Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning Youth (Intermediate) - (VCAL)

COURSE CODE
VCALINT001

LOCATIONS
Warrnambool, Portland, Hamilton, Colac

STUDY MODE
Full-time, On Campus

Length
1 year

Commencement
Apply any time

Timetable
4 days per week, 5 hours per day

Course Overview
This section gives you an introduction to what you will be learning in this course, plus course outcomes, career opportunities, and student support.

Introduction
VCAL Intermediate is a Year 11 equivalent qualification that provides students a chance to experience the training and qualification options that best suit their needs and interests. It is directed towards young people who want to learn in a supported yet relaxed environment away from mainstream schooling. VCAL provides practical experiences as well as allowing students to sample a range careers across various local industries, to help determine their interests and strengths for their chosen career. This program is targeted at students aged between 15-20 years that are early school leavers, home schooled, students disengaged or at risk of disengaging from formal schooling, unemployed youth, or those seeking pre-apprenticeships.

What will I Learn?
Intermediate VCAL students will learn a range of skills through teacher guided, project-based, hands-on learning including literacy, numeracy, personal development and work-related skills.

They will investigate and experience a number of different industries and job pathways in their chosen area. Intermediate VCAL students will continue to develop the skills required for them to remain engaged in education. While enrolled in this course, students also have the option of completing a work placement, which will be supported by South West TAFE.

Course Outcomes and Career Opportunities
Intermediate VCAL is a Year 11, Senior Secondary equivalent qualification. The skills and knowledge gained through this course provide students with a range of opportunities. These opportunities include transitioning into Senior VCAL (Year 12 equivalent qualification), moving into full-time work or further study.

During the Intermediate VCAL qualification, students will also have the ability to acquire an ‘industry skills set’. This skills set will include qualifications such as first aid, responsible serving of alcohol and the CI card.

Pathways
As a year 11 equivalent qualification, Intermediate VCAL provides enhanced opportunities to a range of further education, training and employment options.

Through acquired skills, graduates may pursue a number of pathways. These include Senior VCAL (Year 12 equivalent) Certificate II and III.
courses, apprenticeships, traineeships or full-time work.

**Placement**

Students may have the opportunity to go on a practical work placement, supported workplace learning, and industry visits.

At Intermediate level, students may complete a 20-day work placement.

**Information Session**

Why don’t you come along to our next course info session to find out everything you need to start your learning journey? You can chat with our teachers, tour our facilities, learn more about the course, find out about the application process and get your questions answered by our course experts.

*Find the next info session near you*

**Course Requirements**

*This section gives you an overview of entry requirements, course units and electives, skills recognition, and assessment criteria.*

**Entrance requirements & pre-requisites**

This course is available via Direct Entry.

**Direct Entry** - apply directly by speaking to the Course Coordinator. Details available from the Customer Service Centre.

Entry Requirements for this course include:

- Students are accepted into the course through an interview with the VCAL Coordinator. The students’ goals and pathways are discussed at the interview so that this can be the focus of their learning.
- Approval from the Education Department regional manager may also be required.

**Course requirements**

Students are to be aged 15-20 years. To be eligible for the certificate, students must complete 10 credits for the year.

**Units offered**

**Core Units**

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Pre-training review

The pre-training review assists SWTAFE staff to determine whether this course is the most suitable for you at this time, and also identify any support needs you may require once you commence your studies. It takes about an hour to complete. Once you apply for your chosen course a link to the pre-training review will be emailed to you.

Skills Recognition

Your current skills, knowledge and experience can contribute to help you get a qualification. Learn more about skills recognition and how it may benefit you here.

Unique Student Identifier

If you are studying nationally recognised training in Australia, you are required to have a Unique Student Identifier (USI). Your USI links to an online account that contains your training records and results for training completed from 1 January 2015 onwards. One of the main benefits of the USI is the ability to provide you with easy access to your training records and results throughout your life and this will assist you when applying for a job or enrolling in further study. You are required to have a USI at the time of enrolment – especially if you want to use VET Student Loans to defer your fees. To apply online or get more information go to www.usi.gov.au.

Assessment

This course involves accredited units. You will be required to complete assessment tasks to demonstrate your underpinning knowledge, skills and attributes to meet the course outcomes. A combination of written, oral and practical assessment strategies will be used in either a classroom, online or workplace environment.

Where units require demonstration of skills in a workplace environment, you will have the opportunity to do this either in your own workplace (where appropriate), through a practical placement, or by using one of the Institute’s simulated workshops/classrooms. Detailed information about the types, conduct and dates of assessments will be provided in advance. You will also be provided with information about the opportunity for reassessment and appeal.

Fees

This section gives you an overview of course fees, subsidies, and how they can be paid.

Course Fees

Everyone has different circumstances that can affect what you pay and how much you pay. Your fees each year are made up of 2 different elements:

- Tuition fee
- Consumables/material fee

There are 3 different rates of Tuition fees. Only one will apply to you depending on your eligibility and circumstances. The 3 categories include:

- Government subsidised
- Government subsidised (concession)
- Full fee

The fees listed below are indicative only and may be subject to change without notice and given individual circumstances. Your actual fees will be calculated based on your individual circumstances at the time of enrolment. Funding made available to eligible individuals by State and Commonwealth Governments. If funding is utilised, this may affect future opportunities to access additional funding in the future.
**Student type** | **Indicative Course Fee**
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Government subsidised rate (if eligible) | $2,950.00
Concession rate | $590.00
Full fee rate (if not eligible for govt subsidy) | $12,250.00

**Fee type** | **Indicative Course Fee**
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Maximum Consumable/Materials Fee | $500.00

**Maximum Consumables/Materials Fees**
Maximum Consumables/Materials Fees are made up of course consumables, core unit consumables and the maximum elective units you will pay. Final costs will be determined at enrolment.

**Which fee applies to me?**

**Skills First Exemptions**
Government eligibility exemptions for TAFE via Skills First funding gives you greater access to study with TAFE at an affordable price.

The good news is, that there are now a reduced number of criteria for you to meet in order to be eligible for a Government subsidy. If you don’t meet those criteria you will be a full fee paying student.

**Government Subsidised Fee**
You meet all Skills First eligibility criteria but DO NOT hold a current healthcare or pension card, OR you are eligible for a Skills First exemption.

**Concession Fee**
You meet all eligibility criteria AND hold a current healthcare or pension card, that you can provide at enrolment. It’s important to note that the concession rate is only applicable for Certificate I to Certificate IV courses and students who have declared their ATSI origin.

**Full fee**
Full fees only apply to the few students who do not meet the Skills First eligibility criteria, do not qualify for an exemption or are enrolling in course that is not government subsidised.

[Check your fees eligibility here.](#)

**How do I pay my fees?**

Unless an alternative fee payment method is approved, your course fees are required to be paid upfront and in full at the time of enrolment. If your personal circumstances mean that payment in full is not possible, then you may be able to pay your fees by

- Payment Plan
- Centre Pay
- VET Student Loan (Diploma & Advanced Diploma only)

SWTAFE offers a range of scholarships each year which you may be eligible to apply for to assist with enrolment fees.

**Next Steps**

Ready to take the next step? Here you can make an enquiry, attend an information session or begin the application process.
Student Support

As a SWTAFE student, you can access a variety of support services that will enhance your study experience and help you complete your studies successfully. For more information about any of these services, visit our student page.

Careers and Course Advice

Not sure which course is right for you? South West TAFE will help you find your way.

Our Pathfinders Skills and Jobs Centre is here to support you. Whether you’re exploring career options, transitioning from school to the workforce or looking to study after school we’re here to help you. Call, email or drop in.

Call 5564 8515 or email skillsandjobscentre@swtafe.edu.au

Apply Now

Apply now for a place in our next course intake. Places for courses are limited, so it’s best to get in soon so you don’t miss out. You’ll need to complete an application form which you can do online here or by speaking with our Customer Service team. We invite you to come and see us at one of our campuses in Warrnambool, Colac, Portland or Hamilton and a team member will ensure you are taken care of.

If you have any questions regarding the application process please chat to our Customer Service team on 1300 648 911.