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## **First national course in timber production and building**

From 2011 current and up-coming leaders and managers in Australia's timber-related production, fabrication and construction industries can gain a qualification as the University of Tasmania launches a national-first graduate certificate course.

The Graduate Certificate in Timber (Processing and Building) will be offered at the School of Architecture and Design in Launceston. As it is an online course, it is accessible for students all over Australia.

Associate Professor Gregory Nolan for the UTAS Centre for Sustainable Architecture with Wood said the course provides specialist study in manufacturing and using timber and wood products for building.

“It focuses strongly on the requirements of sustainable construction and production practice, especially practice relevant to Australian conditions, and highlights major international technologies and developments,” he said.

“As timber production and construction is often based in regional areas a long way from universities, this online course is flexibly structured. It can be completed part-time from work, home or anywhere with an internet connection.”

The new graduate certificate's units cover:

- Origin and characteristics of timber;
- Timber in building construction;
- Timber and durability in exposed applications;
- Board processing – hardwood and softwood;
- Engineered wood products.

Applicants for the new certificate are required to have a relevant degree OR an acceptable combination of training and relevant industry experience. This provides a career pathway for non-degree holders active in industry.

For more information prospective students should contact the University of Tasmania's School of Architecture and Design, ph. 03 6324 4488 or email [enquiries@arch.utas.edu.au](mailto:enquiries@arch.utas.edu.au)

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