# Early Offer Guarantee

Beat the stress of getting into uni

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## Supporting eligible Year 12 students to get into uni, sooner.

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The Early Offer Guarantee enables eligible Year 12 students to be offered an early and guaranteed place at UniSC as early as August. These offers are made prior to the release of Year 12 results so students do not have to wait until the December or January QTAC offer rounds. Early and guaranteed offers will be made to students based on approval from their school Principal (or nominee).

### Early Offer Guarantee benefits

For students it will:

- ✓ Enable them to make plans to attend university sooner and reduce the stress often felt by secondary students in securing a place in their chosen degree program.
- ✓ Allow them to better prepare for study by engaging with the University early through orientation activities and early access to student support services including career advice.

For schools it will:

- ✓ Enable the Principal or nominated representative to approve students they have assessed as having the necessary academic potential, talent and motivation to succeed at university for a guaranteed early offer to study at UniSC.
- ✓ Provide an admission pathway to university for students who would benefit from the opportunity to complete a degree, for example, students who may not have opted to study for an ATAR or who may have other exceptional circumstances, such as medical or family issues, which may impact on their ATAR result.
- ✓ Build tertiary aspirations for students who have the passion and motivation for further study but would benefit from additional academic skills development and preparation before commencing a bachelor's degree. This can be achieved through pathways such as Associate Degrees, Diplomas or the Tertiary Preparation Pathway (TPP).

### Eligibility

To be considered for the Early Offer Guarantee, applicants must be current Year 12 students attending a school that has opted-in to participate in the initiative. Onshore international students are eligible to apply for an early offer.*

**Key dates** for Semester 1, 2024

**1 August 2023**........................ Applications open.

**29 September 2023** ........ QTAC application deadline.

**9 October 2023**.................... Deadline for students to submit application to their school.

**13 October 2023**.................. Deadline for UniSC to receive school's approved applications.

Applications must be accompanied by a copy of the student's most recent progress report or report card. Applications can be submitted via email and must be received by UniSC by this date. Late applications will not be accepted.

**Offer dates** for Semester 1, 2024

The sooner schools submit their approved applications to UniSC the sooner students will receive their offers.

**18 August 2023**.................... Offers commence and will continue to be made fortnightly until 17 November 2023.

Offer rounds: 18 August, 25 August, 8 September, 22 September, 13 October, 20 October and 17 November.

**17 November 2023** ........... Final offers made through Early Offer Guarantee.

Offers will not be made during the Year 12 external examination period. All offers made before 17 November will be conditional on students completing Year 12, so it's important that students stay engaged and complete their exams.

\* **International students:** The Early Offer Guarantee is not available to offshore international students. Offshore international students who wish to apply for a UniSC program should contact the International Office directly at international@usc.edu.au for information on how to submit an application form.

# UniSC programs included in the Early Offer Guarantee

Most of UniSC's undergraduate bachelor's degree, associate degree and diploma programs are available through the Early Offer Guarantee. The only exceptions are the Bachelor of Biomedical Science (Accelerated), Bachelor of Dietetics (Honours), Bachelor of Medical Science, Bachelor of Midwifery and Bachelor of Music.

The following UniSC programs have prerequisite requirements and students will be made a conditional offer to ensure that they meet these through the successful completion of Units 3 and 4 in the relevant subjects, as well as the non-academic competencies for Education programs (visit the QTAC website and search for 'teacher entry'):

- Computer Science
- Education (all programs)
- Engineering (all programs)
- Laws (all programs)
- Occupational Therapy (Honours)

All students applying for the Bachelor of Nursing Science must meet English language proficiency requirements which include having completed at least six years of primary and secondary education in one of the following countries: Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, United Kingdom, or the United States of America. At least two years of this education must have been between years 7 and 12. Any student not meeting this requirement will be required to complete an acceptable English Language Test, refer **usc.edu.au/englishrequirements** Students will be required to submit a declaration as part of their QTAC application.

Students applying for the above programs will then receive a formal confirmation of their Early Offer once results are released in December.

The Tertiary Preparation Pathway (TPP) and UniSC's pathway diplomas also offer a pathway to a degree program for students seeking additional skills and knowledge in preparation for bachelor's degree level study.

# Recommended assessment process for schools

The Principal (or nominee) is responsible for assessing applicants for the Early Offer Guarantee based on their potential to succeed and accepts full accountability for ensuring students who are approved meet prerequisite requirements and have the ability to succeed academically at tertiary level.

It is expected any student put forward by your school is passing their Year 12 subjects and has a low unexplained absence record. Students who do not yet have the academic skill level and independent learning attributes required for a bachelor's degree level study should be approved for one of the below pathways:

- **Tertiary Preparation Pathway (TPP):** Designed for students who have the passion and motivation for further study but would benefit from additional academic skills development and preparation before commencing a bachelor's degree level of study. TPP can also be used to meet subject prerequisites for students who have not successfully studied required subjects at school.
- **Pathway diploma:** A full-time, one-year program that enables students to get a taste for university, and have something to show for it, without the commitment of a full degree program. A UniSC pathway diploma is a stand-alone qualification that provides direct entry and up to one year's credit into selected bachelor's degrees. Pathway diplomas are available in Business Innovation, Creative Industries, Science and Technology, and Social and Human Services.

Schools should consider the below suggestions to assist with setting up in-house administrative processes to determine student's suitability:

- Undergraduate program choices align with the student's career aspirations.
- The program's subject prerequisites must be met. Visit **usc.edu.au/programs** to view a complete list of undergraduate programs. For the most up-to-date information about prerequisite study, view the 'Program detail' tab of the chosen undergraduate degree webpage. Students applying for programs that have program prerequisites, should be made aware that they will receive a conditional offer. This offer will be confirmed once Year 12 results are released in December.
- Check that students from a non-English speaking background meet the English language requirements for their chosen program **usc.edu.au/englishrequirements**
- Consider the student's academic results to date and any extenuating circumstances that might have impacted on the student's achievements.
- Assess whether the student is well placed to undertake independent learning and achieve success via the pathway nominated and make the relevant recommendation, prior to signing off on an early guaranteed offer.

# Application process

**STEP 1:** Student submits an online QTAC application. The student needs to ensure the nominated first preference on their application form matches their QTAC first preference.

Students applying for an Education program must complete the online questionnaire including two written statements. QTAC will send the student information about how to complete the questionnaire and statement after they submit their QTAC application. For more information visit the QTAC website and search for 'teacher entry'. Students applying for the Bachelor of Nursing Science must complete the English language requirements declaration that will be sent to them by QTAC.

**STEP 2:** Student completes UniSC's Early Offer Guarantee application form referencing QTAC Application Number and submits to their school.

**STEP 3:** The school assesses student applications and approves those which meet the Early Offer Guarantee criteria for their chosen degree or pathway program.

**STEP 4:** The school submits all approved Early Offer Guarantee applications including progress reports/report cards to UniSC by the deadline for UniSC to receive your school's approved Early Offer Guarantee applications. Applications can be submitted via email to UniSC prior to this date. Late applications will not be accepted. The sooner we receive your approved applications, the sooner students can receive their offers. Applications do not have to be submitted in bulk.

## Schools are required to select from one of the following recommendations:

| Recommendation **checklist** | Recommendation **options** |
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| ☐ Chosen UniSC program is available through Early Offer Guarantee.<br>☐ Student's QTAC preference is for February 2024 (Semester 1).<br>Note: Early Offer Guarantee cannot be processed for a Semester 2 preference.<br>☐ Academic results (to date) are indicative of success in the chosen UniSC program.<br>☐ Through a combination of results and other extenuating circumstances, the student is well placed to succeed in their chosen UniSC program.<br>☐ Year 11 and 12 subjects meet the UniSC program prerequisites. | Early Offer Guarantee. |
| ☐ Student's first preference on their QTAC application is a program not included in the Early Offer Guarantee.<br>☐ The student should keep this program as the first preference on their QTAC application. | Not approved for the Early Offer Guarantee. |
| ☐ Student does not meet the academic or prerequisite requirements for their preference but does demonstrate the motivation and potential to succeed at university. | Approved for the Tertiary Preparation Pathway or pathway diploma. |
| ☐ The school considers that it is not in the best interest of the student to be approved for an early and guaranteed place.<br>☐ These students are still encouraged to continue their application via QTAC and will be considered on the basis of their ATAR score or selection rank. | Not approved for the Early Offer Guarantee.<br><br>These applications should not be returned to UniSC.<br><br>The school should discuss their decision with the student and offer alternative career pathways. |

# UniSC programs included in the Early Offer Guarantee

| Program title | Prerequisites | Minimum selection threshold for 2024 and other basis for admission* | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | ATAR/rank | Cert III | Cert IV | Diploma |
| **BRIDGING** | | | | | |
| Tertiary Preparation Pathway | | Nil | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| **DIPLOMAS** | | | | | |
| Diploma in **Allied Health Assistance** | | 50.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Diploma in **Animal Ecology** | | 50.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Diploma in **Business** | | 50.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Diploma in **Business Innovation** | | Nil | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Diploma in **Creative Industries** | | Nil | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Diploma in **Education (Early Childhood)** | | 60.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Diploma in **Education (Primary)** | | 60.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Diploma in **Science and Technology** | | Nil | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Diploma in **Social and Human Services** | | Nil | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| **ASSOCIATE DEGREES** | | | | | |
| Associate Degree in **Business** | | 50.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Associate Degree in **Medical Laboratory Science** | | 70.00 | ✘ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Associate Degree in **Science** | | 50.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| **UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATES** | | | | | |
| Undergraduate Certificate in **Animal Ecology** | | 50.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Undergraduate Certificate in **Allied Health Assist** | | 50.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Undergraduate Certificate in **Digital Business** | | 50.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Undergraduate Certificate in **Community Services** | | 50.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Undergraduate Certificate in **Education (Early Childhood)** | General English | 60.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Undergraduate Certificate in **Education (Primary)** | General English | 60.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Undergraduate Certificate in **Engineering Design** | General English | 60.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Undergraduate Certificate in **Game Design** | | 50.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Undergraduate Certificate in **Health** | | 50.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Undergraduate Certificate in **Health Promotion** | | 50.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Undergraduate Certificate in **Interactive Media** | | 50.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Undergraduate Certificate in **Legal Studies** | | 50.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Undergraduate Certificate in **Nutrition** | | 50.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Undergraduate Certificate in **Small Business** | | 50.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Undergraduate Certificate in **Social Media** | | 50.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| **BACHELOR DEGREES** | | | | | |
| Bachelor of **Animal Ecology** | | 60.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Arts** | | 60.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Arts** / Bachelor of **Business** | | 60.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Arts** / Bachelor of **Science** | | 60.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| BACHELOR DEGREES (continued) | | | | | |
| Bachelor of **Behavioural Science (Psychology)** | | 65.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Behavioural Science (Psychology)** / Bachelor of **Counselling** | | 65.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Behavioural Science (Psychology)** / Bachelor of **Criminology and Justice** | | 65.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Biomedical Science** | | 70.00 | ✖ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Business** | | 60.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Business** / Bachelor of **Commerce (Accounting)** | | 60.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Business** / Bachelor of **Communication** | | 60.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Business** / Bachelor of **Creative Industries** | | 60.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Business** / Bachelor of **Criminology and Justice** | | 60.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Business** / Bachelor of **Design** | | 60.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Business** / Bachelor of **Behavioural Science (Psychology)** | | 65.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Business** / Bachelor of **Science** | | 60.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Clinical Exercise Physiology** | | 70.00 | ✖ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Commerce (Accounting)** | | 60.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Communication** | | 60.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Computer Science** | General English | 70.00 | ✖ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Counselling** | | 60.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Creative Industries** | | 60.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Criminology and Justice** | | 60.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Design** | | 60.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Education (Early Childhood)** | General English General Maths General Science Non-academic competencies** | 65.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Education (Secondary)** / Bachelor of **Arts** | General English General Maths Non-academic competencies** | 70.00 | ✖ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Education (Secondary)** / Bachelor of **Recreation and Outdoor Environmental Studies** | General English General Maths Non-academic competencies** | 70.00 | ✖ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Education (Secondary)** / Bachelor of **Science** | General English General Maths Non-academic competencies** | 70.00 | ✖ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Engineering (Civil) (Honours)** | General English | 70.00 | ✖ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Engineering (Civil) (Honours)** / Bachelor of **Environmental Science** | General English | 70.00 | ✖ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Engineering (Electrical and Electronic) (Honours)** | General English | 70.00 | ✖ | ✔ | ✔ |

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| BACHELOR DEGREES (continued) | | | | | |
| Bachelor of **Engineering (Mechanical) (Honours)** | General English | 70.00 | ✘ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Engineering (Mechatronic) (Honours)** | General English | 70.00 | ✘ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Environmental Management** | | 60.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Environmental Science** | | 60.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Health Science** | | 60.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Human Services** | | 60.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Information and Communications Technology** | | 65.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Laws** | General English | 75.00 | ✘ | ✘ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Laws** / Bachelor of **Arts** | General English | 75.00 | ✘ | ✘ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Laws** / Bachelor of **Business** | General English | 75.00 | ✘ | ✘ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Laws** / Bachelor of **Commerce (Accounting)** | General English | 75.00 | ✘ | ✘ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Laws** / Bachelor of **Criminology and Justice** | General English | 75.00 | ✘ | ✘ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Laws** / Bachelor of **Environmental Management** | General English | 75.00 | ✘ | ✘ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Nursing Science** Sunshine Coast, Caboolture and Moreton Bay | | 80.00 | ✘ | ✘ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Nursing Science** Fraser Coast and Gympie | | 70.00 | ✘ | ✘ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Nutrition** | | 60.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Occupational Therapy (Honours)** | General English One of Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Physical Education Psychology | 70.00 | ✘ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Paramedicine** | | 95.00 | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ |
| Bachelor of **Primary Education** | General English General Maths General Science Non-academic competencies** | 70.00 | ✘ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Prosthetics and Orthotics** | | 85.00 | ✘ | ✘ | ✘ |
| Bachelor of **Psychology (Honours)** | | 80.00 | ✘ | ✘ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Recreation and Outdoor Environmental Studies** | | 60.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Science** | | 60.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Social Work** | | 65.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Social Work** / Bachelor of **Criminology and Justice** | | 65.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Sport and Exercise Science** | | 60.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Sports Studies** | | 60.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |
| Bachelor of **Urban Design and Town Planning (Honours)** | | 65.00 | ✔ | ✔ | ✔ |

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