

# GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN FINANCIAL PLANNING (2795)

**Approved Abbreviation:** GradCertFinPlan  
**Western Sydney University Program Code:** 2795  
**AQF Level:** 8

**This program is suspended from Quarter 3, 2025.**

This program applies to students who commenced in Quarter 1, 2020 or later.

Students should follow the program structure for the session start date relevant to the year they commenced.

Commencement Year 2018 (Quarter 2) - 2795.3 Graduate Certificate in Financial Planning (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=2795.3>)

Commencement Year 2018 (Quarter 1) - 2795.2 Graduate Certificate in Financial Planning (<http://handbook.westernsydney.edu.au/hbook/course.aspx?course=2795.2>)

The Graduate Certificate in Financial Planning is a fully online program designed to introduce students to post graduate study in the Financial Planning sector with the option to continue into a Graduate Diploma in Financial Planning and a Master of Financial Planning.

Students may be eligible for advanced standing based on their previous qualifications and work experience.

## Study Mode

Six months full-time or one year part-time.

## Program Advice

Dr Ushi Ghoorah (<https://directory.westernsydney.edu.au/search/profile/14369/>)

Prospective students should visit the following websites for general enquiries about this program.

Enquire about this program (<https://enquiry.westernsydney.edu.au/courseenquiry/>) | Local Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/>) | International Admission (<https://www.westernsydney.edu.au/international/home/apply/admissions/>) |

## Location

Campus	Attendance	Mode	Advice
Online	Full Time	Online	See above
Online	Part Time	Online	See above

## Admission

Applicants must have:

Successfully completed an undergraduate degree, or higher, in any discipline;

Or

Successfully completed a minimum of three (3) years full-time equivalent managerial/professional work experience in a related field;

Or

Successfully completed an advanced diploma, or higher, in a business discipline and have a minimum of five (5) years general work experience in a related field;

Or

Successfully completed an associate degree, or higher, in a business discipline;

Or

Submitted other evidence of general and professional qualifications that demonstrates potential to pursue graduate studies.

Applicants seeking admission on the basis of work experience must support their application with a current CV for all work experience listed on their application and a Confirmation of Employment for all work experience listed on the application. Only applicants seeking admission through an established industry partnership agreement can provide an agreed alternative to the Confirmation of Employment. The confirmation of employment can be either be a letter on employer letterhead specifying their role and length of service or the industry declaration form.

Applications from Australian and New Zealand citizens and holders of permanent resident visas must be made via the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC). Use the links below to apply via UAC or Western Sydney University. Applications made directly to Western Sydney do not have an application fee.

Applicants who have undertaken studies overseas may have to provide proof of proficiency in English. Local and International applicants who are applying through the Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) will find details of minimum English proficiency requirements and acceptable proof on the UAC website. Local applicants applying directly to the University should also use the information provided on the UAC website.

<http://www.uac.edu.au/>  
<https://westernsydney.uac.edu.au/ws/>

Overseas qualifications must be deemed by the Australian Education International - National Office of Overseas Skills Recognition (AEI-NOOSR) to be equivalent to Australian qualifications in order to be considered by UAC and Western Sydney University.

## Association of Financial Advisers and Western Sydney University Articulation Agreement

Students who complete the Graduate Certificate will receive exemption for the Association of Financial Advisers' FChFP AFA 4 and students who have completed the Association of Financial Advisers' FChFP AFA 4 will receive an exemption for FINC 7001 Communication and Ethics for Financial Planners.

## Program Structure

Qualification for this award requires the successful completion of 40 credit points listed in the recommended sequence below.

## Recommended Sequence

### Full-time

Course	Title	Credit Points
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>Quarter 1 session</b>		
FINC 7001	Communication and Ethics for Financial Planners	10
LAWS 7009	Commercial Law	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>20</b>
<b>Quarter 2 session</b>		
FINC 7015	Principles of Financial Planning	10
LAWS 7031	Principles of Taxation	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>20</b>
<b>Total Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>

### Part-time

Course	Title	Credit Points
<b>Year 1</b>		
<b>Quarter 1 session</b>		
FINC 7001	Communication and Ethics for Financial Planners	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>10</b>
<b>Quarter 2 session</b>		
FINC 7015	Principles of Financial Planning	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>10</b>
<b>Quarter 3 session</b>		
LAWS 7009	Commercial Law	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>10</b>
<b>Quarter 4 session</b>		
LAWS 7031	Principles of Taxation	10
<b>Credit Points</b>		<b>10</b>
<b>Total Credit Points</b>		<b>40</b>