

AHC51120 Diploma of Conservation and Ecosystem Management

DESCRIPTION

This qualification reflects the skills and knowledge required for skilled and paraprofessional work in conservation and ecosystem management. Workers with this qualification perform in operational managerial and/or technical positions often with specialist skills and knowledge in a range of sectors.

Examples of areas of specialisation include:

- Indigenous land management
- ecosystem restoration, rehabilitation and renewal
- conservation works
- parks management and/or administration
- wildlife management
- marine and/or coastal management
- water and catchment management.

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 AHC51120 Diploma of Conservation and Ecosystem Management, it is advisable candidates have either;

- Completed AHC40920 Certificate IV in Conservation and Ecosystem Management or relevant qualification; **or**
- Be employed in the conservation industry
- Access to suitable workplace to undertake workplace-based assessments and demonstrated ongoing application of skills and knowledge
- An equivalent Australian Year 12 certificate

DELIVERY DETAILS

Location(s)	Online
Duration*	1 year full-time, 2 years part-time
Study mode ^^	Online, Workplace-based
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

* 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
NT Government Supported*	\$3,657.50 - \$5,274.50
Full Fee	\$12,587.50 - \$18,152.50

*This course is supported by the NT Government for domestic [eligible](#) students who are NT residents. A limited number of NT Government supported 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. 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](#)

VET STUDENT LOANS

Eligible students may access a VET Student Loan to pay for their Diploma course fees (up to capped the amount). Determine your eligibility using the [VET Student Loan Eligibility Tool](#) on the [Your Career](#) website.

For more information visit [VET Students Loans \(VSL\)](#)

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

On completion of this qualification, credit(s) may be available into Higher Education courses.

Possible occupations relevant to this qualification include:

- Soil Conservation Specialist
- Land Management Unit Supervisor
- Park Ranger
- Natural Resource Manager
- Landcare Manager
- Indigenous Land Manager
- Environmental Officer (Lands, Parks and Wildlife)

QUALIFICATION CONTENT

To achieve AHC51120 Diploma of Conservation and Ecosystem Management a total of ten (10) units of competency must be completed, comprising of ten (10) elective units as detailed in the packaging rules and listed below. There are no core units in this course

ELECTIVE UNITS (*Select 10*)

Group A (<i>Select at least 4 units from Group A</i>)	
AHCECR502	Conduct biological surveys
AHCECR503	Design an ecological restoration project
AHCLPW506	Develop a management plan for a designated area
AHCPM510	Collect and classify plants
AHCPMG413	Define the pest problem
AHCPMG501	Develop a regional pest management plan
AHCPMG508	Develop a system to monitor and evaluate the pest management plan
Group B	
AHCBUS515	Prepare estimates, quotes, and tenders
AHCPMG412	Develop a pest management plan
AHCWRK506	Collect and manage data
BSBPMG430	Undertake project work
SITTPPD013	Develop interpretive activities
Other electives	
CPPSSI5064	Conduct complex spatial data analysis (<i>unnamed elective</i>)

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>.