

AHC20422 Certificate II in Horticulture

DESCRIPTION

This qualification describes the skills and knowledge for a range of entry level horticulture job roles. Individuals with this qualification carry out routine tasks under supervision where the work is predictable and structured with limited judgement requirements.

The qualification is suited to VET programs delivered to secondary school students or learners with no previous connection to the horticulture industry or relevant employment history.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this qualification at the time of publication.

This course can be undertaken as a traineeship. Visit [TAFE Apprenticeships and Traineeships](#) for more information.

ELIGIBILITY/ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

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.

Students wishing to gain work experience are encouraged to undertake a voluntary 10 days of work placement. Support finding suitable industry placement can be arranged if requested.

DELIVERY DETAILS

Location(s)	Casuarina, Remote
Duration*	6 months, full time, 2 years part time
Study mode ^^	Face to face
Dates ^	02/02/26 to 27/11/26 <i>Students can enrol at any time after the identified start date and will commence at the start of the next available unit. A specific commencement date will be determined in consultation with the delivery team</i>
Attendance	Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm <i>Trainees will receive an individualised call-up notification letter</i>

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

^ A course timetable/study plan will be provided on application for the course.

^^ Information relating to study modes can be found in the 2026 TAFE Student Guide

FEES

Fee Type	2026 Course Fees
Fee Free TAFE*	Free
Full Fee	\$5,763.75 - \$6,426.25

*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.

Fees shown are indicative and subject to change annually. Actual course fees may vary depending on the units chosen. For 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, fee exemptions, payment options, instalment plans, and refunds, contact CDU on 1800 061 963 or refer to [TAFE Fees and Payments](#)

ASSESSMENT

Skills and knowledge assessments are an essential step in progressing through your course. You may be assessed in a number of ways including written assessment, questioning, portfolios, work samples, direct observation, practical assessments and third-party feedback.

Throughout your course you will receive information about assessments including how, when and where assessments will be conducted.

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](#).

CREDIT TRANSFER (CT)

Charles Darwin University as a Registered Training Organisation recognises the Australian Qualifications Framework qualifications and Statement of Attainments issued by any other Australian Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

Students are encouraged to submit any requests for credit from previous studies at the time of enrolment, to ensure they are not enrolling in units they may not need to undertake.

RESOURCES

Students are issued with CDU learning resources for applicable units. There is also a large range of reference books held by the team and in the CDU library for self-study and recommended online sites and resources.

Students are required to provide appropriate PPE such as boots, and clothing including long pants, or long shorts, and a hat. The delivery team at CDU will supply gloves, eye, and hearing protection

STUDY AND CAREER PATHWAYS

Further training pathways from this qualification include but are not limited to AHC30722 Certificate III in Horticulture.

Possible occupations relevant to this qualification include:

- Horticulture Assistant
- Horticulture Worker

QUALIFICATION CONTENT

To achieve AHC20422 Certificate II in Horticulture, a total of fifteen (15) units of competency must be completed comprising eight (8) core and seven (7) elective units as detailed in the packaging rules and listed below. The electives offered may vary between campuses.

CORE UNITS

AHCMOM203	Operate basic machinery and equipment
AHCPM204	Recognise plants
AHCPGD207	Plant trees and shrubs
AHCPMG201	Treat weeds
AHCPMG202	Treat plant pests, diseases and disorders
AHCSOL203	Assist with soil or growing media sampling and testing
AHCWHS202	Participate in workplace health and safety processes
AHCWRK211	Participate in environmentally sustainable work practices

ELECTIVE UNITS *(Select 7)*

AHCIRG219	Assist with low volume irrigation operations
AHCMOM204	Undertake operational maintenance of machinery
AHCNSY206	Care for nursery plants
AHCCHM201	Apply chemicals under supervision
AHCPGD209	Prune shrubs and small trees
AHCNSY207	Undertake propagation activities
AHCMOM202	Operate tractors
AHCNSY205	Pot up plants
AHCBIO203	Inspect and clean machinery, tools and equipment to preserve biosecurity (unnamed)
AHCMOM213	Operate and maintain chainsaws (unnamed)

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 provides support for students in many areas, including Accommodation, Careers and Employability, Counselling, Disability Services, Financial Support 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 - Life, Health and Wellbeing](#)

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