

CUA30920 Certificate III in Music

DESCRIPTION

This qualification reflects the role of individuals who apply a broad range of competencies in various work contexts in the music industry.

They use some discretion, judgement and theoretical knowledge, and may undertake routine activities and provide support to a team or work group.

They may work in music performance, sound production, music creation and composition, music business.

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.

DELIVERY DETAILS

Location(s)	Alice Springs
Duration*	Part time 1 year
Study mode ^^	Workshops, face-to-face, on the job (if applicable)
Dates ^	Term 1: 05/02/2026 - 02/04/2026 9 weeks Term 2: 16/04/2026 - 19/06/2026 10 weeks Term 3: 16/07/2026 - 18/09/2026 10 weeks Term 4: 08/10/2026 – 11/12/2026. 9 weeks 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	Every Thursday and Friday start time 8.30 am to 3.30 am

* 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
NT Government Supported*	Free
Full Fee	\$5,247.80 - \$5,938.30

*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](#)

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: [Learnline | Charles Darwin University](#).

Computer and internet access is required to source information and complete assessments. It is recommended students bring a laptop with them to class so they can access online resources.

Students are issued with learning materials and handouts for each unit.

STUDY AND CAREER PATHWAYS

Further training pathways from this qualification include but are not limited to CUA40920 Certificate IV in Music.

Possible occupations relevant to this qualification include:

- Assistant sound technician
- Musician
- Road Crew
- Assistant music manager
- Sound assistant

QUALIFICATION CONTENT

To achieve a CUA30920 Certificate III in Music, a total of eleven (11) units of competency must be completed comprising of three (3) core and eight (8) elective units as detailed in the packaging rules and listed below. The electives offered may vary between campuses.

CORE UNITS

CUACMP311	Implement copyright arrangements
CUAIND313	Work effectively in the music industry
CUAIND314	Plan a career in the creative arts industry

ELECTIVE UNITS (Select 8 units)

CUAMCP311	Create simple musical compositions
CUAMCP312	Write song lyrics
CUAMCP313	Create simple musical pieces using music technology
CUAMPF212	Incorporate music technology into performances
CUAMPF311	Develop technical skills for musical performances
CUAMPF315	Develop and perform musical improvisation
CUAMPF414	Perform music as part of a group
CUASOU306	Operate sound reinforcement systems
CUASOU321	Mix music in studio environments

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](#)

CONTACT DETAILS

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