



Principal's Recommendation Scheme

CQUniversity's Principal's Recommendation Scheme (PRS) provides Year 12 students with an alternate entry pathway to a wide range of CQU courses. Year 12 students can apply for a course and receive an unconditional* offer based on the recommendation of their school Principal, rather than an ATAR.

With entry based on a Principal's recommendation, the PRS recognises that factors such as motivation, talent and passion play an important role in student success at university.



'I would suggest to anyone who gets offered that opportunity to do it. It will take a lot of stress off of you. It will make you feel better about your future if you know what you want to do. And it's definitely a good scheme to be a part of.'

Tiarna Ezzy
CQU Student

BENEFITS OF THE SCHEME

The Principal's Recommendation Scheme is an ideal entry pathway for all Year 12 students, whether they are on track for an ATAR or not.

The Scheme gives students certainty about their study options after school with entry based on the recommendation of their school Principal, rather than their ATAR result. Plus, with applications opening in August and offers commencing from early September, students can receive an unconditional offer for a CQU course before their senior results are released.

WHAT TO INCLUDE ON THE RECOMMENDATION LETTER

To be accepted, the Principal's recommendation letter must:

- › be on school letterhead
- › be signed and dated by the Principal
- › list the student's full name
- › list the name of the course that the student is being recommended for.

Find out more at cqu.edu.au/prs.

* Some courses have additional requirements and where noted conditional offers only will be made for these courses.



COURSES WITH ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

CL91 - Bachelor of Nursing

Students will need to complete an additional declaration in relation to English language requirements.

CC14 - Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood)

CC12 - Bachelor of Education (Primary)

CC13 - Bachelor of Education (Secondary)

Students applying for one of the Bachelor of Education courses in Early Childhood, Primary or Secondary, will still need to meet the pre-requisite subject requirements of English (Units 3 and 4, C) and General Mathematics, Mathematical Methods or Specialist Mathematics (Units 3 and 4, C). Conditional offers only will be made for these courses.

CC41 - Diploma of Music

CG51 - Bachelor of Music

CG72 - Bachelor of Theatre

Students will need to meet non-academic entry requirements and complete an audition. Conditional offers only will be made for these courses.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

There may be additional English Language Proficiency requirements for international students. Please visit cqu.edu.au/prs for a full list of courses that this applies to.

EXCLUDED COURSES

Courses that are not open for application via the Scheme include:

- › Diploma of Nursing (HLT54121)
- › Bachelor of Echocardiography and Cardiac Physiology/ Graduate Diploma of Echocardiography (CV69)

- › Bachelor of Medical Imaging (CG92)
- › Bachelor of Medical Science (Pathway to Medicine) (CM17)
- › Bachelor of Medical Sonography / Graduate Diploma of Medical Sonography (CG91)
- › Bachelor of Nutrition/Master of Nutrition and Dietetics (CM61)
- › Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours) (CB84)
- › Bachelor of Oral Health (CB29)
- › Bachelor of Paramedic Science (CG95)
- › Bachelor of Paramedic Science/Graduate Certificate in Emergency and Disaster Management (CM40)
- › Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours) (CB85)

Graduate Entry Courses

The following courses require you to have completed a degree and are excluded from the PRS.

- › Bachelor of Midwifery (Graduate Entry) (CM16)
- › Bachelor of Science (Honours) (CG84)
- › Bachelor of Science (Psychology) (CF59)
Note, CC43 Bachelor of Psychological Science is available via the PRS.

All other undergraduate courses are open to applications via the Scheme.

HOW TO APPLY

The application process is simple and fast. Students apply direct to CQU and attach their school Principal's recommendation letter with their online application.

WHEN TO APPLY

Term 1 2026 applications

- › Applications open: Friday 1 August 2025
- › Offers released: from Monday 1 September 2025
- › Applications close: Monday 1 December 2025

Find out more at cqu.edu.au/prs.

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