



Unleash your musical potential in the heart of The Great Southern

CUA50820 Diploma of Music

ECU Course Code: C82 | Location: Albany

Calling all Rockstars of the Great Southern! Get ready to amplify your music journey because WAAPA is turning up the volume and bringing its CUA50820 Diploma of Music course right to your backyard in Albany! Don't miss out on this epic chance to unleash your talent and rock the stage like never before!

Course Overview

Focusing on practical and industry skills, students will undertake weekly ensemble rehearsals, instrumental/voice lessons, classes in theory and aural, business skills, electronic media and more. Throughout the year, additional WAAPA staff will also travel to Albany to lead intensive performance weeks. During these weeks, students will focus on developing and rehearsing repertoire to be performed at a public concert.

**Creative thinkers
made here.**

Eligibility

Duration: 1 year full-time
Availability: Albany or ECU City
ATAR: No ATAR required

Academic admission requirements (Band 1) and English competency requirements may be satisfied through completion of Year 10 or equivalent.

All applicants are required to attend an audition. In addition, all applicants are normally expected to be turning at least 17 by 30th June in the year of commencing the course.

As part of the application process, applicants will be required to complete a language, literacy, numeracy and digital literacy skills and competencies review. Full details are on the website.

More Information

For further information visit the WAAPA website:
waapa.ecu.edu.au





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Albany FAQ

What are admission requirements?

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Can I still study while I'm at school?

No. The diploma is a full time, AQF level 5 course. To be eligible for a government subsidised place on the course you must not be attending secondary school.

What does the course involve?

This course has the same structure as the contemporary performance study option delivered in Perth. It has 16 units of competency attached, and we have tailored what we as both educators and industry specialists believe best represents the start of a career as a working musician or artist. The unit selection to provide you with the essential training needed to start a career as a musician or artist.

Who teaches in this course?

We use prominent Albany local musicians and educators who teach in our Perth courses. They are all highly experienced industry experts and have international reputations.

That all sounds well and good but do I play a lot?

Albany students, receive tutored ensemble sessions twice a week.

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Is there much academic work attached?

A little bit! Don't forget that you are receiving a formal qualification. All the work that you undertake involves you demonstrating knowledge in a formal way. You must attend classes to receive the required training. Academic work is often in the form of workbooks to test your knowledge, documenting your processes, and responding to feedback.

Is there any academic support available?

YES! We have a working relationship with the Great Southern University Centre, (GSUC) which operates just up the road in Central Albany on Frederick Street. They are open 24 hours a day, have free Internet, printing, computing facilities, a kitchen, and a learning advisor who is available to help with any university specific or academic tasks. Registration with GSUC is free and we encourage all students to make themselves available for this. It is currently run by our former WAAPA head of contemporary music Mike Eastman.

All WAAPA Albany students also have full access to ECU counsellors, learning advisors, library resources, and IT helpdesk. As a WAAPA student you are also an ECU student.

Where do classes run?

Currently, all classes run at the Albany PCYC, 77 Sanford Road Albany.

What costs are involved?

The 2025 total tuition fee is \$6500.56. The 2026 course fee will be confirmed in December 2025. This course is VET Student Loans approved. Please visit the ECU website for further information (scan QR code below).

