

COURSE CODE

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Certificate III in Production Horticulture

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WHY CHOOSE TAFE NSW?



Opens career doors. Our industry relationships lead many students directly into work with a range of employers including agencies, studios, galleries and fashion houses.



Global prospects. TAFE NSW graduates possess the technical knowledge, creative-thinking and specialised skills that are highly sought after by employers around the world.



State-of-the-art facilities. Purpose-built creative studios and industry standard software mean you will master the same tools of the trade as leading professionals.



Industry exposure. TAFE NSW partners with industry to provide you with hands-on experience through networking, sponsor programs, competitions, talks, lectures and other creative industry events.



Recognised and respected. TAFE NSW has built its reputation on delivering trusted, industry aligned and nationally recognised training for over 130 years.

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Qualification Level	Certificate III
Study Type	Full Time
Course Start Date	Enquire Now
Hours Per Week	24.6
Duration	36 Weeks
Delivery Locations	Wollongbar
Course Fees	<p>Subsidised Prices Fee-Free training applies to JobTrainer and Mature Age Workers Scholarship, if eligible. Eligibility criteria applies. First Qualification: \$2,190.00 Subsequent Qualification: \$2,620.00 Concession: \$240.00</p> <p>Non-subsidised Prices Full Fee: \$9,700.00</p>
Course Features	Nationally Recognised Training This training is fully government-subsidised under JobTrainer

Course Description

The horticulture services industry is growing as more households and businesses outsource their garden and vegetation management. Nurture your career as a qualified Horticulturalist with the nationally recognised Certificate III in Production Horticulture. Learn safe work practices in tree cropping, mushroom, vegetable and berry production, grape growing and more.

LEARN NEW SKILLS

Through theory and practical course work you will learn how to:

- Install hydroponics and irrigation systems and measure their performance
- Manage crop establishment, nutrition and harvesting programs
- Use chemicals, control plant pests, diseases and weeds
- Operate machinery

DEVELOP YOUR TALENT

Develop the skills that will help you get ahead in this career, including:

- Attention to detail using your creative eye
- Problem solving and critical thinking
- Great communication skills

ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS

Complete this course and gain:

- A nationally recognised Certificate III qualification
- A chemical users licence - depending on the electives you choose

Career opportunities include:

- Gardener
- Orchard Farm Hand Grower
- Vegetable Grower
- Horticulturist

GROW YOUR CAREER

Broaden your skills base with another Certificate III level course:

- Certificate III in Conservation and Land Management
- Certificate III in Production Nursery

Train your way to more senior roles with:

- Certificate IV in Production Horticulture
- Diploma of Production Horticulture
- Bachelor of Agriculture
- Bachelor of Horticulture

INDUSTRY DEMAND

Population growth, rising household incomes and the increasing number of households across the state is driving growth in the horticulture industry. Identified as a skills shortage area, this course is on the NSW Skills List with many job opportunities for qualified horticulturists.

Entry Requirements

When you study with TAFE NSW, we want you to succeed. Entry requirements allow us to make sure that you have the right pre-existing knowledge and skills to achieve your chosen qualification. You will need to provide evidence that you meet the requirements listed in this section.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

TAFE NSW offers the Certificate III in Production Horticulture as either a traineeship or non-traineeship, so you can cultivate the career you want.

Non-traineeship

There are no entry requirements for non-trainees. You can enrol in this course now.

Traineeship

To be eligible for this course you must:

- Be employed in the horticulture industry as this course is delivered in the workplace
- Have a signed traineeship contract

Thinking about a traineeship? Enquire today.

IS THIS COURSE RIGHT FOR YOU?

To be prepared for this course, it is recommended that you:

- An interest in the production horticulture industry or to be currently employed in the industry
- Be fit at an intermediate level to manage the physical demands of the role
- Have some experience in handling tools and equipment
- Good communication skills and able to work as part of a team
- A keen eye for detail

You will also need literacy, language and numeracy (LLN) skills at Certificate II level for success in this course. Contact your TAFE NSW campus if you have any questions about your suitability. You will be offered additional learning support through the course if you are having trouble meeting the language literacy and numeracy levels needed to be successful.

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If you need help preparing for study, contact us about your options.

LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

Two units from this course meet licensing requirements to use agricultural chemicals. Once you complete these units you will be eligible to apply for chemical users licence through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The Pesticides Act 1999 requires you to hold this licence to purchase and use chemicals.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

With 130 locations across the state, TAFE NSW tailors qualifications to meet the needs of the local community and specific student groups (like apprentices, fast-tracked and online students). To make sure this course is the right fit for you, we will need you to demonstrate that you can meet the additional requirements below.

To successfully complete this course, you will need:

- A moderate level of physical fitness and aptitude will be required to carry out manual tasks.
- A basic level of language, literacy and numeracy will be required to undertake studies.
- Work placement is not required for this course but it will benefit the student to have part time work or volunteering in the industry to gain further industry skills and transfer knowledge and skills gained at TAFE NSW.

Information Sessions and more about the course

INFORMATION SESSIONS

There are no information sessions currently scheduled for this course

STUDY COMMITMENT

This is a full time, face to face course. You will need to attend approximately 18.1 hours of class, over 2 days a week, for 36 weeks. As well as the in-class component, you will need to complete approximately 6.5 hours of other study per week.

You may also be required to complete approximately 9 hours of additional study each week outside of class hours, including learner work book & activities, prescribed online learning, class forums / student presentations from prescribed reading and crop-based research and formative assessments.

IS THIS COURSE RIGHT FOR YOU?

This course offering is designed for people who:

- Are interested in the Production Horticulture industry.
- May have limited pre-existing knowledge, acquired through school or life experience. Most will be entry level, with no pre-existing knowledge or training.
- Typically range in age from 17-25 years of age, although older students may be accepted into this offering. Migrants and people with disabilities also form part of our student demographic.
- Are people wanting to gain qualifications to undertake supervised work or undertake further training to become skilled, autonomous workers in the production horticulture industry.

SERVICES AND STUDY SUPPORT

- Students will be required to undertake a literacy and numeracy skills assessment, and those that do not hold AHC20316 or have worked/are working in industry, screening includes requirements to meet general industry skills and knowledge capability prior to enrolment to ensure they have the necessary skills and/or support to successfully undertake this qualification.

We offer student services and study support to ensure you can achieve your goals. Learn about TAFE NSW [Student Services](#)

As a TAFE NSW student in this course, you will have access to:

- LinkedIn Learning (formerly Lynda.com)
- Smarthinking - after hours online study support service
- Easy computing online short courses
- Access to local TAFE libraries
- Accessibility and Disability Support Services
- Access to Read&Write learning support software at TAFE and at home

Attendance

To keep you safe while studying, some of our face to face classes may be replaced with online or connected learning. We have also modified our face to face classes to meet physical distancing requirements and increased cleaning on campus. As restrictions ease, the way you attend your class may change again. If work placement and the demonstration of practical skills are requirements of your course, due to the impacts of COVID-19 there may be a delay or modification in being able to undertake these aspects of your course in the planned timeframe. Be assured, we'll keep you informed every step of the way.

This course is currently scheduled on Monday and Tuesday from 8.45am to 4.00pm. This timetable may change and will be confirmed by your teacher.

Fee Details

This is a fully government-subsidised [JobTrainer](#) course. Eligibility criteria applies.

SMART AND SKILLED FEES

This course is government-subsidised, meaning you pay a portion of the full course fee to TAFE NSW and the NSW Government will pay the balance. However, you must meet certain eligibility criteria for this to apply.

Depending on your previous qualifications and experience, your fee may be less than the maximum fee quoted. Your actual fee and eligibility for concession/exemption will be calculated and confirmed during the enrolment process. Payment plans are available through TAFE NSW for Smart and Skilled eligible qualifications.

For further information about eligibility and explanations of the different fee categories, visit [Are You Eligible?](#)

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

You will need to provide for yourself the following resources which you will keep when you complete your study:

- There is a cost of \$20.00 to pay for the processing of the Chemical Application Card

READ BEFORE YOU ENROL

Learn about TAFE NSW [Fees](#)

Learn about TAFE NSW [Payment/Funding](#)

RECOGNITION

Recognition is a process of acknowledging previously completed qualifications, skills, knowledge or experience relevant to your course. This may reduce the amount of learning required, reduce your course fees and allow you to achieve your qualification faster.

Learn about Recognition at TAFE NSW [Recognition](#)

How to Enrol

Enrolments for this course have now closed.

[Enquire now](#) and we will contact you when enrolments open. Visit our [Online Courses](#) to view our range of study options that you can start anytime.

Units

AHCWHS301	Contribute to work health and safety processes
AHCCHM304	Transport and store chemicals
AHCCHM307	Prepare and apply chemicals to control pest, weeds and diseases

AHCIRG303	Measure irrigation delivery system performance
AHCIRG306	Troubleshoot irrigation systems
AHCMOM202	Operate tractors
AHCNSY306	Implement a propagation plan
AHCPCM301	Implement a plant nutrition program
AHCPHT303	Implement a post-harvest program
AHCPHT305	Regulate crops
AHCPHT306	Establish horticultural crops
AHCPHT307	Prepare raw materials and compost feedstock
AHCPHT310	Coordinate horticultural crop harvesting
AHCPMG301	Control weeds
AHCPMG302	Control plant pests, diseases and disorders
AHCSOL401	Sample soils and interpret results
AHCWRK309	Apply environmentally sustainable work practices

Career Opportunities

Fruit and Vegetable Farm Worker
Mushroom Farm Worker