

Education provider	Course	Duration	Prerequisite	Available majors	Course description
Charles Sturt University	Master of Applied Finance	2 years full-time or equivalent part-time study	NA	This course has specialisations available in financial planning and banking	The Master of Applied Finance is designed to provide students from a range of educational backgrounds with the opportunity to complete postgraduate level education in finance, financial institutions management and funds management. Visit www.csu.edu.au/courses/postgraduate/applied_finance/ for more information.
CQUniversity Australia (Distance Education)	Bachelor of Financial Planning	3 years full-time, 6 years part-time	OP19/SR63 (Apply through QTAC: 853165)		CQUniversity's Bachelor of Financial Planning equips you with general business skills, as well as the essential aspects of successful financial planning, including taxation and commercial law, superannuation, investment management, risk management and estate planning.
	Bachelor of Financial Planning/Bachelor of Accounting	4 years full-time, 8 years part-time	OP19/SR63 (Apply through QTAC: 853175)		The Bachelor of Financial Planning/Bachelor of Accounting dual degree enables you to graduate with both a Bachelor of Financial Planning and a Bachelor of Accounting within 4 years of full-time study. The dual degree approach allows you to further tailor your degree to suit your individual needs and study goals. The accounting portion of this program includes courses which cover content such as audit methodology and planning, tools and techniques financial managers use to maximise shareholder value. The financial planning component of this program provides you not only with the theoretical knowledge of the finance industry within Australia, but also the practical skills and tools to construct a thorough financial plan.
	Graduate Certificate in Financial Planning	1 term (6 months) full-time, 1 year part-time	A recognised undergraduate degree or demonstration of substantial (5 years) relevant work experience (Apply direct to CQU: www.cqu.edu.au/apply)		CQUniversity's postgraduate business programs are designed to expand and build on your existing expertise and skills, in turn equipping you with everything you need to advance your career or shift it in a new direction. We understand that both your professional and personal lives are already busy, so we offer a flexible learning environment where you can combine your study with your career and lifestyle.
Curtin University	Bachelor of Commerce - Financial Planning	3 years full-time	ATAR of 70	Accounting and financial planning	This major provides a good foundation if you wish to work in financial services and specifically pursue a career in the financial planning profession. Financial planners help businesses and individuals to make smart decisions with their money. They take time to understand a client's goals and objectives. They formulate a financial plan, monitor progress and maintain a budget. What the course involves: This major can provide you with a strong knowledge base in financial planning. You can develop a clear understanding of the ethical, legal and professional standards of the financial planning industry from extensive input from the industry and regular interaction with practitioners. During the course you will be introduced to basic concepts in accounting, banking, statistics, law and finance. The later part of the degree covers the specialised fields of: superannuation, estate planning, risk management and insurance, taxation, wealth creation and investments, portfolio management.
	Master of Financial Planning	2 Years full-time	Commerce degree		This course provides you with a comprehensive study into the various legal, ethical and technical aspects of financial planning. There will be extensive coverage in the areas of taxation, superannuation and retirement, estate planning, risk management and insurance, financial plan construction, portfolio management and derivative securities. This course is accredited by the Financial Planning Association of Australia (FPA) as an approved postgraduate qualification providing advanced standing to the education program component of the Certified Financial Planner® certification for those who are planning to become a CFP® practitioner. It provides exemptions for the technical education component of the program: CFP2, CFP3 and CFP4. The course is on the financial services training register as meeting the knowledge and skill requirements of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) Regulatory Guide (RG) 146.
Deakin University, Faculty of Business and Law	Bachelor of Commerce. EPAS accredited in 2013.	3 years	Required ATAR: Burwood 75.95; Geelong 61.90; Warrnambool 57.45.	Accounting, financial planning, finance, economics, marketing and management are the largest majors	The Bachelor of Commerce is a 24-unit degree: the core units reflect the traditional business disciplines, and the electives provide the advanced learning of core subjects, or specialised learning such as financial planning. All units are informed by a global perspective to meet the needs of our diverse cohort.
	Master of Financial Planning	1.5 years full-time	Requires an undergraduate degree.		It is a specialist degree that enables students to complete a 4-unit specialisation in another area of interest such as finance or accounting. There are many options.

Griffith University	Bachelor of Commerce (Financial Planning - Accelerated)	2 years full-time, 4 years part-time	OP11/12	Required major in financial planning plus the option of a second major in either accounting, human resource management or management	The Bachelor of Commerce (Financial Planning - Accelerated) is an excellent way to accelerate your journey to a career in financial planning. Complete 3 semesters a year (and still have 10 weeks' holidays) and start your career sooner. The program is a professionally accredited pathway to membership of the Financial Planning Association of Australia (FPA) and entry to their Certified Financial Planner (CFP) certification program. Graduates of the Bachelor of Commerce (Financial Planning) will also meet ASIC's Regulatory Guide RG 146 - a key part of being able to become a licensed adviser. Griffith University is the first educational institution in Australia to have its financial planning programs accredited by the Financial Planning Education Council as meeting the new (higher) national requirements.
	Bachelor of Commerce (Financial Planning - Professional)	3 years full-time, 6 years part-time	OP11/12	Required major in financial planning plus the option of a second major in either accounting, human resource management or management	The Bachelor of Commerce (Financial Planning - Professional) is an excellent way to progress your career in financial planning. Complete 3 semesters a year over 3 years, including a 2-year part-time paid internship and a professional development program (to better prepare you for the workforce), and your career will be underway before you know it. This is a unique award-winning degree in Australia, with a prestigious Business - Higher Education Roundtable award and a National Office of Learning and Teaching award for its innovative approach and excellent student outcomes. The program is a professionally accredited pathway to membership of the Financial Planning Association of Australia (FPA) and entry to their Certified Financial Planner (CFP) certification program. Graduates of the Bachelor of Commerce (Financial Planning - Professional) will also meet ASIC's Regulatory Guide RG 146 - a key part of being able to become a licensed adviser. Griffith University is the first educational institution in Australia to have its financial planning programs accredited by the Financial Planning Education Council as meeting the new (higher) national requirements.
	Bachelor of Commerce (Financial Planning)	3 years full-time, 6 years part-time	OP11/12	Required major in financial planning plus the option to complete a second major in either accounting, finance or economics, or any one of more than 20 other majors from the Griffith Business School	The Bachelor of Commerce (Financial Planning) is an excellent way to 'kick-start' your journey to a career in Financial Planning. The program is a professionally accredited pathway to membership of the Financial Planning Association of Australia (FPA) and entry to their Certified Financial Planner (CFP) certification program. Graduates of the Bachelor of Commerce (Financial Planning) will also meet ASIC's Regulatory Guide RG 146 - a key part of being able to become a licensed adviser. Griffith University is the first educational institution in Australia to have its financial planning programs accredited by the Financial Planning Education Council as meeting the new (higher) national requirements.
	Master of Commerce (Financial Planning)	1.5 years full-time, 3 years part-time	Hold a bachelor's degree from a recognised university (or another tertiary education institution of equivalent standing) with a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 4.0 (using a 7.0 scale) OR hold a Graduate Certificate in Commerce from Griffith University with a minimum GPA of 4.0	Financial planning	If you are thinking of a career change, Griffith Business School's Master of Commerce (Financial Planning) is an excellent way to 'kick-start' a career in financial planning. The Master of Commerce (Financial Planning) is a professionally accredited pathway to entry into the Financial Planning Association of Australia's Certified Financial Planner (CFP) certification program. Graduates of the Master of Commerce (Financial Planning) will also be eligible for advanced standing for 3 of the 5 professional education units (CFP2, CFP3, and CFP4) and meet ASIC's Regulatory Guide RG 146. Griffith University is also the first educational institution in Australia to have its financial planning programs accredited by the Financial Planning Education Council as meeting the new (higher) national requirements.
Kaplan Higher Education	Graduate Diploma of Financial Planning	8 subjects within 2 years of initial enrolment	NA	NA	This leading postgraduate course will provide you with in-depth technical knowledge and client relationship skills required to launch or advance your career in financial planning. Through this course, you will learn the latest concepts, techniques and skills used by today's leading financial institutions, and qualify as a paraplanner or financial adviser. You will also gain exemptions for the subjects CFP2, CFP3 and CFP4 in the FPA's CFP certification program, and ASIC RG 146 compliance in the following areas: generic knowledge; specialist knowledge and skills in financial planning, insurance, superannuation, managed investments and securities.
	Master of Applied Finance (Financial Planning)	12 subjects (8 core, 4 elective)	NA	Financial planning	This leading postgraduate course will provide you with in-depth technical knowledge and client relationship skills required to launch or advance your career in financial planning. Through this course, you will learn the latest concepts, techniques and skills used by today's leading financial institutions, and qualify as a paraplanner or financial adviser. You will also gain exemptions for the subjects CFP2, CFP3 and CFP4 in the FPA's CFP certification program, and ASIC RG 146 compliance in the following areas: generic knowledge; specialist knowledge and skills in financial planning, insurance, superannuation, managed investments and securities.

La Trobe University	Bachelor of Accounting / Bachelor of Finance	4.5 years full-time	ATAR of 70.75	No majors, but students can undertake a range of specialisations, including in financial planning	This accredited degree provides students with foundation knowledge and skills required to practise both finance and accounting and qualifies graduates for membership of the following professional accounting bodies: CPA Australia, Institute of Chartered Accountants (ICAA), National Institution of Public Accountants (IPA), and the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants (ACCA). In the first year of studies, students take 4 foundation business subjects that may include: management, marketing, human resource management, accounting, finance, statistics, data management, economics and graduate capabilities such as writing, speaking, inquiry and research skills. Students also have the opportunity to take a broad range of electives in finance and/or accounting, commencing in the second year, including auditing, forensic accounting, public sector accounting, taxation, corporate finance, international finance, investment and risk management.
	Bachelor of Economics	3 years full-time	ATAR of 76.2	No majors, but students can undertake a range of specialisations, including in financial planning	This course aims to give students a thorough grounding in economic theory while developing skills in quantitative analysis and logical thought, giving graduates the tools needed to analyse and solve business problems. Content covers microeconomics (the study of households, firms and markets), macroeconomics (the study of growth, unemployment and inflation) and economic history, as well as the application of economics to policy issues. Specialisations are available in: business economics, international trade and finance, macroeconomic analysis and policy, microeconomics analysis and policy, and resource and environmental economics.
	Master of Financial Analysis/Master of International Business	2.5 - 3 years full-time	NA	No majors, but students can undertake a range of specialisations, including in financial planning	This double degree combines the specialist finance knowledge necessary for success in the finance industry with an interdisciplinary overview of issues related to international business that are influencing and shaping the current and rapidly changing global economy. The MFA program facilitates entry into a wide range of challenging and rewarding careers in the finance sector as well as providing a pathway to several widely recognised designations of professional excellence within the investment industry. The MIB provides an education in the essential techniques of international business management, keeping a balance between academic rigour and exposure to a wide range of practical experiences in the various aspects of international management.
	Bachelor of Laws / Bachelor of Finance	5 years full-time	ATAR of 95.2	No majors, but students can undertake a range of specialisations including in financial planning	The Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Finance is a five-year combined degree providing an accredited professional qualification in law, as well as a degree in finance. The program offers an innovative, high-quality legal education with a strong global and social justice perspective and a real emphasis on hands-on experiences. It includes all the compulsory law subjects required by the Council of Legal Education for admission to practice in Victoria and compulsory specialised subjects relevant to finance, such as banking and finance law, competition law and policy or an approved subject from the Master of Laws in Global Business Law. The finance course is a largely fixed-content program. Students are trained in 4 major areas of finance: corporate finance, international finance, investment and portfolio management and risk management.
	Master of Financial Analysis/Master of Islamic Banking and Finance	2.5 - 3 years full-time	NA	No majors, but students can undertake a range of specialisations, including in financial planning	This course provides a pathway to the internationally-recognised Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation and international professional recognition of the specialised field of Islamic finance. This course is aligned with the CFP curriculum and gains students advanced standing for CFP part 1. Graduates gain expertise in financial analysis while specialising in the expanding field of Islamic finance.
	Graduate Certificate in Financial Planning	5 years full-time	NA	NA	The Graduate Certificate in Financial Planning gives students the opportunity to study basic elements of financial planning, including retirement and estate planning.
RMIT University	Bachelor of Business (Financial Planning)	3 Years full-time	ATAR of 80.45	nil	The course is designed for students wishing to gain an introductory understanding of financial planning and wealth creation. You will gain an understanding of major areas that need to be considered when developing a financial plan. Such important considerations include: superannuation, share investment, insurance and tax considerations impacting on individual's ability to create wealth. It also considers broader subjective issues such as attitudes to risk and the timing and relevance of investment / divestment decisions throughout the life of an individual. Financial planning is also an elective unit in the Bachelor of Business (Accountancy) degree and is open to all students.
TAFE NSW Higher Education - St George Campus	Bachelor of Applied Finance (Financial Planning)	3 years full-time	By application	Financial planning and finance	Professional degree that prepares graduates for employment in the financial services sector - in particular, the financial planning, funds management and banking sectors. With an internship as part of the degree, students will have the opportunity to put into practice the knowledge and skills learnt and apply it in practice. This course also meets the educational requirements as specified by the Financial Planning Education Council, and meets the Financial Planning Association of Australia's Certified Financial Planner entry requirements.

The University of Canberra	Bachelor of Finance	Typically 3 years full-time (or an equivalent period part-time). Students commencing in Semester 1 have the option of completing a 2.5-year accelerated program through study in the optional winter term.	ATAR of 70 (2013)	Major in financial planning or major in banking and financial services	<p>The Bachelor of Finance provides students the opportunity to pursue either a major in banking and financial services or a major in financial planning, depending on their area of interest and career goals. Students receive a core training in skills critical to the modern financial services sector.</p> <p>Students may complete an optional internship unit in the final year of study. This program provides a strong degree of flexibility through the ability to choose an optional open major from more than 50 fields across all faculties of the university.</p> <p>For more information see: http://www.canberra.edu.au/faculties/busgovlaw/undergraduate-courses/bachelor-of-finance</p>
University of New England	Bachelor of Financial Services	3 years full-time (part-time also available)	ATAR of 72.55	nil	<p>BFinServ: This course is designed to provide knowledge and skills applicable to a career in the financial services industry. In particular, the focus is on financial planning. Thus the course will give students the skills to understand and apply wealth creation principles to assist clients in achieving individual or family financial objectives through the financial planning process. The course is intended to equip students with the skills required to operate in an increasingly competitive environment.</p> <p>Students will have the opportunity to learn about a variety of areas such as managing wealth, estate planning, risk management, the stock market, investment and portfolio management, modern portfolio theory, financial analysis, taxation, superannuation, mutual funds, applied economics, social benefits, insurance, selling and sales techniques, and relevant private and corporate law.</p> <p>The course will: a) provide a thorough grounding in the theory of finance and financial planning; b) show the application of theory of finance and financial planning; and c) require students to apply their knowledge to real world problems and projects.</p> <p>This course has been approved by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) and is listed on the ASIC Training Register.</p> <p>The course has also been approved by the Financial Planning Association of Australia (FPA) as an 'approved degree' and allows entry to the CFP® certification program.</p>
	Bachelor of Financial Services/Bachelor of Laws	5 years full-time (part-time also available)	ATAR of 84.4	nil	<p>BFinServ/BLaws: This combined degree requires the completion of units in both law and financial services. It provides the opportunity and flexibility to pursue either a legal or financial services career or use the legal knowledge gained in the financial or commercial sector.</p> <p>The Bachelor of Laws requires the completion of 144 credit points. Students must complete 18 compulsory units (108 credit points) covering areas of study required for admission as a legal practitioner. Students must select a further 6 units (36 credit points) from a number of law electives.</p> <p>The law degree is accredited by the Legal Profession Admission Board of NSW for admission to practise in that state and mutual recognition legislation extends this recognition to other Australian jurisdictions.</p> <p>The Bachelor of Financial Services is designed to provide knowledge and skills applicable to a career in the financial services industry or in law. In particular, the focus is on financial planning, tax and law. The course is intended to equip students with the skills required to operate in an increasingly competitive environment.</p> <p>Students will have the opportunity to learn about a variety of areas such as managing wealth, estate planning, risk management, the stock market, investment and portfolio management, modern portfolio theory, financial analysis, taxation, superannuation, mutual funds, applied economics, social benefits, insurance, selling and sales techniques, and relevant private and corporate law.</p> <p>The financial services degree has been approved by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) and is listed on the ASIC Training Register. It has also been approved by the Financial Planning Association of Australia (FPA) as an 'approved degree' and allows entry to the CFP® certification program.</p>
	Graduate Certificate in Financial Services	0.5 year full-time (part-time also available)	NA	nil	<p>GradCertFinServ: The course is designed to provide a comprehensive study and analysis of the knowledge and skills applicable to a career in the financial services industry. In particular, the focus is on financial planning. Thus the course will give students the skills to understand and apply wealth creation principles to assist clients in achieving individual or family financial objectives through the financial planning process. The course is intended to equip students with the expertise, awareness and knowledge required to operate in an increasingly competitive environment.</p> <p>Students will have the opportunity to study a strategic selection of themes such as managing wealth, estate planning, risk management, the stock market, investment and portfolio management, modern portfolio theory, financial analysis, taxation, superannuation, mutual funds, applied economics, social benefits, insurance and relevant law topics.</p> <p>This course has been approved by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) and is listed on the ASIC Training Register.</p> <p>The course has also been approved by the Financial Planning Association of Australia (FPA) as an 'approved degree' and allows entry to the Certified Financial Planner (CFP®) certification program.</p> <p>(Please note, students who require full ASIC Regulatory Guide 146 compliance will also need to complete the unit 'GSB612 Developing the Financial Plan' as a non-award unit, in order to show evidence of skills assessment.)</p>

	Graduate Diploma in Financial Services	1 year full-time (part-time also available)	NA	nil	<p>GradDipFinServ: This course is designed to provide a comprehensive study and analysis of the knowledge and skills applicable to a career in the financial services industry. In particular, the focus is on financial planning. Thus the course will give students the skills to understand and apply wealth creation principles to assist clients in achieving individual or family financial objectives through the financial planning process. The course is intended to equip students with the expertise, awareness and knowledge required to operate in an increasingly competitive environment. Students will have the opportunity to systematically study a strategic selection of themes including financial planning, managing wealth, estate planning, risk management, the stock market, investment management, finance theory, taxation, superannuation, mutual funds, applied economics, social benefits, insurance, selling and sales techniques, and relevant private and corporate law.</p> <p>This course has been approved by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) and is listed on the ASIC Training Register.</p> <p>The course has also been approved by the Financial Planning Association of Australia (FPA) as an 'approved degree'. In addition, the FPA grants advanced standing for units CFP2, CFP3 and CFP4 of the Certified Financial Planner (CFP®) certification program, on successful completion of the Graduate Diploma.</p>
	Master of Financial Services	1.5 years full-time (part-time also available)	NA	nil	<p>MFinServ: This course is carefully designed to provide a comprehensive study and analysis of the knowledge and skills applicable to a career in the financial services industry. In particular, the focus is on financial planning. Thus the course will give students the skills to understand and apply wealth creation principles to assist clients in achieving individual or family financial objectives through the financial planning process. The course is intended to equip students with the expertise, awareness and knowledge required to operate in an increasingly competitive environment. Students will have the opportunity to systematically study a multifaceted and comprehensive selection of themes including financial planning, managing wealth, estate planning, risk management, the stock market, investment and portfolio management, modern portfolio theory, financial analysis, taxation, superannuation, mutual funds, applied economics, social benefits, insurance, selling and sales techniques, and relevant private and corporate law.</p> <p>This course has been approved by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) and is listed on the ASIC Training Register.</p> <p>The course has also been approved by the Financial Planning Association of Australia (FPA) as an 'approved degree'. In addition, the FPA grants advanced standing for units CFP2, CFP3 and CFP4 of the Certified Financial Planner (CFP®) certification program, on successful completion of the Master's degree.</p>
University of New South Wales	Master of Financial Planning	3 semesters (18 months)	Not applicable: this is a postgraduate course.	NA: the program focuses entirely on financial planning	<p>Why choose this master's degree?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meet the growing industry demand for specialist skills in financial planning with this highly regarded and practical degree. • Opportunity for professional accreditation – provides Tier 1 requirements of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission's Regulatory Guide 146 (RG 146), and advanced standing in the Financial Planning Association of Australia's Certified Financial Planner (CFP) certification program (CFP 2-4).
	Graduate Diploma in Financial Planning	2 semesters (12 months)	Not applicable: this is a postgraduate course.	NA: the program focuses entirely on financial planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be taught by staff from Australia's leading schools in both banking and finance, and taxation and business law and access the latest research and thinking in finance and investment. • Combine technical skills in investment and taxation planning with ethically and socially sustainable practice issues. • Ability to combine flexible distance, face-to-face and intensive learning options, so you can balance study with your current work and family commitments.
	Graduate Certificate in Financial Planning	1 semester (6 months)	Not applicable: this is a postgraduate course.	NA: the program focuses entirely on financial planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student income support is available to study this degree. <p>Who is this degree for?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduates who wish to provide personal financial or investment advice as a career. • Professionals wanting to further develop or upgrade their knowledge and skills in financial planning, investment, taxation law, and risk management.
University of the Sunshine Coast	Bachelor of Commerce (Financial Planning)	3 years full-time or equivalent part-time	OP-16 / Rank-66	Financial planning. A second major is available from the Bachelor of Business degree.	<p>In this program you major in financial planning and gain general business knowledge via foundation courses in economics, management, marketing, research methods, accounting, and business law and ethics. Specialised courses cover the financial planning process, investment management, finance, superannuation, taxation, insurance, risk management, and estate planning. The program is a pathway to recognised financial planner designation. A second major is available from the Bachelor of Business.</p>

University of Western Sydney	Master of Commerce (Financial Planning) Graduate Certificate in Commerce (Financial Planning)	1 year full-time or 2 years part-time 6 months full-time or 1 year part-time (students may take longer if they choose to undertake a lesser number of units each session)	Undergraduate (bachelor) degree or Graduate Certificate in Commerce (Financial Planning) Relevant business experience	Specialisation in financial planning NA	The courses are currently being revised due to Australian Qualification Framework requirement.
University of Wollongong	Bachelor of Commerce	3 years full-time	ATAR of 75	Financial planning	Financial planning is the design of specific financial outcomes that meet a client's needs and objectives, given the client's financial resources and risk profile. Financial planners must have an understanding not only of finance but also of accounting, management and marketing. Financial planners fulfil clients' total needs across many areas of planning, forecasting and risk management. Professional Recognition This major meets the training requirements of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) and is accredited as meeting all the skill and knowledge components of ASIC Regulatory Guide 146 (RG 146) Tier 1 and is listed on the ASIC Training Register. The degree is also recognised by the Financial Services Institute of Australasia (FINSIA) and is accredited with the Financial Planning Association (FPA) for entry into the FPA Certified Financial Planner (CFP) certification program.
<p>Source: <i>Professional Planner</i>, Financial Planning Association of Australia (FPA), institutions. The information in this table has been compiled in good faith from sources believed to be correct. Questions about specific courses, requirements, majors and descriptions should be directed to the relevant institution. This table will be updated as new information is provided. (Corrections, amendments and updates should be directed to Danielle Elliott - danielle.elliott@conexusfinancial.com.au)</p>					