

Permaculture Demonstrator Skill Set (AHCSS000048)

2023 Course Information

“Permaculture is a multi-disciplinary ecological design science focused on care for the earth, care for people and all species, sharing of surpluses and setting limits to industrial and exploitative growth. It is based on the premise that the planet is a finite ecological system with limited energy and material resources to be shared and managed in a manner inspired by nature.” *Skills Impact, AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Companion Volume.*

This nationally recognized Skill Set is from the AHC Agriculture, Horticulture, Conservation and Land Management Training Package. Completing this Skill Set at CERES Community Environment Park provides students with the vocational knowledge and skills in permaculture to provide practical instruction to small groups of learners for school, labour market or community programs.

The course covers core elements of design and maintenance of a Permaculture garden as well as the skills and knowledge to communicate and demonstrate permaculture principles and practices.

Students at CERES learn on our 4.5 hectare urban farm in East Brunswick alongside our range of social enterprises including our Honey Lane Organic Market Garden, Propagation Area, Permaculture and Bushfood Nursery.

Venue

The CERES Community Environment Park located at CERES Community Environment Park, corner of Roberts & Stewards Streets, East Brunswick.

Course Design

Four units from the Certificate III Permaculture must be completed to gain this Skill Set.

CERES' course offers a combination of hands-on and on-line learning with a maximum of 18 places per class available in this program.

Face to face delivery is 60 hours (12 sessions x 5 hours) which includes a range of activities and methodologies including:

- Practical demonstration and hands on learning in the field
- Class Discussion and use of a range of written materials
- Individual and group work

In addition to face to face time the course requires up to 100 additional hours of independent/on-line learning.

Below are the units from the Certificate III Permaculture which form the Skill Set:

Unit Code	Unit Name	Core/Elective
AHCPER301	Research and communicate information on permaculture principles and practices	Core
AHCPER303	Maintain integrated plant and animal systems	Core
AHCPER316	Select plant and animal species in a permaculture system	Core
AHCPER 321	Demonstrate permaculture practices to small groups of learners	Elective

In 2023 we have scheduled two courses of 12 sessions to be delivered on-site*:

- Course One, Fridays 28 **April** to 21 July 2023, 10-3pm (no class 30 June)
- Course Two, Tuesdays 5 **September** to 4 December 2023, 10-3pm (no class 19 September and 7 November)

**Please note all courses may be subject to change should government restrictions be imposed.*

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Student Resources

CERES will provide all written and on-site gardening related learning resources. Students are required to provide and wear appropriate attire for working outdoors including safety boots, work overalls and sun protection.

Assessment

Assessment will be conducted in line with the Training Package's requirements and will be through a range of practical demonstrations and some written assignments.

All students will receive a Statement of Attainment for successful completion of units. Students who successfully complete all units will be issued with a Statement of Attainment which states "These competencies meet the industry requirements for those providing practical instruction to small groups of learners".

Course Pre-requisites

Whilst there are no formal pre-requisites, prospective students should have:

- language, literacy and numeracy skills at a sufficient level to participate
- A commitment to attending all classes and undertaking all course requirements.

Employment and Further Study Pathways

On successful completion graduates can gain employment as a Permaculture Demonstrator/Trainer/Facilitator in non-accredited school, labour market or community programs.

Graduates may also elect to undertake further training such as the full Certificate III Permaculture, a Permaculture Design Course or a Certificate IV or Diploma of Permaculture.

Course Fees

		Tuition	Materials	Total
Individual enrolments -	Full	\$1,495	\$100 p.a.	\$1,595
	Concession	\$1,195	\$100 p.a.	\$1,295

Application/Enrolment Process

Those wishing to apply are asked to contact Karen Mengell, VET Co-ordinator on 9389 0127 or via email at karen.mengell@ceres.org.au for further information and discussion of individual needs prior to enrolment. CERES welcomes applications from those with disabilities.

Registered Training Organisation

CERES is the registered training organisation offering this training - RTO no 3686. CERES RTO also trades as the CERES School of Nature & Climate.