

A young man with dark hair and a slight smile is the central figure. He is wearing a blue denim jacket over a white t-shirt. In the lower half of the image, he is wearing a military camouflage uniform with a name tag that says "AUSTRALIA". The background is a blurred outdoor setting with trees and other people.

**You stood for
your country.**

Michael
ACU student veteran

**Now we
stand
for you.**

**ACU Townsville
Leadership Centre**
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AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY



Transitioning from the Australian Defence Force (ADF) into civilian life can bring many challenges for those who have served, and for those who are close to them. These challenges often relate to education, career, health, social connection and wellbeing.

At Australian Catholic University (ACU), we are committed to supporting Australia's Defence personnel, veterans, and their families in becoming empowered members of our society.

Our current services

We acknowledge the challenges involved in moving from the Australian Defence Forces into civilian life. One of the steps we have taken to combat this is by creating a sector-leading set of entry pathways and support programs to help Defence personnel, veterans and their families enter tertiary education and succeed at university to gain qualifications for a new career.



Veteran Entry Program (VEP) and recognition of prior learning

VEP provides a specialised admission pathway for veterans and their families. Recognition of prior learning acknowledges a veteran's service to provide entry and credit into a university degree.

Selection rank examples

- Completion of the armed services general training and two years' experience awards an admission rank of 82.00
- Armed services experience or examinations to a rank of sergeant or equivalent awards an admission rank of 84.00



Veteran Transition Program (VTP)

A comprehensive two-week full-time transition program which provides students with pre-commencement preparation through workshops, lectures and tutorials. VTP supports veterans from life in the military to life as a university student and can also provide credit towards the degree.



Student Veteran Support Program (SVSP)

Tailored support services and academic resources to help veterans manage their studies and develop their career, throughout their time at ACU.

Furthering our commitment – Townsville Leadership Centre

We have established a Leadership Centre in Townsville for veterans, serving Defence Force members and their families.

Located at 150 Walker Street in the middle of the city, the centre provides an opportunity for ACU to support Veterans, Defence members and their families keen to undertake tertiary education. Advice on higher education options and pathways, short courses, in-person support for students studying online and an on-site educational support officer.

ACU snapshot



Campuses

7

AUSTRALIAN
CAMPUSES

1

INTERNATIONAL
CAMPUS IN ROME

1

ONLINE CAMPUS



Research

6

RESEARCH INSTITUTES

**1st or
equal
1st in
Australia**

CARDIORESPIRATORY
MEDICINE AND
HAEMATOLOGY
CLINICAL SCIENCES
COGNITIVE SCIENCES
HUMAN MOVEMENT
AND SPORTS SCIENCE
NURSING
NUTRITION AND
DIETETICS
PSYCHOLOGY
PUBLIC HEALTH AND
HEALTH SERVICES
RELIGION AND
RELIGIOUS STUDIES
SPECIALIST STUDIES IN
EDUCATION

Four-digit FoRs, Excellence in
Research for Australia (ERA) 2018



Faculties and disciplines

4

FACULTIES

17

DISCIPLINES



Reputation

Top 2%

UNIVERSITIES

*Times Higher Education World
University Rankings 2023**

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GRADUATE
EMPLOYMENT IN
AUSTRALIA

Graduate Outcomes Survey –
Longitudinal 2022, medium-term
outcomes, full-time employment for
domestic undergraduate students

*Percentage calculated as ACU's world rank as a proportion of the total number of universities in the world: *International Handbook of Universities 2019*, Palgrave MacMillan



Acknowledgement of Country

In recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' deep spiritual connection to Country, and in continuing the university's commitment to reconciliation, it is customary to acknowledge Country as we pass through it. We acknowledge and pay our respects to the First Peoples, the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waterways where Australian Catholic University campuses are located, and we thank them for their continued custodianship.