

Lumen Wheatbelt Regional University Centre (Lumen WRUC)

Frequently asked questions

- What is a Regional University Centre?

Regional University Centres are supported by the Australian Government to provide students in regional and remote areas access to higher education without having to leave their community. They offer in person student support and campus-style facilities for students who study online.

- Where will the Lumen WRUC be located?

The Wheatbelt is home to over 74,000 people, dispersed across an area twice the size of Tasmania, with over 200 communities and 42 Shires. There is no regional city, therefore the Wheatbelt model will be across four mini study hubs, each with a part time Student Services Officer. The locations are Merredin, Narrogin, Wongan Hills and York. See the '[Lumen Study Hubs](#)' page for more.

- Who can access the WRUC study hubs?

The Lumen WRUC provides free one on one support and facilities to undergraduate, postgraduate, TAFE diploma or TAFE advanced diploma students to enable greater participation in higher education and to facilitate higher completion rates within the Wheatbelt communities. All age groups are able to access the services.

- Can other people, family or friends also use the facilities?

Unfortunately, to respect the privacy of students and to provide an area conducive to study, only registered students are able to use the facilities. Pets are also not permitted in the facilities.

- How can I get support for my studies?

Each mini study hub will have a part time Student Support Services Officer to assist with navigating university life, including working with university course coordinators. See the '[Contacts](#)' page for more.

- I have nearly finished school and want to study but need help choosing the right course.

Your initial contact would be the Student Support Services Officer, who will help you explore your interests and direct you to the university course coordinators who can provide study options.

- How much are university fees?

Whilst access to the Lumen WRUC is free, the course fees are set by the university partners and will be determined by what courses you choose to study.

- Do I need my own computer?

Each study hub provides some desktop computers and a number of desks with a screen where you can use your own laptop. It is recommended to book with the Student Support Officer for the desktop computers.

- How can I support the Lumen WRUC?

The Lumen WRUC program is delivered by RDA Wheatbelt with funding from the Australian Government Regional Universities Centres Program and we acknowledge that local partners are an important component of the program.

RDA Wheatbelt extends our gratitude to our current partners, whose participation have enabled this program to be offered in a range of locations across the Wheatbelt community.

Opportunities are available for industry, individuals, local government and community organisations partnerships to enable the program to build on existing outcomes and grow to meet the needs of Wheatbelt industry and stakeholders.

Opportunities include financial and in-kind support. For more on contributing to this community program please contact the RDA Wheatbelt Director Regional Development, Mandy Walker on 0428 372 179 or mandy.walker@rdawheatbelt.com.au