More doors are being opened for TAFE Queensland students.

The education and training provider is inking a new deal with James Cook University, which will give TAFE Queensland graduates an easy pathway to uni.

TAFE Queensland North General Manager, Joann Pyne said the arrangement is great news.

“In some cases, a TAFE Queensland graduate may receive up to a year’s academic credit towards a university degree, potentially saving a student both time and money.

“This agreement covers a range of courses from business to early childhood education and we will continue to add to this list in the future,” Ms Pyne said.

TAFE Queensland North graduate, Simon Naawi is among those to benefit, recently enrolling in JCU’s Bachelor of Business and Management course.

“I have already completed a Diploma of Business and a Diploma of Management with TAFE Queensland North. I did these courses before university to improve my confidence and to gain some skills and techniques surrounding how to study in a higher education setting.

“I have benefited so much from my studies at TAFE, the support network has been really great,” he said.

Mr Naawi said his pathway from TAFE to JCU was an easy one to navigate.

“Going from TAFE, getting everything sorted with QTAC and enrolling at JCU was pretty straightforward. I would recommend it to anyone who wants to further their education,” he said.

Ms Pyne said people who study at TAFE before heading to university are well rounded.

“We focus on competency-based training which places emphasis on what a person can do in the workplace and our courses are designed in consultation with employers, to ensure that what we offer aligns with the latest industry practices and prepares graduates for work.

“Our teachers are highly experienced, our classes are smaller and we have a variety of support services available to help our students get the most out of their time with us.

“No matter where you are at in life, whether you are a school leaver or a mature age student, you can always further your education and TAFE Queensland can help you on this journey and provide you a pathway to university.

JCU’s Deputy Vice Chancellor of Global Strategy and Engagement, Professor Robyn McGuiggan said the partnership will boost the career options of thousands of students in Queensland.

“JCU and TAFE Queensland are working together to create new and exciting opportunities for TAFE students who want to continue their study, and gain credit for their studies towards a degree.
“This agreement will provide pathways for students for further study in a broad range of courses. More courses will be added, and as we roll out new courses, we can provide pathways for further study,” Prof McGuiggan said.

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