, Rugby Union and volleyball. If you prefer to join a social team, there are plenty of sports to choose from, including basketball, soccer and ultimate frisbee.

Achieve your fitness goals at CDU's health and fitness centre, which has recently been relocated into a new building at the Casuarina campus. Fitness Unlimited is a modern, fully equipped gym, offering group fitness classes, personal training and rehabilitation services. Affordable membership options are available. For the ultimate sporting experience, CDU also encourages students to enter the Australian University Games. The event features 30 sports and attracts around 6000 participants from universities around the country every year.

# Scholarships



*“Scholarships offer financial relief”*

We recognise that some students need financial assistance to achieve their academic aspirations and career goals. To ensure all students have access to the same opportunities, we award a wide range of Higher Education and VET scholarships each year. Ranging from \$500 to more than \$67,000 in value, a variety of scholarships is available to cover different study disciplines and needs. Some scholarships offer students the opportunity to participate in paid work experience during semester breaks and graduate positions when study is completed.

See how a scholarship could help change your future at

W: [www.cdu.edu.au/scholarships](http://www.cdu.edu.au/scholarships).



*“When I received a scholarship to study at CDU, it was like an affirmation that someone thought I could do this and do it really well. It spurred me on to prove them right.”*

Mitchell Bateman  
Bachelor of Information Technology

# Relocating for study

## On-campus accommodation

If you're looking for accommodation at the Casuarina campus, International House Darwin (IHD) offers comfortable rooms in a friendly atmosphere. IHD is located on campus and is a three-minute walk from the main library and lecture theatres. Free communal facilities include kitchens, bathrooms, laundries, a computer lab, swimming pool, BBQ area, games room, study room, TV room and in-room wireless internet access. 270 rooms are available and fees start from \$171.50 (single occupancy) a week.

## Off-campus housing

If you prefer to live off campus, a variety of accommodation is available. Rent for a two-bedroom apartment ranges between \$250 and \$450 a week and from \$350 to \$500 for a three-bedroom house. Equity Services can help you find share or rental accommodation once you are on campus, while real estate agents also have regular listings.

## Earn while you learn

With one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country, it's relatively easy to find a job in the Territory. Darwin has no shortage of job opportunities if you want to work while you study. Local businesses regularly recruit our students for part-time and casual work.

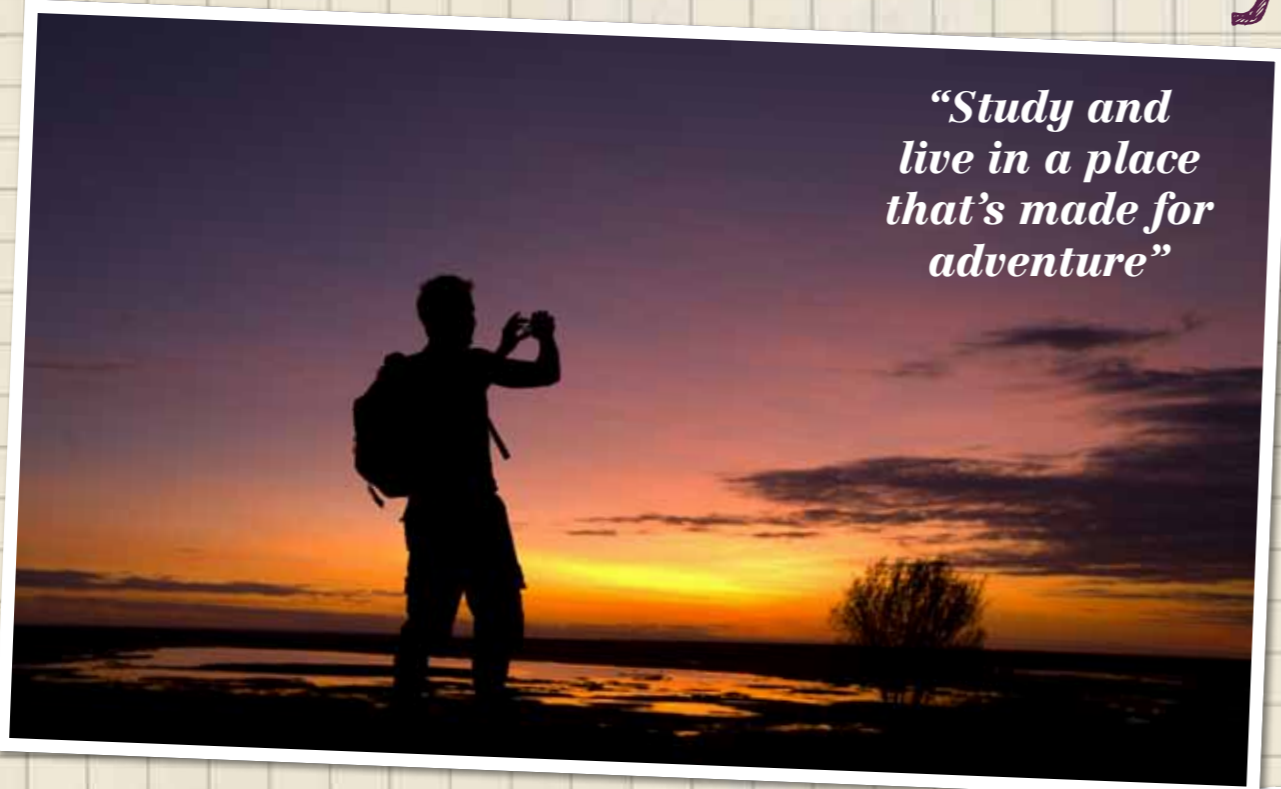


*“I have always been interested in medicine and helping people so pharmacy made sense as a career for me. The class sizes are small and the lecturers know everyone by name here.”*

Susy Symes  
Bachelor of Pharmacy



# About the Northern Territory



*“Study and live in a place that’s made for adventure”*

The Territory is known for its relaxed lifestyle, dramatic landscapes, rich Indigenous culture, and contrasting climates. It brings together the best of the Aussie Outback and the tropics.

The Territory is jam packed with things to do and see on a student budget. If you are an adventure-seeker who loves the outdoors, the fishing, camping, beach and bushwalking sites are world class and easy to get to.

And if you yearn to travel overseas, the Territory is the perfect launching pad for your next trip. Located on South-east Asia’s doorstep, Darwin is serviced by major airlines each day, making it as easy and affordable to reach Singapore, Bali, Vietnam, the Phillipines and Thailand as it is to fly to Adelaide or Sydney.

## Darwin, the Territory capital

Darwin is a young, vibrant and friendly city with a population of about 110,000. Due to its close proximity to Asia and its large Indigenous community, the city is a melting pot of more than 70 nationalities and cultures. The average age in Darwin is 29, which is much younger than other Australian cities. This tropical city is built on Darwin Harbour and features beautiful beaches, a wave pool, great nightlife and the famous Mindil Beach markets. Darwin is also rich in military history, after suffering the worst air raid since Pearl Harbour during World War II.



## Alice Springs

Alice Springs is an iconic Outback town, surrounded by the ancient MacDonnell Ranges and arid desert. With its spectacular landscapes, exotic flora and fauna and proximity to Uluru, Alice Springs is a popular tourist destination and an ideal base for starting an Outback adventure. It is the second largest town in the Northern Territory.

## Katherine

Three hours drive from Darwin, Katherine is home to the internationally acclaimed Nitmiluk (Katherine Gorge) National Park, and is among the Northern Territory’s most popular visitor destinations. Katherine operates as a base for exploring the Gulf region, Kakadu and the Kimberley.

## Weather

The Northern Territory extends across a wide area and the weather is distinctly different from north to south.



## The Top End

The region north of Katherine - including Darwin - is known as the Top End. While most Australians freeze through winter, Top Enders enjoy about 10 hours of sunshine a day, low humidity and daily temperatures of about 30 degrees C. Darwin has a long dry season before receiving about three months of monsoonal rain, when the region’s lush green scenery springs to life. This season is known as “the wet”, and can also bring spectacular lightning displays.

## Central Australia

The climate around Alice Springs is markedly different from the Top End. Summers are hot with temperatures regularly in the high 30s, though it’s not as humid as the tropics. Winter days are around 20 degrees, while it can sometimes drop below zero overnight.

## Getting around

It’s easy to get around the Territory, so you can forget about traffic jams and long travelling times. Even in Darwin, it rarely takes more than 15 or 20 minutes to travel from home to university or work, and it’s even faster to get around Alice Springs. National highways connect the Territory with the other states. Alternatively, The Ghan is a world-famous rail journey and is a great way to travel between Darwin and Adelaide.

Darwin is the Northern Territory’s main international air gateway. Airline services operate to international destinations with connections to the rest of the world.

Alice Springs and Yulara airports are also busy, with direct flights to most Australian capital cities.



# Student services and support

## Alumni

Once you graduate, you'll be a lifelong friend of CDU. Stay in touch with CDU through our Alumni Relations office, which provides a professional and social connection for those who have contributed to the university, whether as a student, staff member or friend. The office supports and promotes the interests of our graduates, and fosters an environment where members can contribute to the future of the university.

## Career development

Once you are a student at CDU, the Careers and Employment team can help you to make the right career decisions, Job Search and prepare you for successful employment.

Services are also provided for local, national and international employers to promote career opportunities to our students.

## Child care

The University Child Care Centre is located within easy walking distance of the Casuarina campus and is open nearly all year round. The centre is nationally accredited, with places for 50 children up to five years of age.

## Common Units

Common Units are required for all first year students to help them gain a clear understanding of the skills and literacies needed for successful university learning. Managed by the School of Academic Language and Learning, the units also build important knowledge for all the degree courses.

## Computer facilities

On enrolling, every CDU student is given a free internet account and an official email address to assist with study. Our IT services include access to the internet, library databases, and our online learning and course management system. The IT help desk provides support and advice for users.

## Counselling

Free counselling services are available to students who are experiencing difficulties that affect their academic studies. This can be done either in person, by phone or email. Make an appointment with the Student Counsellor to discuss any issues causing you concern with your academic and/or personal life.

## Disability services

We are committed to providing teaching, learning and support to assist students with disabilities to make a successful transition to university. Students with a disability should advise CDU beforehand so we can prepare to meet special needs.

## Equity Services

The Equity Services staff assists with counselling, disability support, an accommodation register, student loans, study skills, and complaints and grievances.



## Indigenous Academic Support Unit

This unit helps Indigenous students adapt to the university environment. Whether you need assistance to meet academic requirements, find a tutor or have any other questions, visit our Indigenous Academic Support Unit.

## Learning support

The School of Academic Language and Learning offers free, one-on-one workshops on topics such as essay writing, how to become a more competent reader, coping with exams, and time management. The school helps students to deal with study problems and improve their academic learning skills. Personal consultations are available on campus and also online. For more information about the school and its services, visit

W: [www.cdu.edu.au/lba/all](http://www.cdu.edu.au/lba/all).

## Library

Our libraries have an extensive collection of more than 300,000 items including print material, electronic microform, computer software, compact disc and other audiovisual material, and online access to 17,000 journals.

If you have any questions about how to use library and information resources, our staff provide assistance and training. Libraries are located at Casuarina, Palmerston and Alice Springs campuses.

## Student Services

Student Services is your one stop shop for information about CDU facilities, services and procedures including admission, enrolments, fees, student cards, timetables, examinations and graduation. Drop by the Information Centre at the Casuarina or Alice Springs campuses.



# How to apply

All applications for admission to CDU Higher Education undergraduate and postgraduate by coursework courses are received and processed by SATAC:

SATAC Adelaide  
W: [www.satac.edu.au](http://www.satac.edu.au)  
P: 08 8224 4000 or 1300 138 440 (local charge call)  
F: 08 8224 4099

Postal address:  
PO Box 2 Rundle Mall,  
Adelaide, SA 5000

Street address:  
Ground Floor  
104 Frome Street, Adelaide

## Undergraduate courses

The minimum admission requirement is met by:

- successful completion of the Northern Territory Certificate of Education (or equivalent) and an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 60 or higher, or
- successful completion of a VET or TAFE award of Certificate IV or higher, or
- attainment of a STAT score of 145 (pre April 2010) or 135 (post April 2010) or greater, or
- submission of an acceptable personal competencies statement and/or employment experience (see special entry section in the SATAC Universities Guide or website at [W: www.satac.edu.au](http://W: www.satac.edu.au)), or
- successful completion of at least 0.5yr of full-time study (or equivalent) of a higher education degree/diploma, or

- successful completion of 40 credit points in the Preparation for Tertiary Study Program (TEP2) or other recognised bridging or tertiary preparation course.

In addition to the minimum admission requirements, some courses take other criteria into consideration. Detailed information on the selection criteria for each course is available on the university's website [W: www.cdu.edu.au](http://W: www.cdu.edu.au).

Certain courses have a limit on the number of students who can enrol; this is called a quota, and offers for admission into these courses will be based on merit. This means that even though you may meet the minimum admission requirement to the university, your rank may not be competitive enough to receive an offer to a course that has a quota.

## Postgraduate courses

Admission requirements for postgraduate courses are detailed in the course descriptions and are available on the university's website at [W: www.cdu.edu.au](http://W: www.cdu.edu.au).

Many of our postgraduate courses have Full Fee Places or Commonwealth Supported Places. Separate SATAC codes are allocated to each fee option. Check the course guide for details of the fees applicable to postgraduate courses.

## Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders

The university provides admission pathways and arrangements for Indigenous Australians. For details, contact the Information Centre on P: 08 8946 7766 or 1800 061 963.



*"I looked up the Bachelor of Engineering course on the CDU website and applied within the week."*

Imogen Dixon  
Bachelor of Structural Engineering

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**W. [www.cdu.edu.au](http://www.cdu.edu.au)**