ECA
PROFESSIONAL YEAR

Course Guide

Be the Best You Can Be.

YOUR FIRST STEP TOWARDS A REWARDING PROFESSIONAL CAREER

![ECA Logo] **ECA**
EDUCATION CENTRE OF AUSTRALIA

"More than a great education"

ABOUT THE COMPANY

Established in 2004, Education Centre of Australia has grown into a world-class educational group championing higher education across the countries it operates. Along our path to success, ECA forged strong alliances with many esteemed universities which gave shape to our industry-relevant courses now tailored for any academic ambition. Having multiple campuses and programs such as VETs, ELICOS and Professional Year Programs nationwide; the successful Group provides a plethora of educational services helping students strive towards fulfilling individual goals!

KEY METRICS

11,000+ new students recruited p.a.

140,000+ applications p.a.

50,000+ graduates to date

6 campuses in Australia and UK

1,200+ internships p.a.

50+ nationalities enrolled

15-year partnership with Victoria University

3 postgraduate degree awarding institutes

6 university partnerships in Australia and UK

LEADERS IN INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

ECA is proud to be leaders in international education. We understand the needs of our students and strive to provide them with the best possible educational experience. We successfully navigate the complexities of the international student market while maintaining high admission and retention standards.

- Fuel sustainable financial growth
- Deliver high-impact, fast turn-around growth solutions
- Provide diversified revenue streams that are not reliant on repayments

- Develop a strong and diverse student population
- Safely navigate the international student market
- Maintain high admission and retention standards
- Improve student outcomes and employability

For more information on ECA Group go to **www.eca.edu.au**

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A LEADING EMPLOYABILITY PROGRAM IN IT

The ACS (IT) Professional Year (PY) is a Department of Home Affairs initiative which is designed for international graduates with an Australian IT degree. Developed by the Australian Computer Society, the ACS PY Program is a job-readiness program that bridges the gap between full-time study and professional employment in Australia.

To date, ECA has successfully graduated over 18,000 students in the PY since 2008. Our unique delivery methods and proven reputation have placed ECA as one of the leading education institutions in Sydney to deliver the PY Program. ECA has offered its PY Program in Sydney since 2008, Melbourne since 2013, Brisbane since 2016 and Geelong since 2022.

A FIRST-CLASS NATIONAL INTERNSHIP PLACEMENT TEAM

ECA PY Internships are non-paid industry placements that are a mandatory part of the PY syllabus that are valued by PY students and host companies alike. PY Internship placement is in Information Technology fields. Placements are 12 weeks in length and will give students the opportunity to gain invaluable local industry experience and stay ahead of an increasingly competitive graduate recruitment market.

ECA's dedicated Internship Team will assess student's fields of interest to find the right host company and develop a 245-hour (12-week) training plan in order to gain the best workplace experience. Although we don't guarantee employment after the internship, did you know that between 30-40% of our ECA PY graduates are offered a paid position? You will also have the opportunity to expand your professional network, gain valuable references and improve your resume for future career opportunities.

Icons / Milestones

- 18,000 PY graduates nationally since 2018

- 4 campuses in Australia: Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Geelong

- 3,000 Host Companies for Internship Placements which include Marriott Hotels, Telstra, Energesse, Skilledfield

- Intakes each week or fortnight year-round

- Consistently very high Net Promoter Score (NPS) and Student Satisfaction

- 40 high-calibre academic Trainers nationally

A GREAT CAREER IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STARTS HERE

ECA's PY offers the unique combination of qualified trainers with real world business experience, and the highly focused classroom activities and a mandatory internship designed to prepare you for your professional life in Australia.

The ECA PY Advantage provides you with additional benefits including a Job Placement Program, free access to AI digital tools Resume Builder, Interview Practice and Linkedin Learning courses and the GetMee AI-powered communication coach. Our Program and additional add-ons are designed to maximise your professional employment prospects in Australia and provide you with the opportunity to gain maximum migration points for submitting your Expression of Interest (EOI) for Permanent Residency.

Entry Requirements

1	Completed a recognised Bachelor or Masters IT degree in Australia (minimum of two years credit points). This must be completed over a minimum of 18 months and 2 years' credit points.
2	Obtained or applied for a Temporary Graduate Visa (subclass 485), valid 408 Visa or Valid Bridging Visa - minimum 12 months validity.
3	A current IELTS score of 6.0 overall and not less than 6.0 in any skill, or equivalent English test result.
4	Students will need to complete a pre-enrolment interview and questionnaire before commencing the IT Professional Year Program.
5	A valid passport.

Potential Exit Benefits

Gain 5 migration points when you graduate from ECA's PY course, under an eligible skilled occupation, as specified by the Department of Home Affairs (DHA).

Extra 5 points towards PR for students studying IT qualification and PY in regional centre (Geelong).

Secure professional employment, work for 1 year and **gain a further 5 migration points**.

Applying online only takes a few minutes:
www.professionalyear.info/apply

COURSE STRUCTURE

The ECA PY encompasses the following topics:

1

Australian Workplace and Culture and Practice

Explore Australian workplace culture, values, slang, and 'small talk' to understand how people interact in business.

2

Working Effectively in Diversity

Understand how and why diversity is valued in the Australian workplace. Identify how cultural relationships can contribute to your success.

3

Professional Performance Teamwork

Harness the power of teamwork by exploring team dynamics for effective collaboration. Enhance your teamwork skills and expand your network.

4

Professional Performance Innovation

Think like an innovator. Learn how to think out of the box and apply those skills to your professional life.

5

Reflective Thinking

You have the opportunity to track your progress throughout the course, with ongoing targeted exercises to identify different areas to focus on.

6

Job Applications

Get job-ready. Learn to prepare applications, resumes, and more. Customize and fine-tune your job materials for maximum impact.

7

Job Interviews

Practise makes perfect. Learn interview skills in mock interviews and receive feedback on strengths, weaknesses, and improvement tips.

8

Introduction to Business Project

Start thinking like a business person. You will start working in teams and apply your university education to real life scenarios.

9

Business Writing and Reports

Master targeted business writing communications. Captivate and gain audience support with focused writing.

10

Presentations

Deliver impactful presentations with cultural and language precision. Receive real-time feedback for improvement.

ECA PROFESSIONAL YEAR'S ADVANTAGE

Our innovative 1 year, 1 day a week program finetunes your employability and job readiness as you launch your career in IT.

On-site student support during delivery

Students are supported each PY delivery day by student services and academic team members at each delivery site.

Your shopfront to 3,000 outstanding companies

Industry experience via internships are essential in the workplace today to gain an edge and show companies what your capabilities and employment potential are.

Exclusivity in NSW and VIC

ECA is the sole PY Provider in Parramatta (NSW) and Geelong (VIC).

Australia's only Job Placement Program

Our Job Placement team match up recruiting companies with candidates for paid jobs in IT.

FREE ECA Employability Advantage tool

Access to AI digital tools Resume Builder, Interview Practice and Linkedin Learning courses.

FREE GetMee app

An AI coach for enhancing communication employability through self-learning tools.

Academic strength

We continuously improve the Program with practical and individualised learning. Our Trainers bring extensive industry expertise.

FREE access to Converge International

Access to Converge International – free confidential counselling service, providing support to students undergoing difficulty.

WHAT OUR STUDENTS AND HOST COMPANIES THINK

Syed Mohammed Talha

ECA Professional Year (IT)

"My PY experience was an incredible experience – I gained valuable Australian work experience and got the chance to implement my technical skills in a practical environment. I also made new friends and the teaching methodology was first-rate. I highly recommend ECA to those considering completing a Professional Year."

Tongda Shi

ECA Professional Year (IT)

"The best part of my experience of an internship from ECA was all the mentoring I received from my co-workers and managers. It was an amazing experience – the PY has helped my future career options through networking and growing my skills."

Puja Neupane Chapagain

ECA Professional Year (IT)

"My experience was mind-blowing! In fact, I rate ECA internships 10/10 because it was tremendously helpful. I learnt crucial professional subjects that unlocked my potential. This was the most memorable year of my life."

Chantelle de la Rey

Amber Labs

"Approaching ECA was probably one of the best things that we could have done. In terms of being a start-up, it's really hard to have access to good talent. ECA takes a hands-on approach to ensure the right person is provided for your team environment."

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