



COURSES AND PATHWAYS

Understanding Certificates, Diplomas and Degrees

All training courses are developed with the input of industry leaders to ensure graduates are ready for the workplace and have the knowledge and skills for the job. Each stage of a course requires an increasing level of skills and knowledge. There are pathways and links between course levels to increase opportunities for further education and training.

Certificate I and II – Job Ready

Certificates I and II are entry level courses giving you the basic skills to get a job. You learn essential knowledge and skills required by industry as a worker with limited responsibilities. You can often do these at school.

Certificate III – Trade and Intermediate Service Workers

A certificate III prepares you for employment at junior to intermediate levels in clerical, sales and service work. It is usually required for recognition as a tradesperson. Most apprenticeships and traineeships lead to a qualification at this level.

Certificate IV – Associate Professionals and Supervisors

A certificate IV gives you a broad knowledge in your chosen industry and substantial depth in some areas. The course prepares you to take on limited responsibility for others, usually in a supervisory role. Some traineeships lead to a qualification at this level.

Diploma, Advance Diploma and Associate Degree – Professionals and Managers

A diploma, advanced diploma and associate degree prepare you to work independently and be involved in solving technical issues.

Pathways: Training to University and University to Training

Training can be your pathway to further education. For example, you can start your studies at TAFE or a private registered organisation (RTO), apply for university entrance and get credit for the work you've done. Many training courses lead straight into university courses. In certain cases, by successfully completing a training qualification, you can reduce the time it takes to get a degree. Always check with the university for its policy on training graduates.

School	Registered Training Organisation	University
		Doctoral Degree
		Master Degree
		Graduate Diploma
		Graduate Certificate
		Bachelor Degree
	Advanced Diploma / Associate Degree	Advanced Diploma / Associate Degree
	Diploma	Diploma
	Certificate IV	
Western Australian Certificate of Education	Certificate III	
	Certificate II	
	Certificate I	

All above information can also be found in the Courses and careers 2010 Guide:

<http://www.trainingwa.wa.gov.au/careercentre/detcms/apprenticeships-and-training/career-centre/articles/courses-and-careers-2010.en?oid=MultiPartArticle-id-5150817>