



REFUGEE BRIDGING PROGRAM

For students with a Refugee Experience

The Refugee Bridging Program at Dickson College has been developed as a response to the interrupted schooling of many of the young refugee students that enter the ACT college sector. This program aims to support these students and give them the opportunity for academic success. The program is open to students 16+ years old with a refugee experience.

Students have consistent contact with a small team of teachers. The focus is on academic support and the broader welfare of the student, including support with settlement issues.

The bridging program is a year 11 and 12 course, generally undertaken over two or three years. The package offered to these students will allow them to fulfil the requirement of a year 12 certificate.

Pathways vary according to student ambition and ability. Students who aspire to gain their year 12 certificate will be given the opportunity to study units that are more appropriate to and support their past educational and life experiences. The flexible nature of the program will allow more able and experienced students to move into mainstream units when appropriate in order to continue their individual education pathway.

Students may be enrolled in a hybrid course – either

a collection of A or T units and R / A Bridging Program Units.

Possible Pathways

Pathways vary according to student ambition and ability:

Employment: Bridging Program and transition to employment or CIT

ACT Year 12 Certificate: Bridging Program year 11 and mainstream year 12 (accredited courses)

ACT Year 12 Certificate and TES: Bridging Program year 11 and mainstream year 12 (accredited courses) + University of Canberra Preparation Program (2 units in semester 2). Successful completion of UPP delivers a (UC) ATAR equivalent

ACT Year 12 Certificate and TES: Bridging Program year 11 followed by a mainstream year 11 and 12 tertiary package (20 standard units of which 18 are T/A units, minimum 3 T majors and 3 T minors).

For more information contact:

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Sample program: *R/A unit Bridging subjects in italics*

ACT Year 12 Certificate: Bridging Program year 11 and mainstream year 12 (accredited courses)

YEAR 11 SEMESTER 1 <i>Australia and the world (a)</i> <i>ESL (a)</i> <i>Information Technology(a)</i> <i>Life Skills (a)</i> <i>Study Skills(a)</i> <i>Maths R</i>	YEAR 11 SEMESTER 2 General Maths 2 ESL A ESL T2 <i>Study skills R (b)</i> <i>IT R (b)</i> <i>Australia and the World (b)</i>	YEAR 12 SEMESTER 2 General Maths 3 ESL T1 IT A (ESL) Hospitality Foundations A ESL A	YEAR 12 SEMESTER 2 General Maths 4 ESL T3 IT A (ESL) Hospitality Foundations B ESL A
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For full unit descriptions and information about gaining a major or minor in subject areas see www.dicksonc.act.edu.au/handbook.pdf