

University Bridging Course

This course is a joint initiative of the University of South Australia and the Thebarton Senior College.

UniSA PAL is a bridging program which is designed to prepare adult students for entry into university and successful university study. It is intended to increase the level of adult university participation of those people who, for various reasons, have not been able to use the traditional university entry methods.

The program enables entry into a wide range of undergraduate courses at the University of South Australia, Charles Darwin University and Flinders University.

Previous graduates from this program have gone on to enrol and succeed in their first choice courses such as:

- *podiatry*
- *international business*
- *psychology*
- *nursing*
- *teaching*
- *international law*
- *social work*
- *journalism*
- *arts.*



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University of South Australia

Preparation Program for Adult Learners (PAL)



**COURSE LENGTH: 1 YEAR FULL-TIME
(or equivalent)**

PROGRAM - COURSE DESCRIPTION

UniSA PAL is designed by the University of South Australia and taught by Thebarton's teachers. Teaching resources and materials are provided by the university and assessments are marked by the teachers and moderated by the university lecturers.

Thebarton Senior College provides intensive and high level support for students by experienced teaching staff in a classroom environment.

Classes are held during the day, four days per week.

COURSE CONTENT

UniSA PAL is the equivalent of the UniSA Foundation Studies Program. It consists of eight modules

Semester 1

- Introduction to Tertiary Learning
- Introduction to Computing
- Critical Literacy
- Society, State and the Individual

Semester 2

- Individual and Group Skills
- Information Skills
- Financial Skills
- Person and Society

ACCREDITATION

A statement of completion is provided for each semester course.

AVAILABILITY OF UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

All students who successfully complete all eight units of UniSA PAL will be eligible to be considered for entry into a wide range of university courses through SATAC providing all relevant prerequisites are met.

Currently this includes many of the programs offered at the University of South Australia, Flinders University and Charles Darwin University.

Past students who have successfully completed the program at Thebarton have undertaken university courses such as podiatry, psychology, international business, teaching, nursing and many have been able to enrol in double degrees.



ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION PROCESS

To be eligible for enrolment in UniSA PAL, you should not hold a completed AQF Diploma (formerly Associate Diploma) or higher level award from a tertiary institution, including TAFE and universities.

If last enrolled in a course leading to a higher education award in 2007, 2008 or 2009, you must not have completed more than one year of full-time study, or part-time equivalent.

You must also meet the criteria, and quota, set by Thebarton Senior College:

- Make an interview appointment.
- Bring to the interview, a piece of original writing of 500-1000 words. The piece of writing can be an example of writing previously completed for another course or could be written for this interview and could cover reasons why you wish to enter this course, what you already know about tertiary options, your willingness to participate in tertiary study and your ability to be a self-directed learner.