

**International Students – Course Accreditation Information**

All Avondale's undergraduate and postgraduate courses are accredited by the New South Wales Department of Education and Training. Most of these courses are also registered on the Commonwealth of Australia's Register of Institutions and Courses for Overseas Students (CRICOS Number 02731D). The following table lists the courses available for international students.

<b>Program</b>	<b>CRICOS code</b>	<b>Campus<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Program length</b>
<b>Arts</b>			
Bachelor of Arts	057294K	LMC	3 years
Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Business	057296G	LMC	4 years
Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Teaching	057299E	LMC	4 years
Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Teaching (Honours)	057300F	LMC	4 years
<b>Business</b>			
Bachelor of Business	057303C	LMC	3 years
Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Business	057296G	LMC	4 years
Bachelor of Business/Bachelor of Teaching	057304B	LMC	4 years
Graduate Certificate in Leadership & Management	057322M	LMC	6 months
Graduate Diploma in Leadership & Management	057324J	LMC	1 year
Master of Leadership & Management (Honours)	057330M	LMC	2 years
<b>General Studies</b>			
Diploma of General Studies	057321A	LMC	2 years
<b>Ministry – Theology</b>			
Bachelor of Theology/Bachelor of Ministry	059851C	LMC	4 years
Bachelor of theology	059850D	LMC	3 years
Graduate Diploma in Ministry	059854M	LMC	1 year
Graduate Diploma in Theology	059855K	LMC	1 year
Master of Arts (Theology)	057326G	LMC	1 year
Master of Theology (Research)	057333G	LMC	2 years
<b>Nursing</b>			
Bachelor of Nursing	057311C	LMC & Sydney <sup>2</sup>	3 years
Graduate Certificate in Nursing	057323K	Sydney	1 year part time
Graduate Diploma in Nursing	057325G	Sydney	1 year
Master of Nursing	057331K	Sydney	1.5 years
Master of Nursing (Research)	057332J	Sydney	1.5 years
<b>Science</b>			
Bachelor of Science	057313A	LMC	3 years
Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Business	057314M	LMC	4 years
Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Teaching	057315K	LMC	4 years
Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Teaching (Honours)	057316J	LMC	4 years
<b>Teacher Education</b>			
Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood)	057306M	LMC	4 years
Bachelor of Education (Primary)	057307K	LMC	4 years
Bachelor of Education (Primary) (Honours)	057308J	LMC	4 years
Bachelor of Education (Secondary)	057309G	LMC	4 years
Bachelor of Education (Secondary) (Honours)	057310D	LMC	4 years
Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Teaching	057299E	LMC	4 years
Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Teaching (Honours)	057300F	LMC	4 years
Bachelor of Business/Bachelor of Teaching	057304B	LMC	4 years
Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Teaching	057315K	LMC	4 years

Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Teaching (Honours)	057311C	LMC	4 years
Bachelor of Teaching (Primary)	057317G	LMC	4 years
Bachelor of Teaching (Primary) (Honours)	057318G	LMC	4 years
Bachelor of Teaching (Secondary)	057319F	LMC	4 years
Bachelor of Teaching (Secondary) (Honours)	057320B	LMC	4 years
Master of Education	057327F	LMC	1.5 years
Master of Education (Honours)	057328E	LMC	1.5 years
<b>Doctor of Philosophy</b>	059853A	LMC & Sydney	3 years

#### Notes

<sup>1</sup> LMC = Lake Macquarie Campus at Cooranbong, NSW  
Sydney = Sydney Campus at Wahroonga, Sydney, NSW

<sup>2</sup> Semester 1 of the BN is offered on both campuses, semesters 2-6 at Sydney

Institutional CRICOS provider number is 02731D Avondale College Limited.

For more information on courses offered by Avondale College see the CRICOS website at: <http://cricos.dest.gov.au/Institution/InstitutionDetails.aspx?ProviderID=2731>

#### Admission requirements

International students should have completed a minimum of twelve years of schooling (elementary and high) with grades satisfactory for entry into a degree program in Australia. The Academic Registrar assesses the qualifications of all international students. Contact [enquiries@avondale.edu.au](mailto:enquiries@avondale.edu.au)

#### English language proficiency requirement for undergraduates (Bachelor Degrees)

Applicants from a country where English is not the first language will need to demonstrate proficiency in English to enter programs at Avondale. They can do this by:

- Provide documentary evidence at the time the application is lodged that all secondary schooling was conducted in the English language, AND evidence of a satisfactory pass in English in a British O level examination or local equivalent; or
- Provide documentary evidence at the time the application is lodged of a satisfactory pass in the standardised IELTS test with a score of 6.5 or better, with no individual band score less than 6.0, for courses in all Faculties except the Faculty of Nursing and Health which requires an IELTS score of 6.5 or better with a written score of at least 6.5 and with no individual band score below 6.0, and the Faculty of Education which requires a minimum IELTS score of 7.5 in each category; or
- Provide documentary evidence at the time the application is lodged of a satisfactory pass in the standardised TOEFL test<sup>1</sup> at a score of 580 (630 for Faculty of Education) with no score less than 5.0 (5.5 for Education) in the Test of Written English in all faculties except the Faculty of Nursing and Health; or
- Successful completion of at least two years of tertiary study conducted in the English language in Australia or another country in which English is the official language within the last two years.

#### English language proficiency requirement for postgraduates (Postgraduate Courses)

Applicants from a country where English is not the first language will need to demonstrate proficiency in English to enter programs at Avondale. They can do this by:

- Providing documentary evidence that all secondary schooling was conducted in the English language
- Obtaining an overall IELTS score of 7.0 or better with no individual band score less than 6.5; or

Applicants from overseas countries will have their qualifications assessed by the Academic Registrar. Overseas applicants are also required to satisfy Australian Government visa requirements.

#### Credit transfer

Avondale has a formal process for the assessment of transfer credit. Requests for credit on the basis of prior learning or experience must be sent to the Academic Registrar, supported by official documentation from the institution or organisation where the prior learning/experience occurred. Documentation will normally be in the form of an official certified copy of the academic transcript (in English) supported by subject outlines and

<sup>1</sup> NOTE: IELTS is the preferred English proficiency test for all Australian visa subclasses. TOEFL is accepted in a limited number of countries where IELTS is not available (see the DIAC website at [www.immmi.gov.au/students/index.htm](http://www.immmi.gov.au/students/index.htm)).

any other relevant documentation. The Academic Registrar, in consultation with the appropriate Faculty Deans, decides on credit to be granted on the basis of prior learning.

### **Teaching methods**

Methods of teaching and learning include:

- Lectures – providing the essential knowledge base
- Tutorials – discussion of aspects derived from the lecture presentations and outside reading
- Seminars – where students present their findings and make oral presentations individually or in groups
- Professional experience/Overseas development experience/Internships – a dedicated period of time (usually of several weeks) in a professional workplace environment
- Clinical learning – using simulated and real clinical environments in varied nursing areas in the Bachelor of Nursing
- Workshops/Laboratory experiences – where students work on practical aspects of the area of study
- Field trips – visits to off-campus locations to observe and experience the real world
- Videos/Audio-visual presentations – viewed either in groups or individually
- Group projects/Problem-based learning – to experience teamwork and research

### **Assessment methods**

A wide range of methods are used to assess student performance. These include:

- completion of various written assignments, including essays (or papers) of substantial length;
- student presentations;
- role plays;
- research projects;
- tests;
- examinations – including traditional closed-book essay-type examinations, occasional multi-choice examinations and ‘take-home’ examinations;
- practical experience/field placements/clinical practice appraisals
- clinical skills assessments

Typically first year subjects focus on the evaluation of basic knowledge. Second year subjects build to a deeper level and the evaluation methods reflect that change of emphasis, while third/fourth year subjects assess the ability of the student to analyse, synthesize and demonstrate a higher level of understanding of the major field of study. In the creative areas, compositions, performance and creative works are required.

### **Field study**

Avondale is well located for the field study of geography and biology, situated within a few kilometres of coastal sand dunes, mangroves, coastal lakes, fresh water aquatic environments, marine environments, warm temperate sub-tropical forests, and urban environments. Interstate field excursions may be undertaken, while in the International Development Studies program there is a mandatory overseas field experience in a developing country.

### **Internships/Professional Experience**

In programs such as Communication, Visual Communication, Theology there are various mandatory internships which occur during vacation times. In the undergraduate teacher education courses mandatory professional experience in schools occurs during the vacations, while the Bachelor of Nursing requires clinical experiences in various nursing environments.

### **Facilities**

Teaching and learning facilities include:

- Library (on both the Lake Macquarie and Sydney campuses)
- IT facilities
- Laboratories for Nursing, Science, Computing and Geography
- Teaching Materials Centre for Education students
- Physical Education Fitness Centre
- Auditorium and sports fields.

### **Library**

The Avondale Library facilities include both physical and virtual collections. The library catalogue is accessed via the Internet. The hardcopy collection provides access to over 110,000 non-serial items, including books, DVDs, CDs, etc and over 600 serials. The virtual collection includes online indexing and abstracting databases and in excess of 50,000 online full text journals. Adjacent to the library is a specialised centre which can be accessed by all students, the Ellen G. White/SDA Research Centre, and a Heritage Centre.

### **Audio-visual Facilities**

A well equipped audio-visual centre and service, media centre for radio and video production, video classroom, fixed data projectors, portable data projectors.

### **Fees**

[Click](#) here for current fee information for tuition, residence and meal costs.

### **Additional costs**

Students should expect to spend approximately AUD\$500 per semester on textbooks, lecture materials and excursions, dependent upon their program and field(s) of study. Students must bear the costs of materials used in Visual Arts/Graphic design, internships, professional experience, overseas development experience and most field excursions.

### **Bachelor of Nursing additional costs**

#### **Equipment and uniform requirements**

Students will need to purchase a range of equipment in order to complete the Bachelor of Nursing degree. The Faculty of Nursing and Health coordinates this at the commencement of the course. This includes a designated student uniform for undertaking clinical practice (including trousers, two shirts, cardigan and watch - estimated cost \$150), a stethoscope, Faculty-approved personal protective equipment such as goggles/glasses and other equipment that may be determined as necessary to protect the individual in the workplace (estimated cost \$25).

### **Transport costs**

Some additional transport costs associated with transport to required clinical venues will arise. The actual cost will depend on the distance travelled and the transport used. A public bus service links the Sydney Campus to the City Rail transport system.

### **Tuition assurance**

As required by the Commonwealth of Australia, and in the event that Avondale is unable to continue to offer programs of study and confer degrees, agreements are in place with other Australian higher education providers that offer comparable programs. If Avondale were unable to continue to offer these programs, students would be offered a transfer of their program of study to the appropriate provider and 'block credit' would be approved for the semesters that have successfully been completed at Avondale.

Avondale College Tuition Assurance Agreements are located at .....

### **Fee assurance**

If

- (i) Avondale College were to cease being able to offer a program of study, and
  - (ii) Avondale College had not transferred to another provider with whom the student had enrolled;
- then the Seventh-day Adventist Church (SPD) Limited has provided this guarantee for students enrolled at Avondale College would either receive a refund of the student contribution or tuition fee paid for any incomplete units of study, or the funds paid for such incomplete units of study would be transferred (with the student's agreement) to the another provider with whom the student has enrolled.

### **Further information about Avondale and Australia**

[Click here](#) for general information about life at Avondale and living on-campus and in Australia

### **New student enquiries**

[Click here](#) to make online enquiries

Email: [enquiries@avondale.edu.au](mailto:enquiries@avondale.edu.au)

Phone enquiries: +61 2 4980 2377

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Postal enquires: PO Box 19, Cooranbong, NSW 2265, Australia

### **Enrol online**

You may apply online for all courses. [Click here](#) to enrol online.

OR

You may download and submit an application form available from the Online Enquiries Centre. [Click here](#)

OR

Contact the Enquiry and Enrolments Centre:

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