



Certificate II in Horticulture (AHC20416)

2018 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

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

Course Design

15 units must be completed for the full qualification including 5 core units and 10 electives .

CERES offers:

- Wednesday VETIS 1.30 – 5.00pm (1st year Units 1 & 2 and 2nd year Units 3 & 4) for individual student enrolment commencing 7th February
- Tailored courses for school groups for half or full days covering an agreed selection of units

Other individual school applicants may be able to join school groups where there is space availability and with the consent of the primary booking school.

There is a maximum of 15 places per class available in this program.

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 may require some 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 Area, Permaculture and Bushfood Nursery.

Content

CERES VETIS provides a blended class for first and second years with units rotating annually. Below are the VETIS units being delivered in 2018. Units for other school groups will be selected based on school needs and preferences.

Unit Code	Unit Name	Core/Elective
AHCPMG201	Treat weeds	C
AHCNSY201	Pot up plants	E
AHCWRK209	Participate in environmentally sustainable work practices	E
AHCPGD206	Conduct visual inspection of park facilities	E
AHCNSY203	Undertake propagation activities	E
AHCLSC201	Assist with landscape construction work	E
AHCPER208	Harvest permaculture crops	External Elective

Contribution to VCAL/VCE

VCAL	This program contributes to the Industry Specific Skills Strand and may also contribute to the Work Related Skills Strand of VCAL
VCE	Students will be eligible for up to two or more units at Unit 1 & 2 level and/or a Units 3 & 4 sequence.
ATAR	This subject does not have a study score and therefore cannot contribute towards the student's primary four. Students who receive a Units 3 and 4 sequence for VCE VET Horticulture will be eligible for an increment towards their ATAR (10% of the average of the primary four scaled studies).

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, 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.

Students who successfully complete all qualification units 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 employment in mind such as Certificate III Retail Nursery, Certificate III in Parks and Gardens or Certificate III in Landscape Construction.

Course Fees

	Tuition	Materials	Total
VETIS individuals	\$1,100 p.a.	\$150 p.a.	\$1,250
Full Day 4 hour session (Groups) (includes 15 min break and 30 min lunch)	\$410 per session	\$40 per session	Dependent on number of sessions

Application/Enrolment Process

Individuals or schools are asked to contact either:

- Karen Mengell, VET Co-ordinator on 9389 0127 or via email at karen.mengell@ceres.org.au, or
- Lorna Pettifer, Group Manager, Education and Training on 9389 0123 or lorna@ceres.org.au.

to discuss program design and individual student needs.

CERES welcomes applications from those with disabilities. It is important to us that our students receive training, assessment and support services that meet their individual needs where appropriate. As part of this commitment, and in line with our Access and Equity Policy, we ask that an *Accredited Training 2018 Applicant Needs Assessment* form be completed for each school applicant to ensure that we have a clear idea of the individual needs of applicants.

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 *2018 Accredited Training Enrolment Form* prior to course commencement.

Registered Training Organisation

CERES is the registered training organisation offering this training - RTO no 3686.