

AHC30722 Certificate III in Horticulture

DESCRIPTION

This qualification provides general vocational job roles in the amenity horticulture industry. With this course, you can perform tasks under broad supervision involving various skills applied in various contexts. It includes discretion and judgement in selecting and operating equipment, coordinating resources, and applying contingency measures during work.

Work must comply with work health and safety and environmental regulations and legislation that apply to the workplace.



ELIGIBILITY/ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

AHC30722 Certificate III in Horticulture is available for direct entry; however, it is recommended that candidates have:

- Successfully completed AHC20422 Certificate II in Horticulture or related qualification or
- Minimum 1 year previous/current employment within the Horticulture industry or
- Trainee with an existing work contract

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

DELIVERY DETAILS

Location(s)	Duration*	Study mode
Casuarina Remote	1 semester (6 months), full-time Up to 6 semesters (3 years), part-time, Traineeship	Face-to-face, workshop Face-to-face, workshop, workplace assessment

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

FEES

Fee Type	2025 Course Fees
Fee Free TAFE*	Free
Full Fee	\$11,724.50 - \$14,606.50

*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.

Fee-free places are available for eligible domestic students who are NT residents; limited 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. The course fee rates will vary for commercial contract arrangements.

For further clarification and information on fees, 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 have gained through your previous study, work, or life experience can count towards a vocational training qualification at CDU. For more information, refer to [VET RPL](#).

RESOURCES

Students are issued with learning materials and handouts relevant to each unit but are required to provide some of their own protective clothing for working outdoors, i.e., a hat, closed-in shoes, sunglasses, long trousers, and a long-sleeve shirt.

STUDY AND CAREER PATHWAYS

Further training pathways from this qualification include but are not limited to AHC40422 - Certificate IV in Horticulture.

Possible occupations relevant to this qualification include:

- gardener
- landscape construction
- landscape maintenance
- horticulturist
- nursery production
- production horticulturist at a trade level
- retail nursery

QUALIFICATION CONTENT

To achieve a Certificate III in Horticulture, a total of seventeen (17) units of competency must be completed comprising eleven (11) core and six (6) elective units as detailed in the packaging rules and listed below. The electives offered may vary between campuses.

CORE UNITS

AHCCHM304	Transport and store chemicals
AHCCHM307	Prepare and apply chemicals to control pest, weeds and diseases
AHCIRG346	Operate pressurised irrigation systems

AHCMOM304	Operate machinery and equipment
AHCPM308	Identify and select plants
AHCPGD309	Perform specialist amenity pruning
AHCPMG301	Control weeds
AHCPMG302	Control plant pests, diseases and disorders
AHCSOL304	Implement soil improvements for garden and turf areas
AHCWHS302	Contribute to workplace health and safety processes
AHCWRK320	Apply environmentally sustainable work practices

ELECTIVE UNITS (select 6)

AHCECR305	Collect native seed (unnamed elective unit)
AHCMOM203	Operate basic machinery and equipment
AHCMOM213	Operate and maintain chainsaws (unnamed elective unit)
AHCNSY207	Undertake plant propagation activities (unnamed elective unit)
AHCNSY308	Maintain nursery plants
AHCPM204	Recognise plants
AHCPM303	Identify plant specimens
AHCPM305	Implement a plant nutrition program
AHCPM306	Provide information on plants and their culture
AHCPGD307	Implement a plant establishment program
AHCPGD310	Implement a landscape maintenance program

WITHDRAWING FROM A QUALIFICATION

You may withdraw from this qualification 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](#).

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