

VETDSS Certificate II in Horticulture AHC20422 (in process of placing on scope)

2024 Course Information

This nationally recognized qualification is from the AHC Agriculture, Horticulture, Conservation and Land Management Training Package. Completing this qualification in part or in its entirety at CERES Community Environment Park provides students with a range of skills and units that are transferable to further study or a career in horticulture.

Students are involved in the full garden cycle from planting the seed to harvesting the crops and building and landscaping projects. They learn a range of horticulture skills such as propagation, planting, pruning trees and shrubs, landscaping and plant and weed identification whilst working in our 4.5 hectare urban farm in East Brunswick.

Venue

CERES is located at CERES Community Environment Park, corner of Robert & Stewart Streets, East Brunswick with an additional Market Garden site in Coburg.



Course Design

15 units must be completed for the full qualification including 8 core units and 7 electives and students may choose to undertake either one or two years.

CERES offers a VETDSS program in 2024 on Wednesdays 1.30 – 5.00pm in term time commencing 7th February with a maximum of 20 places per class.

Classroom delivery includes a range of activities and methodologies including:

- Practical demonstration and hands on learning
- Class Discussion
- Use of a range of written materials
- Individual and group work

Students are advised that in addition to class time the course requires additional hours of independent learning.

Work placement is not a formal requirement in this qualification, however students will be working alongside a range of social enterprises at CERES including our Honey Lane Organic Market Garden, Propagation Nursery, Permaculture and Bushfood Nursery.

Content

CERES VETDSS provides a blended class for first and second year students with units rotating annually. Below are the VETDSS units anticipated to be delivered in 2024.

Unit Code	Unit Name	Core/Elective
AHCMOM203	Operate basic machinery and equipment	Core
AHCPGD207	Plant trees and shrubs	Core
AHCPMG201	Treat weeds	Core
AHCWRK211	Participate in environmentally sustainable work practices	Core
AHCNSY207	Undertake propagation activities	Elective
AHCNSY205	Pot up plants	Elective
AHCPGD212	Conduct visual inspection of park facilities	Elective
AHCLSC206	Assist with landscape construction work	Elective

Student Resources

CERES will provide all course written and gardening related learning resources. Students are required to provide and wear appropriate attire for working outdoors including safety boots, hi viz, gloves 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.

Students who successfully complete all qualification units over two years will be issued with a full Certificate. Students who successfully complete some units will be issued with a Statement of Attainment in recognition of partial completion.

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 Horticulture worker or assistant.

Graduates may also elect to undertake further training such as a Certificate III in Horticulture through an apprenticeship or other qualifications with specific fields of horticulture related employment in mind such as Certificate III in Parks and Gardens or Certificate III in Landscape Construction.

Application/Enrolment Process

Schools are asked to contact Karen Mengell, VET Co-ordinator on 9389 0127 or via email at karen.mengell@ceres.org.au, to discuss individual student needs. CERES welcomes applications from those with disabilities and it is important to us that our students receive training, assessment and support services that meet their individual needs. As part of this commitment, and in line with our Access and Equity Policy, we ask that an *Accredited Training Applicant Needs Assessment* form be completed for each school applicant who is identified as having additional needs.

A DEECD Purchasing Contract between the relevant school and CERES will be drawn up on the basis of the above and each enrolling student will be required to complete a *2024 Accredited Training Enrolment Form* prior to course commencement.

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.