

Australian Vocational Education and Training (VET) Pathways for HKDSE Students



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Vocational Education and Training

- Education based on occupation or employment
- Job related and technical skills rather than research theories
- Paid Internships, chances to practice
- Trades and office work, hospitality, design, beauty and technology
- Certificate, Diploma and Advanced Diploma
- Employment with hands-on skills
- Solid foundation for Bachelor studies

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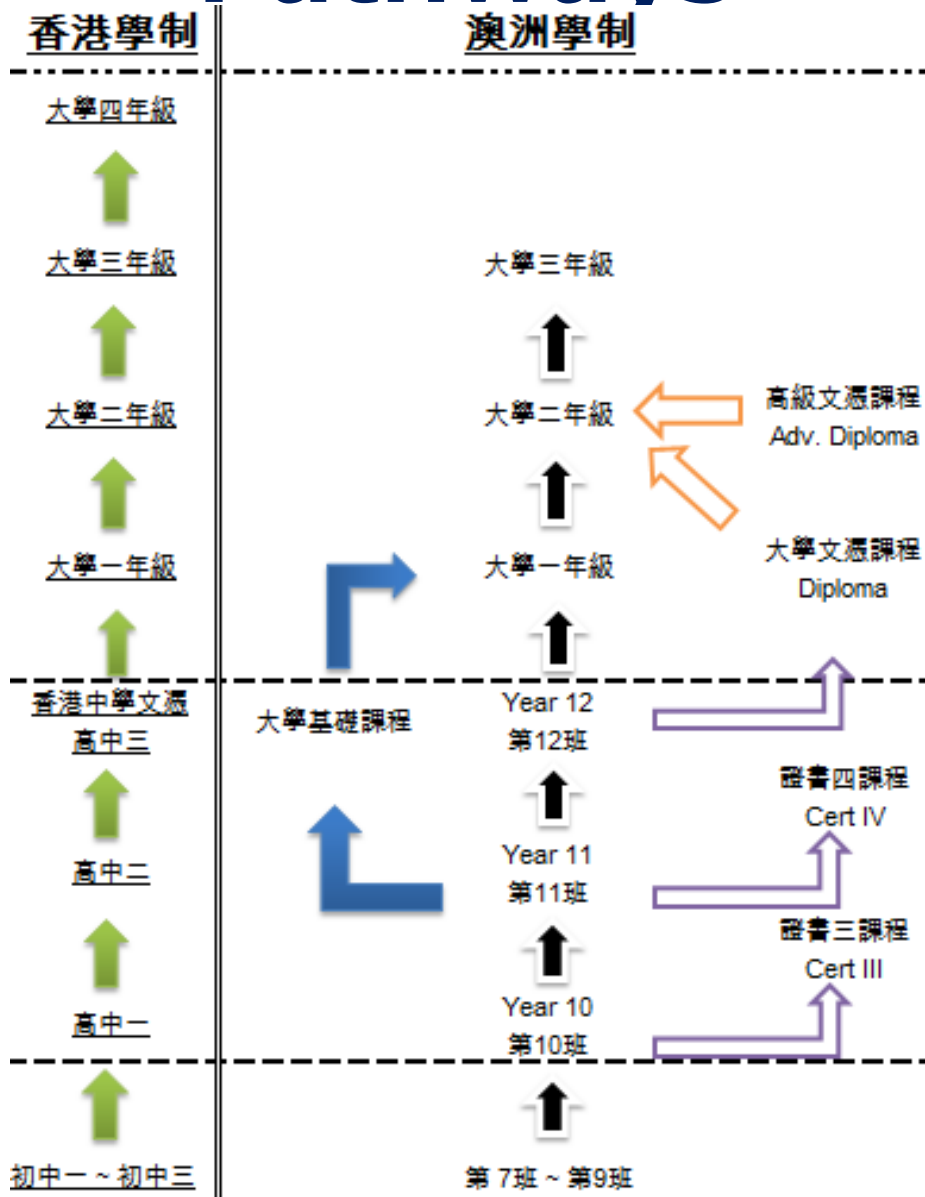
- 15,000 students
- Campuses in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, Gold Coast
- Good mix of students (70% Australians)
- Practical, close to industry
- Learn from industry professionals
- Real life experience
- up to 900 hours of PAID work placements in addition to visa



THINK: Colleges

- Billy Blue College of Design
- CATC Design School
- William Blue College of Hospitality Management
- APM College of Business and Communication (APM)
- Australasian College of Natural Therapies (ACNT)
- Australian Natural College of Beauty (ANCB)

Australian Education Pathways



Certificate III

- Provider – TAFE or Colleges
- Fundamental skills and knowledge for work and further studies
- Duration – 2 to 6 months
- Entry requirement:
 - Age 16 (some require 18)
 - Completion of year 10 or above
 - IELTS 5.0 - 5.5 / OPT (English class)
- Examples – Certificate III in Fitness, Certificate III in Design Fundamentals



Certificate IV

- Provider – TAFE or Colleges
- Theoretical and practical skills and knowledge for specialized and skilled work and/or further studies
- Duration – 3 to 12 months
- Entry requirement:
 - Age 18 (Mature students 21)
 - Completion of year 11/12
 - IELTS 5.0 - 5.5 / OPT (English class)
- Examples – Certificate IV in Fitness, Certificate IV in Massage Therapy Practice, Certificate IV in Business



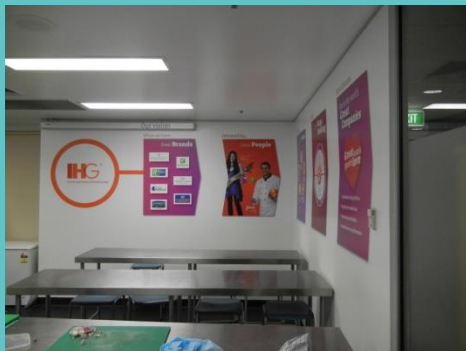
Diploma

- Provider – TAFE or Colleges
- Specialized knowledge on particular area
- May be used as bridging course to degree or practical use
- Subject specific ~ 1st year of a Bachelor degree
- Duration – usually 1 year
- Entry requirement:
 - HKCEE/HKDSE completion
 - English – IELTS 5.5
- Diploma of Business, Diploma of Marketing
- Also some vocational focus diplomas i.e. Diploma of Remedial Massage, Diploma of Beauty Therapy

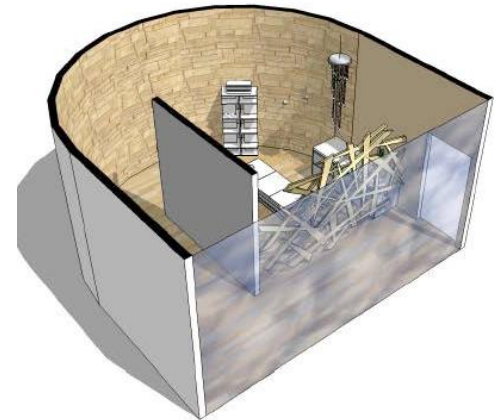


Advanced Diploma

- Provider – TAFE or Colleges
- Similar to Higher Diploma and Associate Degree
- Duration - Usually 2 years
- ~ 1.5 – 2 years of Bachelor course
- Entry Requirement:
 - HKCEE/HKDSE completion
 - English – IELTS 5.5
- Adv. Dip. of Hospitality Management of William Blue → Final year 10 subjects of Bachelor of Business of LaTrobe University



Examples of Portfolio



Different types of Tertiary Institutions

TAFE

- Both mature students and teenagers
- Practical skills and discipline
- From Certificate to Advanced Diploma
- More practically and operational focused
- Job ready
- Used to be popular (immigration policy)

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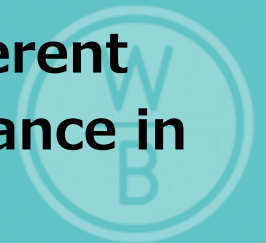
Colleges

- Positioning – in between TAFE and Uni
- From Certificate to Bachelor
- Lower entry requirement for Bachelor
- Practical knowledge & management theory
 - i.e. William Blue hospitality – own restaurant, 6 months paid internship; followed by LaTrobe Bachelor
- May be specialised → close relationship with industry
- Career focus



Conclusion

- Vocational Education – more practical, industry specific training
- For employment or further studies
- For students with interest in specific area
- For students who are less qualified in getting into Universities directly
- HKDSE graduates – Certificate / Diploma / Advanced Diploma
- Special requirements may apply(i.e. portfolio for design diplomas, completion of CertIV before Diploma)
- IELTS ~ 5.5
- Go with students' interest – result could be different
- Study life balance – Study & exposure. Best chance in your life~



Thanks ~

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