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. To use the links, access this flyer in digital format on the Open Access College website: Students/Pathways.

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

How do I apply for uni?

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

For Semester 1 2015 entry, if you have made an application with at least one course preference by Tuesday 30 September 2014 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 5 January 2015.

This allows Year 12 students to focus on exams and final assignments at a busy time in Term 3 and finalise choices later.

Application Process Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ksa3oUDWNM

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 7-8 and 18-42

The table on pages 22-37 of the University Guide will give you details of 2013 ATAR cut offs. These cut offs should only be used as guides.

Am I eligible for uni bonus points?

College based students are automatically eligible, up to a maximum of 9. No application for bonus points is needed. These points boost your aggregate, increasing your ATAR. It’s crucial that you consider bonus points when deciding on and changing preferences as they can have a major impact on your final ATAR.

The bonus points ATAR does not appear on your SATAC Tertiary Entrance Statement. You can find out the new ATAR from SATAC or the relevant university’s Admission Office.

Your ATAR will always be higher than the one on your SATAC Tertiary Entrance Statement!

Aspire Bonus Points - Uni SA
http://www.unisa.edu.au/study-at-unisa/high-school-students/bonus-points/

Fairway Access Scheme - Adelaide University
http://www.adelaide.edu.au/study/high-school/getting-in/access/

RISAS Scheme - Flinders University
http://www.flinders.edu.au/risas/

You also receive bonus points for Year 12 Languages, Mathematics and Science subjects at Flinders University, Specialist Mathematics and Languages at Adelaide University, and a range of Year 12 subjects for courses at Uni SA.
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 2015. For Charles Darwin the student must be 19 by 1 January 2015.

Check eligibility on page 205 University 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 207 University Guide.

What are the non ATAR pathways to uni?

Students with completed VET qualifications can use these for entry. Eligibility varies – see pages 199 and 201 University Guide for details.

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

Flinders also has uniTEST:
http://www.flinders.edu.au/future-students/how-to-apply/special-entry/unittest.cfm

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

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

Job Guide
www.jobguide.thegoodguides.com.au

Skills for All
(TAFE and Private VET Providers)
www.skills.sa.gov.au

KEY DATES for Semester 1 2015 entry:

General university closing date:
Tuesday 30 September 2014

TAFE applications open:
Late September 2014 – check SATAC site.