

AHC30722 Certificate III in Horticulture

DESCRIPTION

This qualification describes the skills and knowledge for general vocational job roles in the amenity horticulture industry.

This qualification is not intended to be used as a substitute for AHC Training Package trade qualifications. Individuals with this qualification perform tasks under broad supervision involving a broad range of skills that are applied in a wide variety of contexts, which will involve 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.

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.

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
- Have at least 1 year of previous or current employment within the Horticulture industry; or
- Be a trainee with an existing work contract

DELIVERY DETAILS

Location(s)	Casuarina, Remote
Duration*	6 months full time, up to 3 years part time
Study mode ^^	Face-to-Face, simulated workplace
Dates ^	14/07/2026 – 20/11/2026 Term 3 and Term 4 (Semester 2)
Attendance ^	Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

* 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	\$11,858.75 - \$14,641.25

*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.

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, 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 will have 24/7 access to assessments and learning resources on Learnline, CDU's online learning platform. Before you can start using Learnline, you'll need to make sure that your computer has the correct setup. For more details: <https://www.cdu.edu.au/current-students/services/learnline>.

Students are issued with learning materials and handouts relevant to each unit.

Students are required to provide some of their own protective clothing for working outdoors, ie, 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 AHC40722 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 AHC30722 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
AHCPCHM308	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 any 6*)

AHCMOM203	Operate basic machinery and equipment
AHCNSY308	Maintain nursery plants
AHCPCHM204	Recognise plants
AHCPCHM303	Identify plant specimens
AHCPCHM306	Provide information on plants and their culture
AHCPGD307	Implement a plant establishment program
AHCPGD310	Implement a landscape maintenance program
Unnamed electives (<i>maximum 3 unnamed units can be selected</i>)	
AHCECR305	Collect native seed (<i>unnamed elective</i>)
AHCMOM213	Operate and maintain chainsaws (<i>unnamed elective</i>)
AHCNSY207	Undertake plant propagation activities (<i>unnamed elective</i>)

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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>.