

# VTP511 Operate and Maintain Chainsaws

## DESCRIPTION

This course is suitable for people who would like to learn how to use and maintain a chainsaw safely. It covers the following:

- Operational maintenance of chainsaws
- Chain selection and sharpening
- Select and use the required PPE
- Cutting techniques for felled timber
- Fell Trees Manually (basic)

## ELIGIBILITY/ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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.

To gain entry into VTP511 Operate and Maintain Chainsaws, candidates are required to:

- be 16 years or older and physically capable of using a chainsaw, and
- not be attending secondary school, and
- be able to demonstrate appropriate language, literacy, and numeracy skills and knowledge to undertake this course. This is demonstrated if you have completed a qualification deemed equivalent to an Australian Year 11 or higher, Australian Certificate III or higher, or by completing a Language, Literacy, and Numeracy (LLN) assessment.
- You must complete AHCMOM213 Operate and maintain chainsaws and FWPCOT2273 Trim and cut felled trees before completing FWPCOT2274 Fell trees manually (basic)

*\*If you do not meet the entry requirements and would like to discuss your options, contact the TAFE teams listed below.*

## DELIVERY DETAILS

Location(s)	Duration*	Study mode
Katherine Rural Campus Casuarina Campus Regional Remote	2 – 4 days depending on the electives chosen	Face-to-face

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

## FEES

Fee Type	2024 Course Fees	
NT Government Supported*	2 units \$296.00	3 units \$592.00
Full Fee	2 units \$1,200.00	3 units \$1,900.00

\*This course is supported by the NT Government for domestic eligible students who are NT residents. A limited number of NT Government supported places are available, so secure your place now.

Fees shown are indicative and subject to change annually. Actual course fees may vary depending on the units chosen. International non-student visa-holders; study eligibility needs to be verified before enrolment. Fees may vary depending on the visa type.

For further clarification and information on fees, fee exemptions, payment options, instalment plans, and refunds, contact CDU on 1800 061 963 or refer to [TAFE Fees and Payments](#)

## ASSESSMENT

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

## RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL)

RPL is a process that determines whether the skills, knowledge and experience you've gained through your previous study, work or life experience can count towards a vocational training qualification at CDU. For more information, [VET RPL](#).

## RESOURCES

Students are issued with learning resources for this course.

## STUDY AND CAREER PATHWAYS

On completion of this program, students may apply to receive credits for the units into relevant qualifications within the AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package

## PROGRAM CONTENT

This training program covers three (3) units of competency taken from the AHC Agriculture, Horticulture, Conservation and Land Management Training Package and, FWP Forest and Wood Products Training Packages, which are recognised nationwide.

## ELECTIVE UNITS

AHCMOM213	Operate and maintain chainsaws
FWPCOT2273	Trim and cut felled trees
FWPCOT2274	Fell trees manually (basic)

## 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

### Agriculture and Rural Operations

E. [vet.agriculture@cdu.edu.au](mailto:vet.agriculture@cdu.edu.au)  
T. 08 8976 8311  
W. <https://www.cdu.edu.au/study/essentials>

### VET Environmental Studies

E. [vet.clm@cdu.edu.au](mailto:vet.clm@cdu.edu.au)  
T. 08 8946 7513  
W. <https://www.cdu.edu.au/study/essentials>

For further information regarding student life at CDU, please refer to <https://www.cdu.edu.au/study/student-life>.