



**Murwillumbah
Community
College**

AHC30716 Certificate III in Horticulture Course Information

This course is a nationally recognised accredited course from the AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package. This qualification is designed to develop the skills and knowledge required to work in the field of general amenity horticulture. The tasks include aspects of arboriculture, floriculture, soft landscape, nursery, parks and gardens, turf management, production horticulture and conservation.

Occupational Titles May Include

- Horticulturalist
- Grounds Person
- Gardener
- Market Gardener
- Nursery Assistant
- Native Regeneration

Prerequisites

- There are no qualification or pathway prerequisites to undertake this course.
- Sound basic reading and writing skills are needed. Please discuss with us if you have any concerns about the language, literacy and numeracy requirements for the course as the College can provide support if needed (refer to Student Support section below).
- Ability to participate in some of the manual handling and lifting required in the course. If further discussion is required, please inform the trainer or the course coordinator.

Paying for the Course

The College can offer Smart and Skilled funding for this qualification for eligible learners. Student fees under this program range from \$0 to \$240 if unemployed. There is no cost if the student is indigenous or has a disability whether employed or unemployed. Subsidies also apply to students who are currently working however, the student fee component is higher. Please check the student fee with the College.

- For those students who are not eligible for a Smart and Skilled subsidy the course is priced at \$2,750.
- This course is approved by Centrelink.
- For more information regarding conditions for refunds, please refer to our [Student Handbook on our website](#).

Learning and Assessment Material and Resources

All resources, learning, and assessment material required to complete the course are included in the course fee.



Course Delivery

This course is delivered over a year and during this time, you are required to attend 38 weeks of training to complete this program. This comprises of:

- You will be required to attend class 2 days per week (6 hours per day) over that period.
- Practical work activities.
- You will be required to complete external study at home of about 10 hours per week and there is also a timetabled online training section of 2.5 hours per week. Computers are available for use at the College.
- When you have completed the 38 weeks of training you have up to a year to complete the course, during this time your trainer and assessor will be available to provide you with additional support to complete your studies via (up to) 3 face-to-face sessions and by email and/or phone.

Course Packaging Rules

Students are required to complete 16 units, 5 of which are compulsory and 11, which are elective. The College confers with industry to select the electives offered. If students seek electives outside the units offered below, that request needs to be negotiated with the College and could alter the fee structure.

Units

Code	Title	Core/ Elective
AHCWHS301	Contribute to work health and safety processes	C
AHCPCM302	Provide information on plants and their culture	C
AHCPMG301	Control weeds	C
AHCPMG302	Control plant pests, diseases and disorders	C
AHCSOL304	Implement soil improvements for garden and turf areas	C
AHCCHM307	Prepare and apply chemicals to control pest, weeds and diseases	E
AHCCHM304	Transport and store chemicals	E
AHCWRK311	Conduct site inspections	E
AHCNAR305	Collect Native seed	E
AHCNSY306	Implement a propagation plan	E
AHCPCM303	Identify plant specimens	E
AHCPCM301	Implement a plant nutrition program	E
AHCWRK305	Coordinate work site activities	E
AHCPCM201	Recognise plants	E
AHCPGD301	Implement a plant establishment program	E
AHCPGD303	Perform specialist amenity pruning	E

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

Students who have workplace experience in this industry may be able to have those skills recognised by RPL for all or part of the qualification. You will need to discuss your request for RPL with the trainer.

If you wish to claim Recognition of Prior Learning or Credit Transfer, you may complete the course in a shorter timeframe.

Assessment

There are no exams. Your competency (knowledge and skills) is assessed through

- Completion of set assignments
- Practical demonstration of skills

You are required to submit assessment tasks on time as instructed by the trainer.

You are also required to be on time to class and be prepared for the units being discussed.

Qualification Pathways

After successful completion of this qualification, you may also choose to further train for a Cert IV in a range of horticultural and agricultural qualifications.

Student Support

At MCC, we aim to provide a welcoming, inclusive, and supportive environment for all. Under our Student Support provisions, you may approach the trainer at any time for additional support or discussion, and programmed support may be offered in groups or individually. We also offer a variety of support for people with specialised learning needs. Please let us know if you have any Language Literacy and Numeracy or other needs and we can discuss arrangements to provide you with support in your studies.

Support that we offer includes:

- learning and study support
- assistance with literacy and numeracy
- access to IT facilities both in class and at other times
- one on one and small group tuition
- referral to external student and welfare services
- career planning

Course Information Session

A course Information session will be held on the morning of the first day so that students can meet the trainer and find out more about the course. Should you decide to proceed the course will then start later that day.

Delivery Arrangements

Trainers: Susan Hennessy, Elyse Kerr

Course start date: refer to Term brochure

For more information and for our Student Handbook go to our website.

www.mbahcc.net

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the College:

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