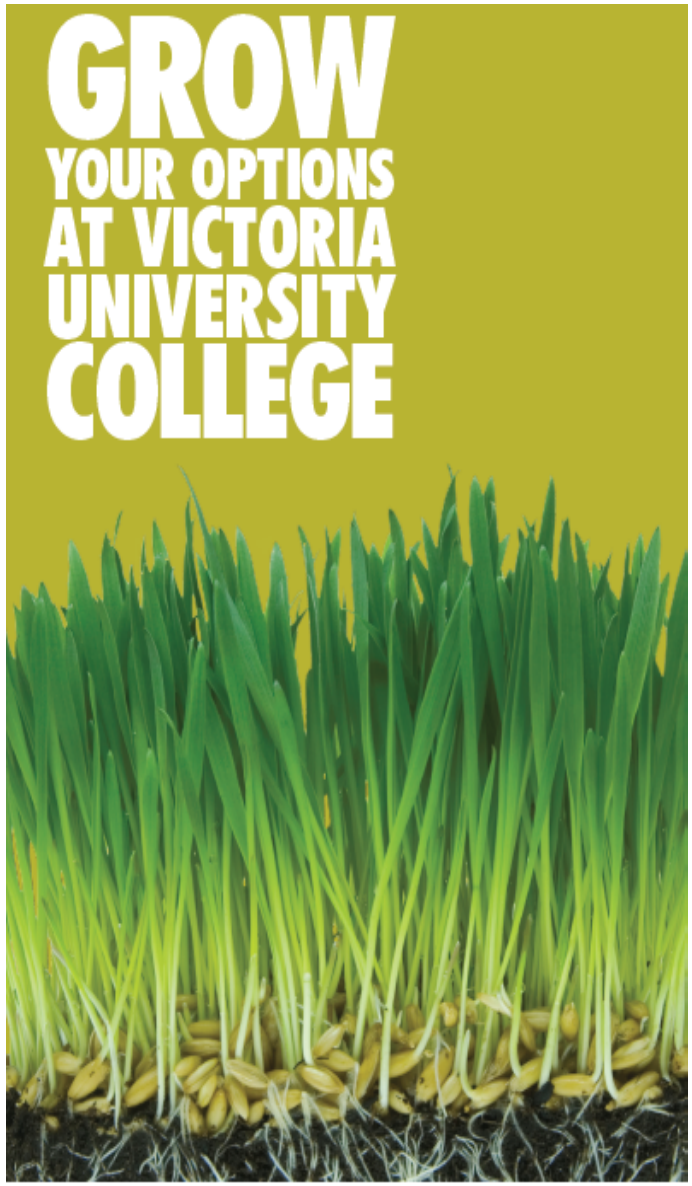


PREPARATORY PROGRAMS & TERTIARY COMPLETION

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OUTLINE

- Study of preparatory programs is timely
- Tertiary completion for articulators is focus of this study
- Which students & programs were included in study?
- Cautionary tale
- Findings
- Conclusions

WHY THIS STUDY?

Federal Government HE targets

- **Increase % of Australians with Bachelors**
- **Increase low SES participation in HE**

STUDY FOCUS

Bachelor degree completion rate after participating in preparatory programs

- **What is the Degree completion rate for articulators?**
- **How does it compare with other students?**
- **Did the preparatory program contribute to the outcome?**

THE STUDY

79 students

who enrolled in Bachelor degrees at the same university as their 2005 preparatory program

3 preparatory programs

Program characteristics

CAUTIONARY TALE

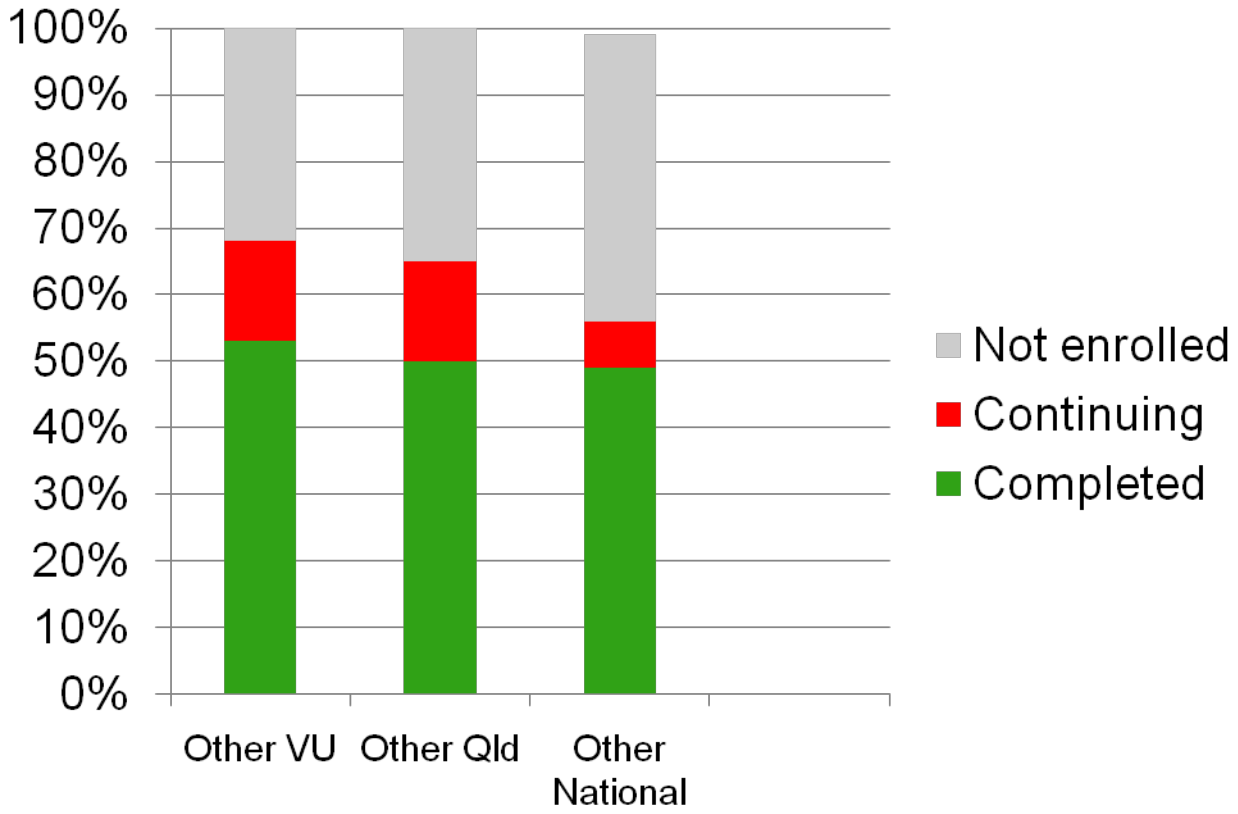
Narrower parameters: lower completion rates

Parameter	Narrow	This study	Other studies
Which qualifications	Degrees only	*	
Which enrolments	First enrolment only	*	
Period of time	Up to 5 years	*	

COMPLETION RATES: 'OTHER' STUDENTS

Degree completion rate for preparatory program articulators is higher than HE completion rate reported nationally for 'other' students who enter HE on a basis other than secondary schooling

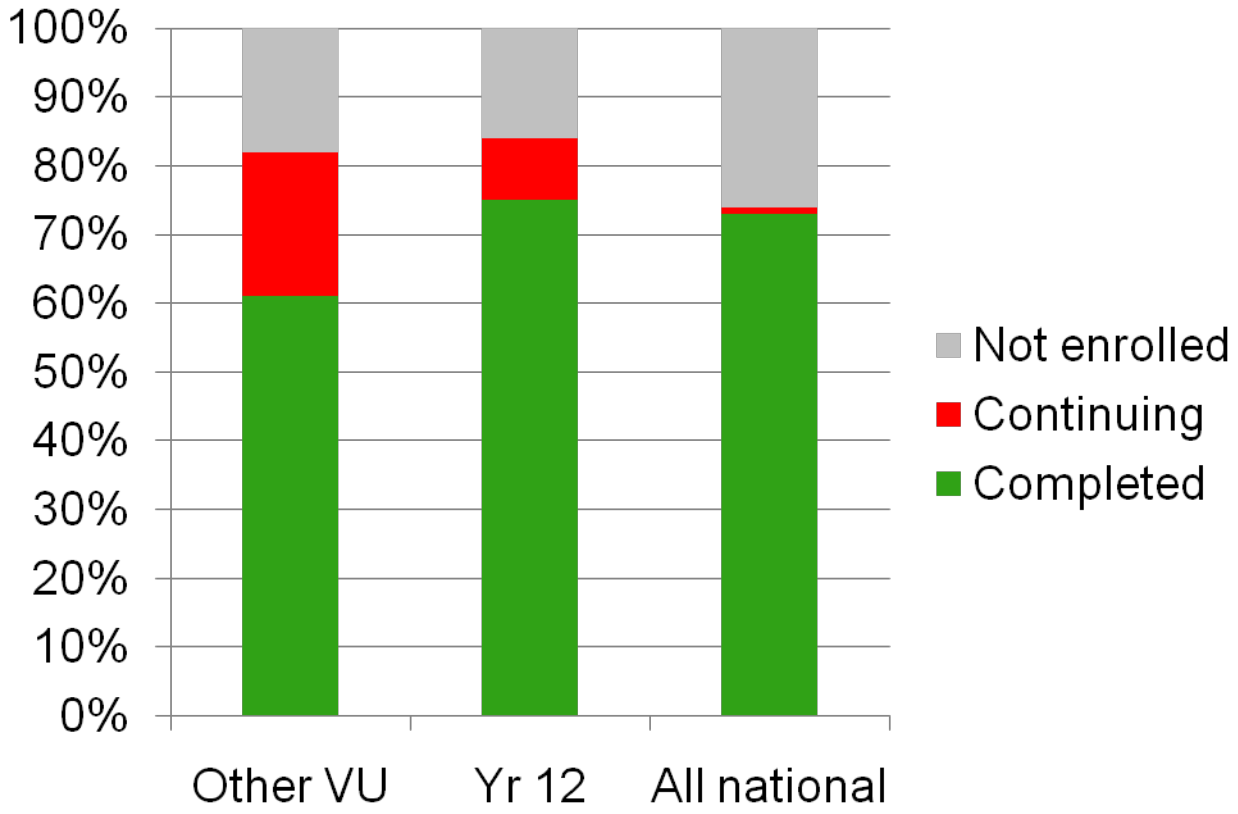
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Completion / continuation rates for preparatory program articulators to Health / Nursing degrees compares favourably with rates reported in earlier studies

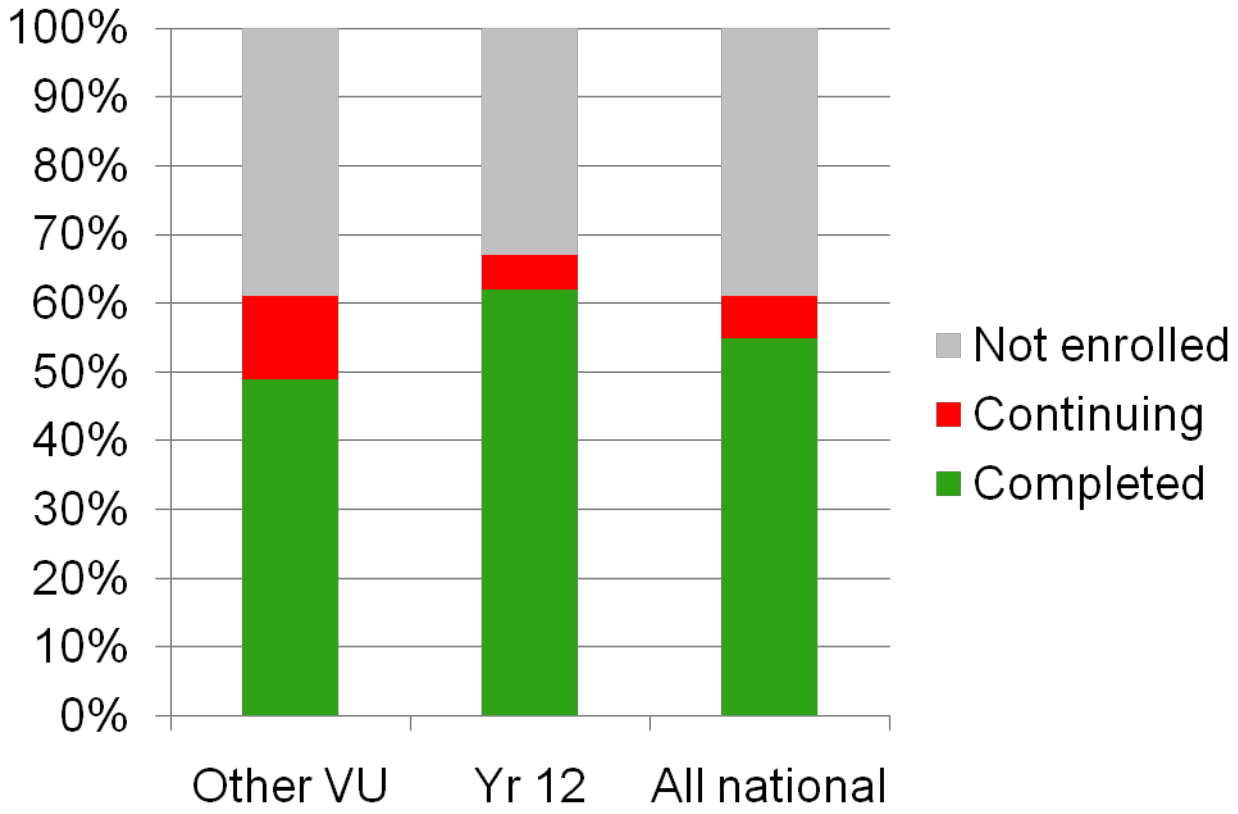
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COMPLETION RATES: ARTS / HUMANITIES

Completion / continuation rates for preparatory program articulators to Arts / Humanities degrees compares favourably with rates reported in earlier studies

COMPLETION RATES: ARTS / HUMANITIES



POOR PERFORMANCE: A MINOR FACTOR IN NON-COMPLETION

Of the 25 students who had not completed their degree and were not enrolled in 2011, 17 (68%) had demonstrated academic competence before discontinuing

DO PREPARATORY PROGRAMS ASSIST HE COMPLETION?

Other studies

Academic literacy & HE completion

HE grades & discipline specific support

Pathways

CONCLUSIONS

Participation in accredited preparatory programs is a strong predictor of HE completion

Accredited preparatory programs can contribute to increasing the % of population with Bachelor degrees

Demographic profile suggests these programs support low SES students and youth without ATAR

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