

Meet Jeremy



- 27-year-old male from Perth
- Undertaking a nursing degree at a public university
- Got a HECS-HELP loan for the course and a SA-HELP loan for each year of study
- Paid for textbooks and course materials himself
- Does not need to travel to classes because he lives nearby but he may have to travel for a placement in his second year



"I wasn't really sure about the exact fees for the course and thought that a nursing degree would cost much more. I will have to pay back my HELP loan, but I was pleased when I found out I don't have to repay the amount the Government pays for my Commonwealth supported place."

Student biography

I was always interested in being a nurse but I didn't think I would get in to uni when I finished school. My job at a pharmacy gave me the confidence to know that nursing is still what I want to do.

What I'm studying

Once I finally decided to kick off my career as a nurse, I realised I could have studied all along! Nursing courses can be done through VET or higher education – so I visited the TAFE, unis and private colleges in my area to check out all my options. I looked at [*Course Seeker*](#) to compare courses and costs as well as found out about the support available for Indigenous students.

How I funded my studies

I received an offer for a Commonwealth supported place (CSP) in a Bachelor of Nursing. A CSP is where the Government pays part of my fees directly to the university. To accept the offer and confirm my CSP, I followed the instructions on the email I got from the uni. To pay the leftover amount, I had to fill in a form online to apply for a HECS-HELP loan. I had some questions about the form so I called my university and they helped me fill it in. I'm already planning how I can save some money and prepare for second year when I go on my first placement in a hospital!