

# Post-Graduate Qualifying Program (Stage 1)

The Postgraduate Qualifying Program (Stage 1) is a 12-week enabling program designed to prepare students for ECC's Postgraduate Qualifying Program (PQP) Stage 2, followed by Edith Cowan University (ECU) Master's degrees. PQP Stage 1 is designed for students who already have tertiary qualifications but have not qualified for direct entry into the PQP due to their current English level. This program is delivered interactively via synchronous learning, utilising ECC's learning management system.

This Stage 1 program will develop the academic knowledge, skills and English Language Proficiency (ELP) for entry into the PQP semester and therefore Master's degrees at ECU. The program is comprised of four core units which cultivate and build upon English language development and academic English skills.

| Entry into PQP Stage 2 | Units to enrol at ECC   |
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| Business               | Core for all majors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PQP3000 – Academic English</li> <li>• PQP3300 – Introduction to Research Methods</li> <li>• PQP3100 – Introduction to Effective Communication</li> <li>• PQP3400 – Introduction to Critical Thinking</li> </ul> |
| Communications         |   |
| IT                     |   |

## UNIT DESCRIPTORS

### PQP3000 – Academic English

This unit focuses on developing the language skills required to be successful at university. There is a focus on speaking and listening as well as on developing grammar and academic vocabulary. It provides the support and skills required to confidently manage the language requirements.

### PQP3300 – Introduction to Research Methods

This unit provides the foundations for developing an understanding of research. There is an emphasis on accessing and utilising university databases to search for relevant and reliable research papers. Reading and understanding published research papers are essential skills required for PQP4300 and for success in postgraduate studies.

### PQP3100 – Introduction to Effective Communication

This unit is designed to develop the academic communication required to complete tasks such as essay and report writing, formal presentation and participating actively in university lectures, seminars and tutorials. It gives an introduction to effective communications theory in preparation for PQP4100.

Students are provided scaffolded techniques and strategies to think critically in both oral and written communication. Working effectively in both teams and small groups is developed in preparation for university study.

### PQP3400 – Introduction to Critical Thinking

Critical analytical skills are essential for problem solving and are valued as graduate attributes. This unit is the foundation to PQP4400 where deeper understanding of critical thinking is required. Students will be prepared for future research by developing carefully scaffolded skills in reasoning and argument.

## Methods of Assessment at ECC

- Methods of assessment may differ depending on the program. Most subjects will be assessed through a combination of written examinations and assignments, essays, presentations, seminars, and tutorial participation. Some coursework will include group-based projects and practical activities.
- At the beginning of each unit, students are given an outline that includes due dates for the completion of assignments. Students who fail to meet these submission deadlines may be penalised even though the work was completed. Attending all classes is essential to be successful at ECC.
- Students must study the 4 units in 12 weeks. Part-time study is not permitted. A pass in all 4 (four) Stage 1 units is required for progression to PQP Stage 2. Students who fail Stage 1 will not progress to Stage 2 except under extenuating circumstances.

Flyer is current as of 2 June 2022.