

AHC31424 Certificate III in Conservation and Ecosystem Management

DESCRIPTION

This qualification provides the skills and theoretical and practical knowledge for work or further learning in the conservation and ecosystem management industry. The qualification provides for work roles encompassing a broad range of skills, or can be focussed on one or more specialisations, including:

- Indigenous land management
- Ecological restoration
- Land, parks and wildlife management
- Pest controller
- Conservation earthworks
- Mined land rehabilitation

Individuals with this qualification perform a range of conservation and ecosystem management activities including site restoration, rehabilitation, renewal and management of the rural and natural landscapes, degraded sites, and marine environments. They contribute to the preservation and maintenance of wildlife and their habitat in the natural ecosystem, parks and reserves. Activities frequently involve working with and preservation of indigenous culture and heritage resources.

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

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.

To gain entry into AHC31424 Certificate III in Conservation and Ecosystem Management is available direct entry, however candidates require:

- Complete Certificate II in Conservation and Ecosystem Management or a relevant qualification; or
- Be employed within the conservation industry.

Sometimes it is considered that the students' needs are better met by enrolling in another qualification level. Students may be given the option to enroll in the Certificate II in Conservation and Ecosystem Management as a pathway into Certificate III in Conservation and Ecosystem Management.

DELIVERY DETAILS

Location(s)	Casuarina
Duration*	6 months Full-time, 2 year Part-time
Study mode ^^	Face-to-face
Dates ^	14/07/26 to 20/11/26 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.
Attendance	<i>Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:00 pm</i>

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

^ Course timetable 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	\$11,593.75

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

STUDY AND CAREER PATHWAYS

Further training pathways from this qualification include but are not limited to AHC40924 Certificate IV in Conservation and Ecosystem management.

Possible occupations relevant to this qualification include:

- Indigenous lands worker
- National parks worker
- Revegetation worker
- Land rehabilitation worker
- Ecological restoration worker

QUALIFICATION CONTENT

To achieve AHC31424 Certificate III in Conservation and Ecosystem Management a total of sixteen (16) units of competency must be completed comprising two (2) core and fourteen (14) elective units as detailed in the packaging rules and listed below. The electives offered may vary between campuses.

CORE UNITS

AHCWHS302	Contribute to workplace health and safety
AHCECR309	Conduct an ecological and cultural site inspection prior to works

ELECTIVE UNITS

AHCCHM304	Transport and store chemicals
AHCCHM307	Prepare and apply chemicals to control pests, weeds and diseases
AHCPMG301	Control weeds
AHCECR301	Maintain native ecosystem areas
AHCECR305	Collect native seed
AHCMOM304	Operate machinery and equipment
AHCPMG305	Survey pests
AHCECR307	Read and interpret maps
FWPCOT3325	Operate four wheel drive vehicle on unsealed roads
FWPCOT3326	Recover four wheel drive vehicle
FWPCOT3329	Perform complex four wheel drive operations
AHCPM204	Recognise plants
AHCMOM213	Operate and maintain chainsaws
AHCWRK323	Operate in isolated and remote situations

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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