Building a better future

OUT on the edge of Alice Springs, a local education institution is training the future’s Indigenous workforce.

Graduating students from Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education are set to start work on local town camp construction projects next year.

The 15 students, including four women, are currently studying in the Skills for Education and Employment program and have been selected for training in Certificate II in Construction in February 2015.

In the SEE program, students learn foundation skills and applied learning in workplace activities aimed at helping them be better prepared for starting employment.

Program Manager Prue Hemmings said SEE was a positive for all involved.

“It’s not just training, they are getting jobs now,” Ms Hemmings said.

“The project is designed to provide mentoring and leadership that these young people and job seekers need to be successful in the long term.”

Students doing the Certificate II in Construction will be a part of the team that will build two learning centres for Tangentyere Council.