



Western Sydney Institute provides education and training programs for over 76,000 students enrolled in 1,000 courses per year. The Institute has seven colleges and the Open Training and Education Network for distance education.

Three of the colleges in Western Sydney Institute share campuses with the University of Western Sydney (UWS) and the other colleges are close by making it an attractive location for those seeking Diploma-to-Degree university pathways. International students from more than 30 countries are studying at Western Sydney Institute.

LIVING IN WESTERN SYDNEY

The western Sydney area which includes Blacktown – the demographic centre of Sydney – spreads from the north-western Baulkham Hills district to the beautiful World Heritage Blue Mountains. The area is culturally and linguistically diverse with many communities from the Philippines, India, Fiji, China, Sri Lanka, Hong Kong and Africa.

Students can enjoy the natural beauty of the area along with city features including cinemas, restaurants, shopping complexes and cafes.

Western Sydney offers a good balance between study and an attractive lifestyle, affordable rental housing and lower living costs than other areas.

SPECIALIST FACILITIES

- » **Nepean Arts and Design Centre – Nepean College** has modern, light, airy studios, computer laboratories and state-of-the-art equipment.
- » The **Trapezium Gallery** is a venue for Fine Arts and Graphic Design students to exhibit artworks.
- » The **Deefa Design Studio** is a working studio where graphic design students gain first-hand experience with clients.
- » **CISCO Systems Networking Academy – Blacktown College Information Technology** is a CISCO Certified Networking Associate (CCNA) and delivers CISCO Multimedia Instructions. Successful students may also take the internationally-recognised CISCO Certified Networking Associate (CCNA) examination.
- » **TAFE Entertainment – Nirimba College** teaches Contemporary Music, Music Business, Technical Production and Music Theatre and Screen.
- » The **Digital Audio Lab** has 16 stations, one per student. The Digital Editing Suite can be used for recording, mastering, mixing, digital video editing, music for the screen and live recording of student performances. There are three fully-equipped sound-treated rehearsal studios with a powered mixer PA system, microphones, drum kit, bass and guitar amplifiers.
- » **Training Restaurants** – Blue Mountains, Mount Druitt, Nepean and Baulkham Hills College Restaurants are open to the public for lunch and dinner.

- » **Travel 2153, the Tourism section of Baulkham Hills College** at TAFE NSW – Western Sydney Institute, was presented the Gold award in the category of Tourism Education and Training at the 2008 New South Wales Tourism Awards.
- » **Sydney International Equestrian Centre – Richmond College** provides equine studies students with access to the Sydney International Equestrian Centre, a modern Olympic-quality facility.

SPECIALIST COURSES

- » **Richmond College:** Horticulture and Equine Studies
- » **Nirimba College:** Contemporary Music, Music Technical Production, Music Theatre and Performing Arts and Community Welfare, Children's Services
- » **Nepean College:** Arts and Design, Photoimaging, Enrolled Nursing, Fitness and Hospitality
- » **Blue Mountains College:** Outdoor Recreation, Remedial Massage and Aromatherapy
- » **Blacktown College:** Information Technology with CISCO Systems Networking Academy
- » **Baulkham Hills:** Hospitality and award-winning training restaurant
- » **Mount Druitt:** Hairdressing and Electronics

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STUDENT PROFILES

Below are outstanding international students who graduated with Distinctions from Western Sydney Institute.

Swachhanda Shrestha (Nepal) State Medal Winner and International Student of the Year, Advanced Diploma of Civil Engineering Design. He is now studying at the University of Technology, Sydney.

John Bernales (Philippines) Diploma of Information Technology Systems Administration

Teodorico II Aquino, Rosemarie Medina and Anne Concepcion (Philippines) Diploma of Hospitality Management which includes Commercial Cookery. Anne is now a permanent resident.

Elbe Somes (Philippines) Diploma of Information Technology Network Engineering

Paramjeet Singh (India) Diploma of Information Technology Software Development. He is now studying at University of Western Sydney.

Efana Choudhury (Bangladesh) Advanced Diploma of Accounting. She is now studying at University of Western Sydney.

Jun Wang (China) Diploma of Digital Media

Dennis K.T Yue Kye (Mauritius) Diploma of Information Technology Network Engineering



Photography students at Nepean College get creative



Playing pool at Blacktown College



Practical session on hairdressing at Mount Druitt College



Electrical Engineering at Mount Druitt College