

## International Students – Program Information

### Accreditation of programs

All Avondale's undergraduate and postgraduate programs are accredited by the New South Wales Department of Education and Training. These programs are also registered on the Commonwealth of Australia's CRICOS register.

Program	CRICOS code	Campus <sup>1</sup>	Program length
<b>Arts</b>			
Bachelor of Arts	014190G	LMC	3 years
Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Business	031254K	LMC	4 years
Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Teaching	029412G	LMC	4 years
Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Teaching (Honours)	029409C	LMC	4 years
<b>Business</b>			
Bachelor of Business	037184D	LMC	3 years
Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Business	031254K	LMC	4 years
Bachelor of Business/Bachelor of Teaching	029413G	LMC	4 years
Bachelor of Business/Bachelor of Teaching (Honours)	029410K	LMC	4 years
Graduate Certificate in Leadership & Management	046251A	LMC	6 months
Graduate Diploma in Leadership & Management	046252M	LMC	1 year
Master of Leadership & Management	046253K	LMC	1.5 years
Master of Leadership & Management (Honours)	046254J	LMC	2 years
<b>General Studies</b>			
Diploma of General Studies	037185C	LMC	2 years
<b>Ministry - Theology</b>			
Bachelor of Arts (Theology)	006298F	LMC	4 years
Graduate Diploma of Theology	021832G	LMC	2 years
Master of Arts (Theology)	037183E	LMC	1 year
Master of Theology	037182F	LMC	2 years
Master of Ministry (Family Ministry)		LMC	part-time
Master of Ministry (Youth Ministry)		LMC	part-time
Master of Ministry (Family Ministry) (Honours)		LMC	part-time
Master of Ministry (Youth Ministry) (Honours)		LMC	part-time
<b>Nursing</b>			
Bachelor of Nursing	013218G	LMC & Sydney <sup>2</sup>	3 years

Graduate Certificate in Nursing		Sydney	6 months
Graduate Diploma of Nursing	018233B	Sydney	1 year
Master of Nursing	024472C	Sydney	1.5 years
Master of Nursing (Research)	055867E	Sydney	1.5 years
<b>Science</b>			
Bachelor of Science	029415E	LMC	3 years
Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Business	029408D	LMC	4 years
Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Teaching	029414F	LMC	4 years
Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Teaching (Honours)	024911J	LMC	4 years
<b>Teacher Education</b>			
Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood)	055866F	LMC	4 years
Bachelor of Education (Primary)	046243A	LMC	4 years
Bachelor of Education (Primary) (Honours)	046244M	LMC	4 years
Bachelor of Education (Secondary)	046245K	LMC	4 years
Bachelor of Education (Secondary) (Honours)	046246J	LMC	4 years
Bachelor of Arts/ Bachelor of Teaching	029412G	LMC	4 years
Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Teaching	029412G	LMC	4 years
Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Teaching (Honours)	029409C	LMC	4 years
Bachelor of Business/Bachelor of Teaching	029413G	LMC	4 years
Bachelor of Business/Bachelor of Teaching (Honours)	029410K	LMC	4 years
Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Teaching	029414F	LMC	4 years
Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Teaching (Honours)	024911J	LMC	4 years
Bachelor of Teaching (Primary)	046249F	LMC	4 years
Bachelor of Teaching (Primary) (Honours)	046250B	LMC	4 years
Bachelor of Teaching (Secondary)	046247G	LMC	4 years
Bachelor of Teaching (Secondary) (Honours)	046248G	LMC	4 years
Master of Education	029407E	LMC	1.5 years
Master of Education (Honours)	029406F	LMC	1.5 years

#### NOTES

1 LMC = Lake Macquarie Campus at Cooranbong, NSW  
 Sydney = Sydney Campus at Wahroonga, Sydney, NSW

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

Institutional CRICOS provider number is 00618K Avondale College Ltd.  
 CRICOS website is <http://cricos.detya.gov.au/asp/InstitutionDetails.asp?PVID=618>

#### **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 [admissions@avondale.edu.au](mailto:admissions@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.

This may be done in one of the following ways:

1. Provide documentary evidence 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.
2. Obtain an overall IELTS score of 6.0 or better with no individual band score less than 6.0 of all Bachelor degrees except the Bachelor of Nursing, or
3. IELTS score of 6.5 or better with a written score of at least 6.5 and with no individual band score of 6.0 or less for applicants to courses in the Faculty of Nursing and Health; or
4. TOEFL score of 550 with no score less than 4.0 in the Test of Written English in all Faculties except the Faculty of Nursing and Health; or
5. TOEFL score of 575 with no score less than 4.5 in the Test of Written English for applicants to courses in the Faculty of Nursing and Health; or
6. Computer-based TOEFL score of 213 with no less than 4.0 in the essay rating in all Faculties except the Faculty of Nursing and Health; or
7. Computer-based TOEFL score of 230 with no less than 4.5 in the essay rating for applicants for courses in the Faculty of Nursing and Health; or
8. Successful completion within the last two years 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.

***For postgraduates (graduate certificates, graduate diplomas, masters)***

The IELTS requirement is 7.0 or better.

Applicants from overseas countries will have their qualifications assessed by the Admissions Office. 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 academic transcript (in English) supported by subject outlines and any other relevant documentation. The 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.

### **Assurances**

#### **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

<b>Undergraduate courses</b>	<b>Guarantors</b>
1. Bachelor of Arts	Christian Heritage College Tabor College KvB Institute of Technology (Vis Com major) Australian Catholic University Australian Institute of Music
2. Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Business	Christian Heritage College Tabor College Australian Institute of Music Australian Catholic University
3. Bachelor of Business	Christian Heritage College Tabor College Australian Catholic University
4. Bachelor of Education (Primary)	Christian Heritage College Tabor College Australian Catholic University
5. Bachelor of Education (Primary) (Hons)	University of Newcastle
6. Bachelor of Education (Secondary)	Christian Heritage College
7. Bachelor of Education (Secondary) (Hons)	University of Newcastle
8. Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Teaching	Christian Heritage College Tabor College Australian Catholic University
9. Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Teaching (Hons)	University of Newcastle
10. Bachelor of Business/Bachelor of Teaching	Christian Heritage College
11. Bachelor of Business/Bachelor of Teach (Hons)	University of Newcastle
12. Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Teaching	Christian Heritage College University of Newcastle
13. Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Teaching (Hons)	University of Newcastle
14. Bachelor of Nursing	Australian Catholic University
15. Bachelor of Nursing (Hons)	Australian Catholic University
16. Bachelor of Science	University of Newcastle
17. Bachelor of Science/Bachelor of Business	University of Newcastle
18. Bachelor of Arts (Theology)	Christian Heritage College Tabor College Australian Catholic University Sydney College of Divinity Australian College of Theology
19. Diploma of General Studies	Australian Catholic University

#### **Postgraduate courses**

20. Bachelor of Teaching (Primary)	Tabor College Australian Catholic University
21. Bachelor of Teaching (Primary) (Hons)	University of Newcastle
22. Bachelor of Teaching (Secondary)	Christian Heritage College Tabor College Australian Catholic University
23. Bachelor of Teaching (Secondary) (Hons)	University of Newcastle
24. Master of Education	Christian Heritage College Tabor College Australian Catholic University
25. Master of Education (Hons)	Tabor College
26. Graduate Certificate in Leadership & Management	Christian Heritage College

27. Graduate Diploma in Leadership & Management	Christian Heritage College
28. Master Leadership & Management	Tabor College
29. Master Leadership & Management (Hons)	Tabor College
30. Graduate Certificate in Nursing	Australian Catholic University
31. Graduate Diploma in Nursing	Australian Catholic University
32. Master of Nursing	Australian Catholic University
33. Master of Nursing (by Research)	Australian Catholic University
34. Master of Advanced Practice in Nursing (High Dependency Nursing)	University of Newcastle
35. Master of Advanced Practice in Nursing (Hons) (High Dependency Nursing)	University of Newcastle
36. Graduate Certificate in Health Studies	University of Newcastle
37. Graduate Diploma of Health Studies	University of Newcastle
38. Master of Health Studies	University of Newcastle
39. Master of Health Studies (Hons)	University of Newcastle
40. Master of Ministry (Family Ministry)	Tabor College
41. Master of Ministry (Family Ministry) (Hons)	Tabor College
42. Master of Ministry (Youth Ministry)	Tabor College
43. Master of Ministry (Youth Ministry) (Hons)	Tabor College
44. Graduate Diploma of Theology	Sydney College of Divinity Tabor College Australian College of Theology
45. Master of Arts (Theology)	Sydney College of Divinity Australian College of Theology Australian Catholic University
46. Master of Theology	Sydney College of Divinity Australian Catholic University Australian College of Theology

### **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**

#### **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

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

### **Enrol online**

You may apply online for undergraduate, diploma or certificate courses if you are a citizen of one of the following countries:

- Australia
- New Zealand
- USA
- Canada
- United Kingdom

[Click](#) here to enrol online

**or**

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

**or**

Contact the Avondale Enquiry Centre:  
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### **Admissions**

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