



# VTP307 Aquaponics

## DESCRIPTION

This Aquaponics short course provides students with an exciting way to grow food all year round.

Aquaponics is a combination of aquaculture and horticulture systems and is a practical example of water efficiency and environmentally sustainable practices, where we can turn "waste" from an aquaculture system, into a "resource" in the form of fruit and vegetables. If done correctly, aquaponics should be cost-effective and require minimum maintenance.

This course will teach you how to monitor and maintain an aquaponics system and manage the water qualities so that your fish remain healthy, whilst you maximize the growth potential of your vegetables.

## 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.

You are required to wear enclosed shoes during the course, and appropriate clothing such as a hat, long pants, sleeved shirt with collar and a water bottle.

## DELIVERY DETAILS

Location(s)	Casuarina Campus
Duration*	Two (2) days
Study mode ^^	Face-to-face

*\* 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*

This course is scheduled based on demand. Please contact the delivery team for more information.

## FEES

Fee Type	2026 Course Fees
Fee Free TAFE*	Free
Full Fee	\$662.50

\*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. 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).

## **RESOURCES**

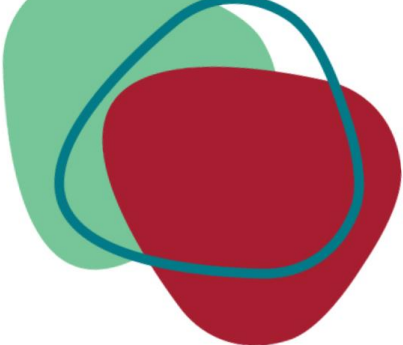
Students are issued with factsheets summarising key concepts and designs to use as a reference when maintaining their own system. Learner Guides and documents provide course materials, readings, and assessment tasks through the Internet or will be handed out to students during class.

## **STUDY AND CAREER PATHWAYS**

Further training pathways from this program include but are not limited to SFI20119 Certificate II in Aquaculture.

## **PROGRAM CONTENT**

This training program covers two (2) units of competency taken from the SFI Seafood Industry Training Package, which is recognised nationwide.



## UNITS

SFIAQU203	Manipulate stock culture environment
SFIAQU205	Monitor water quality

## WITHDRAWING FROM A PROGRAM

You may withdraw from this program 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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