

CUA40420 Certificate IV in Live Production and Technical Services

This qualification is due to be replaced during 2026, please contact the CDU TAFE team for current course details.

DESCRIPTION

This qualification reflects the role of individuals working in a range of technical production jobs in creative arts industry environments. It applies to work in lighting and sound, music industry, entertainment customer service, entertainment technical operations, entertainment administration, staging, wardrobe, scenery and set construction, broadcasting production, live production and entertainment technical operations work environments.

They apply solutions to a defined range of unpredictable problems, and analyse and evaluate information from a variety of sources. They may provide leadership and guidance to others and have limited responsibility for the output of others.

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 CUA40420 Certificate IV Live Production and Technical Services, candidates are required to:

- Undertake a Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Literacy (LLND) assessment to determine applicable support requirements.
- Be fit, active and able to function effectively in a tropical environment, as this is a physically demanding course.
- Produce a body of work demonstrating the ability to respond effectively to workplace requirements associated with live production and technical services in line with current industry standards.
- Apply a basic knowledge of trends and traditions in at least one area of technical production.
- To study part-time, students are required to be engaged in industry

Skills and knowledge may have been acquired through experience or formal study. All pre-requisite qualifications and experience will be assessed at a pre-enrolment interview.

DELIVERY DETAILS

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| Location(s) | Casuarina |
| Duration* | 1 year full time, 2 years part time |
| Study mode ^^ | Blended, Face-to-face |
| Dates ^ | Semester 1: 03/03/2026 to 12/06/2026 Semester 2: 20/07/2026 to 30/10/2026 |

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| | 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 ^ | Tuesday to Thursday 9.00 am – 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 |
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| NT Government Supported* | Free |
| Full Fees | \$11,255.15 |

*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](#)

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

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 will also need to provide their own Personal Protective Equipment. This includes riggers gloves, closed shoes, safety glasses and earplugs. It is recommended that students provide and carry multi-tool pliers such as a Leatherman/Gerbe and a set of closed-back or over-ear headphones.

STUDY AND CAREER PATHWAYS

Possible occupations relevant to this qualification include:

- Assistant Stage Manager
- Audiovisual Technician
- Production Technician
- Sound Technician
- Venue Technician
- Lighting Technician and Operator

QUALIFICATION CONTENT

To achieve a qualification, a total of sixteen (16) units of competency must be completed comprising four (4) core and twelve (12) elective units as detailed in the packaging rules and listed below. The electives offered may vary between campuses.

CORE UNITS

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| BSBCRT413 | Collaborate in a creative process |
| CUAIND413 | Communicate effectively with arts professionals |
| CUAMWB401 | Develop and implement own self-care plan in the creative industries |
| CUAPPM421 | Contribute to organising productions |

ELECTIVE UNITS

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| Group A – Safety Skills | |
| CUAWHS313 | Apply work health and safety practices in a live production environment |
| Group B – Technical Skills | |
| CUALGT412 | Implement lighting designs |
| CUALGT413 | Set up and operate lighting cues and effects |
| CUAPPM432 | Coordinate production operations |
| CUASOU412 | Manage audio input sources |
| CUASOU414 | Manage wireless audio operations |
| CUASOU421 | Mix audio for live productions |
| CUASTA411 | Operate show control systems |
| CUAVSS312 | Operate vision Systems |

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| Group C – Transferable Skills | |
| CUAIND412 | Provide freelance services |
| Group D - General | |
| CUALGT311 | Operate basic lighting |
| CUASOU306 | Operate sound reinforcement systems |

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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For further information regarding student life at CDU, please refer to <https://www.cdu.edu.au/study/student-life>.