

Ultimo TAFE NSW (MTA)

**Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA)
Program helps TAFE NSW students build
entry level workforce technology skills.**



TAFE NSW is the leading provider of vocational education and training in Australia. Each year more than 500,000 students enrol into nationally recognised courses and training. Ultimo TAFE is one of 130 locations across the state of New South Wales with state-of-the-art facilities and a modern campus, meaning they can provide their students with the best vocational education required to get job-ready.

Ultimo TAFE has a great reputation for industry and business partnerships. These relationships ensure they provide a high quality, job-ready workforce to businesses and IT industry. To maintain this level of success, they are constantly adapting and updating courses and facilities to meet the skills required in the IT market.



Ultimo TAFE were introduced to the Microsoft Technology Associate (MTA) certification program in 2015. MTA measures students' fundamental IT and software development knowledge and serves as a stepping stone to advanced technology level certifications ahead of building a successful career in IT. Ultimo TAFE IT Department launched and began to deliver MTA certification to their students alongside other IT programs in

2015. Since implementing the MTA program over 1,000 exams have been successfully delivered, improving student productivity and employability.

Embedding the MTA certification program at Ultimo aligns with TAFE NSW ambition to be the leading global brand building skills for success in today's and tomorrow's world. MTA is yielding real benefits for Ultimo TAFE students, ensuring they are equipped with the most current globally recognised digital skills required by employers. This commitment is achieved through the close, working relationships that their teaching staff have with industry partners like Prodigy Learning, and strong support for students gaining qualifications to succeed in the workplace.

Dean Nguyen (Head of IT and Web-based Technology, TAFE NSW) said *"MTA certification combined with TAFE IT programs ensures our students have a fantastic success rate gaining employment in the IT industry. We are delighted to be able to equip our students with the most highly demanded skills, allowing them to stand out from others when joining the future workforce."*

Peter O'Doherty (Market Development Manager, Prodigy Learning) added *"MTA is providing students in Australia with the fundamentals to start and build a career in the technology industry. It is apparent that Australia's future economic success is dependent on a digital-ready workforce. We are delighted to equip students at Ultimo TAFE wanting to enter the future workforce with the necessary digital skills and credentials to succeed"*.

For further details about MTA Certification programmes and other vendor qualifications from Microsoft, Adobe and Autodesk, see prodigylearning.com.au.