The Open Access College counsellors are here to help you through the whole tertiary entry process. This brochure provides you with some key points. We encourage you to make an appointment (phone or visit) to discuss your university/TAFE choices and receive help with your application.

We look forward to hearing from you and assisting you with your application.

To make an appointment with your counsellor contact Client Services on 8309 3680 or 1800 882 328 or email client.services@openaccess.edu.au

How do I apply for uni?

You apply online. Go to www.satac.edu.au.

For Semester 1 2016 entry, if you have made an application with at least one course preference by Wednesday 30 September 2015 you will avoid late fees and can generally adjust and “fine tune” your preferences later.

You can adjust your 6 preferences (add, delete, or change the order) until Monday 4 January 2016. This allows Year 12 students to focus on exams and final assignments at a busy time in Term 3 and finalise choices later.

This application process video is very helpful: https://youtu.be/jU5sMbEGEyU

Am I eligible for uni bonus points?

There are two new bonus points schemes for 2016 entry, the SA Universities Equity Scheme (five points) and the SA Language, Literacy and Mathematics Bonus Scheme (two or four points). These replace all previous schemes.

SA Universities Equity Scheme

Open Access College is not a specified school for automatic bonuses. However, students who meet one of the criteria below can apply for individual bonus points. Students are eligible where:

- they or their parents are in receipt of a Centrelink means-tested income support payment
- they are holders of a Health Care Card
- they are the holders of a School Card

You will be provided with instructions on applying for bonus points during your online application.

SA Language, Literacy and Mathematics Bonus Scheme

Two bonus points awarded for Stage 2 LOTE, English Communications, English Studies, Mathematical Studies and Specialist Mathematics. Maximum four points, minimum C- grade required.

The maximum number of bonus points any student can gain is nine. Bonus points are added to your university aggregate, boosting your ATAR. Your SATAC Tertiary Entrance Statement does not show your bonus points ATAR. Contact the relevant university or SATAC for this information.

Further information: Tertiary Entrance pages 8-10.

SATAC website: http://www.satac.edu.au/universities-bonus-schemes

What do I need for uni?

University entry may be achieved through:

- Completing SACE - gaining an ATAR
- Adult entry – STAT (18 & over)
- Completed VET qualifications
- Foundation Courses & uniTEST

Some university courses require prerequisite subjects, or have assumed knowledge.

Tertiary Entrance pages 8 and 17-43

The table on pages 23-41 of the SATAC Guide will give you details of 2014 ATAR cut offs. These cut offs should only be used as guides.
Am I eligible for adult entry to uni?

The definition of “adult” is 18 years of age. Special entry provides access to university courses. For SA, it applies for students who are 18 years of age or over before 1 February 2016. For Charles Darwin the student must be 19 by 1 January 2016.

Check eligibility on page 219 SATAC Guide.

The three most common selection criteria for Special Entry are:

- Performance in the STAT - Special Tertiary Admissions Test
- Assessment of a Personal Competencies Statement
- Evidence of employment experience


STAT preparation workshops are useful. Details page 221 SATAC Guide.

What are the non ATAR pathways to uni?

Students with completed VET qualifications can use these for entry. Eligibility varies – see pages 213 and 215 SATAC Guide for details.

Each university offers foundation courses. Check their websites for details.

Flinders also has unitEST:
http://www.flinders.edu.au/unitest

Talk to your counsellor if you are interested.

How do I apply for TAFE?

You apply online. Go to www.satac.edu.au.

What do I need for TAFE entry?

TAFE entry varies depending on whether courses are competitive or non-competitive.

Competitive courses only offer one or two intakes per year. Applications must be made within the advertised dates for these intake periods. Non-competitive courses have immediate application and entry.

Students need to meet Course Admission Requirements – CAR. These do not apply for non-competitive Certificate I, II and III courses.

Further information can be found in the course descriptions on the TAFE website:
http://www.tafesa.edu.au/courses

The TABS, TAFE SA Assessment of Basic Skills Test, meets the CAR for competitive courses and it is recommended that students who are also completing SACE sit this to maximise chances.

Because there are so many entry points for TAFE courses, and a variety of ways to meet Course Admission Requirements – (CAR), it is particularly important to talk to your counsellor about your TAFE choices. The Skills for All program provides many pathways.

Key websites

The University of Adelaide
www.adelaide.edu.au

Flinders University
www.flinders.edu.au

University of South Australia
www.unisa.edu.au

TAFE SA
www.tafesa.edu.au

Charles Darwin University
www.cdu.edu.au

Tabor Adelaide
www.taboradelaide.edu.au

SATAC (for applications)
www.satac.edu.au

Job Guide
www.jobguide.thegoodguides.com.au

Work Ready (TAFE and Private VET Providers)
www.workready.statedevelopment.sa.gov.au

Key dates for Semester 1 2016 entry:

General university closing date:
Wednesday 30 September 2015

TAFE applications open:
Monday 31st August 2015