Chisholm Institute

What is the benefit of studying at Chisholm?

Since 1998, Chisholm has served one of Australia's fastest growing regions - offering industry-respected courses in spacious, modern locations, online, and in workplaces.

At the start of the 20th century technical colleges were established in both Frankston and Dandenong, and through the 50s and 60s other technical colleges were set up in the region. In 1974 the State Government introduced the term 'technical and further education' to Victoria and the acronym TAFE was born.

In 1998 all the TAFE colleges in south east Melbourne were amalgamated into Chisholm Institute of TAFE. Chisholm was named in honour of Caroline Chisholm, the early Australian reformer and humanitarian, a champion of the poor and needy in the early Australian colony. Her motto "I promise to know neither country nor creed, but to serve all justly and impartially" fits comfortably with the present day Chisholm's philosophy. Chisholm was established under the Education and Training Reform Act 2006.

Currently, Chisholm offers over 330 certificate, diploma, advanced diploma and graduate certificate courses -- and continues to develop specialist degree programs. Chisholm also conducts over 300 short courses for industry compliance and skills development, as well as self-improvement and recreation.

Chisholm serves one of the state's most culturally diverse and fastest-growing regions in south-east Victoria, with increasingly-developing, specialised facilities in Dandenong, Frankston, Berwick, Cranbourne, at Rosebud on the Mornington Peninsula, and Wonthaggi on the Bass Coast. Courses are also offered online and in the workplace. As one of the largest providers of vocational education and training in Victoria, Chisholm has emerged as the premier VET and tertiary provider in the region. Chisholm also consults and delivers training in partnership with many overseas commercial companies and educational organisations in their home country.

What training options are available at Chisholm?

Chisholm: TAFE courses, and options for - those finishing school (or leaving early), starting work (or going back), starting a career (or advancing in the field), and beyond.

Training and education available at Chisholm can meet the needs of people looking for learning foundations – such as basic skills, or learning how to learn - for TAFE skills-training, for specialist tertiary qualifications, and for further professional-level education. It can also be a resource for employers wanting to develop their workforce.

Chisholm students range from those still attending high school, to apprentices and trainees; from those getting certified in a particular skill for their jobs to those earning specialist degrees or...
graduate qualifications.

Chisholm courses are specifically designed to ensure students are ready for employment, new careers, or higher level study in their particular field.

Courses are developed in consultation with industry, and designed to meet both current and predicted shortages in skills, knowledge and expertise. Many give you experience in the workplace or simulated workplace training, and the opportunity to participate in leading industry events, competitions and exhibitions – where you can make yourself known to potential employers, and network with industry.

Qualifications are nationally recognised, welcomed by industry, and many lead directly to specific university study, or can serve as a pathway. Others provide post-graduate industry qualifications.

Chisholm is continually looking for ways to make your study easier to fit in with your work and life. Different courses are now available full time or part time, in short term intensive mode or at-your-own pace, on-campus or off-campus, daytime or evenings, online or as a combination.

A specialist team of Chisholm Workforce Training Consultants interact with industry. Together with Centre expert staff, they work in partnership with industry to advise on a range of delivery and services that can be tailored to help enterprises develop their people and grow their business.

What facilities and services are available?

Chisholm paves the way for each student – to prepare for employment, to start a new career, to advance their career, or to follow their passion through further study.

Chisholm's Vision is to be the catalyst for dynamic career pathways in the region, through the Chisholm purpose of 'accelerating social and economic prosperity through skills and qualifications'. So everybody you meet is here to help.

Chisholm's teachers are award-winning, practicing industry professionals, who keep up-to-date with latest trends and technology, ensuring that skills are current and in demand. Many have also distinguished themselves in industry awards and overseas training programs. Several are recognised internationally for their innovative ideas and research.

Even more, Chisholm teachers are often praised in student interviews for their friendly support and encouragement. Students' careers are important to Chisholm, and we strive to keep in touch, to give support and advice as careers develop.

On campus, students enjoy ample room and updated training facilities that are the envy of many, as well as a consistent standard of hands-on industry experience, or near-as-possible simulation.

For example ...

A multi-million dollar simulated engineering environment where students across a number of disciplines collaborate on projects – from electronics and fluid engineering to polymer, robotics
and photonics.

New, elegant beauty training and hairdressing salons, a la carte restaurants and patisseries providing students real, practical experience with genuine customers as part of their learning and assessment.

Nurse training labs featuring practice dummies with lungs that breathe and hearts that pump.

The latest e-learning technologies.

| As a Chisholm student, you can get help finding accommodation, work, financial and career advice, personal counselling, and study skills support. |
| Naturally, you have internet and email access, and state-of-the-art library facilities. |
| You can enjoy regular social events, as well as perks like fine dining in our training restaurants, hair and beauty treatments at our beauty training centres, gym memberships, and even a relaxing massage. |