

AHC40924 Certificate IV in Conservation and Ecosystem Management

DESCRIPTION

This qualification has the practical skills and theoretical knowledge required for specialised or skilled work in the conservation and ecosystem management industry.

The qualification provides for advanced skills and/or supervisory roles in a broad range of conservation and ecological work or can focus on areas of specific needs including:

- supervisory and management
- indigenous land management
- ecosystem management
- pest controller
- fire management.

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.

To gain entry into AHC40924 Certificate IV in Conservation and Ecosystem Management it is advisable candidates have either;

- Completed AHC31424 Certificate III in Conservation and Ecosystem Management, its equivalent or other relevant qualification, or
- Be employed within the conservation industry

Students enrolled in this qualification must have access to a conservation worksite, either through paid or unpaid / voluntary work, to provide the opportunity to complete tasks.

DELIVERY DETAILS

Location(s)	Online
Duration*	1 year full-time, 2 years part-time
Study mode ^^	Online
Dates ^	02/02/26 to 27/11/26 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 ^	Online self-paced
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* 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	\$12,322.50

*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, 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>

STUDY AND CAREER PATHWAYS

Further training pathways from this qualification include but are not limited to AHC51120 Diploma of Conservation and Ecosystem management. On completion of this qualification, credit(s) may be available into Higher Education courses.

Possible occupations relevant to this qualification include:

- Senior conservation worker
- Park ranger

QUALIFICATION CONTENT

To achieve AHC40924 Certificate IV in Conservation and Ecosystem Management, a total of twelve (12) units of competency must be completed comprising two (2) core and ten (10) elective units as detailed in the packaging rules and listed below. The electives offered may vary between campuses.

CORE UNITS

AHCECR308	Conduct a site inspection for ecological restoration
AHCWHS402	Maintain workplace health and safety processes

ELECTIVE UNITS

AHCBUS407	Cost a project
AHCBUS410	Report on a project
AHCECR401	Supervise ecological restoration works
AHCECR402	Plan the implementation of revegetation works
AHCLPW410	Produce maps for land management purposes
AHCPM404	Recommend plants and culture practices
AHCPMG412	Develop a pest management plan
AHCPMG413	Define the pest problem
SITTPPD013	Develop interpretive activities
CPPSSI5064	Conduct complex spatial data analysis (unnamed elective unit)

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>.