



DRAFT Introduction to Horticulture

Certificate II in Horticulture (AHC20416) Taster Course Information

This course is designed as a Taster for those who are unsure as to whether accredited training is for them, or whether Horticulture is the right pathway or who are simply not able to commit to a full course at this stage.

The Certificate II in Horticulture is a nationally recognized qualification from the AHC Agriculture, Horticulture, Conservation and Land Management Training Package. Completing this qualification, in part or in its entirety, in our 4.5 hectare urban farm here 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.

Venue

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

Course Design

CERES Taster course offers 3 units*

Unit Code	Unit Name	Core/Elective
AHCPCM201	Recognise plants	C
AHCSOL202	Assist with soil or growing media sampling and testing	C
AHCPER206	Plant and maintain permaculture crops	E

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

The course runs for 8 weeks on Mondays and Tuesdays:

- Course One, 1st May to 26th June, 2017. Monday and Tuesday 10-3pm
- Course Two, 4th September to 30th October , 2017, Monday and Tuesday 10-3pm

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

Course 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, 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.

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 3 units will be issued with a Statement of Attainment in recognition of partial completion. All units can be credited against the full Certificate II in Horticulture.

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 may wish to enroll in the full Certificate II in Horticulture or choose to enroll in higher level qualifications such as a Certificate III in Horticulture through an apprenticeship or other qualifications with specific fields of employment in mind such as Certificate III in Permaculture, Certificate III in Retail Nursery, Certificate III in Parks and Gardens or Certificate III in Landscape Construction.

Course Fees

	Tuition	Materials	Total
Taster Course	\$570	\$30	\$600

Application/Enrolment Process

Applicants 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, Training Manager on 9389 0123 or lorna@ceres.org.au.

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 2017 Applicant Needs Assessment* form be completed for each applicant to ensure that we have a clear idea of the individual needs of applicants.

Registered Training Organisation

The Centre for Education and Research in Environmental Strategies is the registered training organisation offering this training - RTO no 3686. CERES is the trading name of the Centre for Education and Research in Environmental Strategies.