

VTP490 Kakadu Knowledge for Tour Guides

DESCRIPTION

As part of '[A Shared Vision for Tourism in Kakadu National Park](#)', which includes "enriching and memorable experiences for visitors and a strong and successful partnership between traditional owners, governments and the tourism industry...", an entry-level course providing tour guides with essential information about Kakadu has been developed.

Parks Australia advised that from 1 April 2008 it will become a permit requirement for all commercial tour operators that any guides leading tours within Kakadu National Park have successfully completed the course. Details of individual guide's certification details will be recorded on the commercial permit application and enforcement of this condition will be carried out in the Park from the commencement of the permit period.

The entry-level training and assessment will cover the key areas of visitor safety, understanding the park's natural and cultural values and history, and minimising environmental impact and legal compliance.

Park staff, Bininj/Mungguy (traditional owners of Kakadu) and the tourism industry have been involved in developing the course, which has been endorsed by the Kakadu Board of Management.

In developing the training program, Parks Australia and Charles Darwin University worked with tour operators and guides to ensure that the delivery of the course is tailored to the business and operational needs of the tourism industry.

ELIGIBILITY/ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

There are no entry requirements for this program.

To ensure you have the right skills and support to succeed in your course, a Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LL&N) evaluation helps identify any areas where you may need additional support to help you achieve your goals.

DELIVERY DETAILS

Detail which modes are available in which locations.

Location(s)	Duration*	Study mode
Self-paced online learning.	This program is delivered over a period of six (6) months.	On-line

* Duration will vary depending upon how long a student takes to reach the required competency level.

FEES

The below fees have been determined in agreement with Parks Australia.

Offering	Fee type	2024 Course Fees
Full Course	Fee Free TAFE	Free
	Full fee	\$ 575.00

If you have successfully completed VTP489 Uluru-Kata Tjuta Knowledge for Tour Guides, you will have already completed two of the units. To undertake the single additional unit SITTGDE013 Interpret aspects of local Australian Indigenous culture, fees will be:

Offering	Fee type	2024 Course Fees
SITTGDE013 only	Fee Free TAFE	Free
	Full fee	\$ 425.00

This course is part of the Fee Free TAFE initiative. Fee Free TAFE and vocational education and training is a joint initiative of the Northern Territory Government and Australian Governments providing tuition-free training places to students wanting to train, retain or upskill.

International non-student visa-holders; eligibility needs to be verified prior to enrolment. Fees may vary depending on visa, please contact CDU for further information.

Fees shown are indicative. Fees are subject to change annually. For further clarification and information on fees, payment options, instalment plans, and refunds, contact CDU on 1800 061 963 or refer to [VET Fees and Payments](#).

ASSESSMENT

Assessments vary with each unit. You will be provided with an assessment guide.

RESOURCES

All resources are accessed online through Learnline, CDUs online learning environment. You will require:

- Access to the internet
- A computer/laptop with Microsoft or Apple software
- Mozilla or Chrome search engine/browser
- It is NOT recommended to attempt this course using mobile phone or iPad.

STUDY AND CAREER PATHWAYS

Further training pathways from this program include but are not limited to VTP489 Uluru & Kata Tjuta Knowledge for Tour Guides.

Possible occupations relevant to this qualification include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Cultural guide ▪ Heritage guide ▪ Historical guide | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Interpretive guide ▪ Site guide ▪ Tour guide |
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PROGRAM CONTENT

This training program covers three (3) units of competency taken from SIT Tourism, Travel and Hospitality Training Package, which is recognised nationwide.

CORE UNITS

SITTGDE013	Interpret aspects of local Australian Indigenous culture
SITXWHS005	Participate in safe work practices
SITXCCS010	Provide visitor information

WITHDRAWING FROM A PROGRAM

You may withdraw from this program and receive, where relevant, a Statement of Attainment for all units of competency you have successfully completed.

SUPPORT SERVICES

The University supplies support for students in many areas, including Accommodation, Careers and Employability, Counselling, Disability Services, Student Advocacy, Indigenous Tutorial Support Services, International Student Support Services, Library Services, and VET Learner Support Services.

More information is available at [Student Support](#).

CONTACT DETAILS

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