

RATEP

Program Description

This program will provide you with an education degree with a view to being employed as a qualified Primary School teacher. The purpose of the program is to increase the number of registered Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander teachers available to teach in their communities. The RATEP program is offered at 19 sites around Queensland and is an initiative of Education Queensland, James Cook University and Tropical North Queensland Institute of TAFE.

What you need to start

The JCU bachelor of Education through RATEP is available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people via a number of pathways:

- Direct entry to the four year Bachelor of Education.
- Completion of the Diploma in Education through TAFE, followed by 2nd, 3rd and 4th year at Uni.
- Completion of certificate III of education at high School and/or the Certificate IV of education at the RATEP site and then Diploma or 1st year Uni

Contact your local RATEP Teacher Coordinator for advice jmarr30@eq.edu.au

Mode of Delivery

JCU study is conducted at RATEP site by way of teleconferences with Townsville based Lecturers, CD ROMS, print materials, audio and video tapes, on site tutorials and workshops supported by RATEP teacher coordinators.

TAFE study is undertaken at RATEP site in conjunction with Residentials and Away from Base activities conducted in Cairns and around Australia.

The Academic Year

RATEP courses commence each January and the term dates are based on the Education Queensland school calendar. Students may start studies in July also.

Length of Course

Completion of the one year Diploma in education course through TAFE RATEP credits students with one year of the four year Bachelor of Education degree at JCU.

Fees

The university component attracts fees from the Commonwealth Government's higher education Contribution Scheme (HECS). HECS payments may be payed 'up-front' each semester (which attracts a 25% discount) or in instalments through the taxation system when commencing paid work on completion of the course.

Financial Assistance

Abstudy

The Commonwealth Government offers financial assistance to Indigenous tertiary students through Abstudy (this is means tested).

Scholarships

Students studying at the JCU RATEP level can apply for a number of scholarships.

Applications

Applications are available at RATEP sites. Interviews are usually held each October.

For more information

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