

- + **Agriculture**
- + **Conservation**
- + **Horticulture**

course guide

2020



Agriculture, Conservation, Horticulture + Racing

Are you passionate about the land and natural resources?

Would you love a career that lets you enjoy the outdoors, one that doesn't keep you confined to an office?

Why not become part of an industry that provides Australia with a viable, healthy, profitable and sustainable future?

We will give you relevant, practical skills combined with the latest technologies and trends. So if your interest is in agriculture, horticulture or conservation and land management, we've got a course and career to suit.

You'll develop sought-after skills and knowledge that's relevant locally and Australia-wide.

Any of these courses will give you a professional qualification recognised across Australia.



Career opportunities

- Agricultural sales/marketing
- Nursery assistant
- Farm worker
- Stock and station agent
- Rural financial consultant
- Fencer
- Wool classer
- Horticulturist
- Park ranger
- Landscaper
- Catchment management officer
- Eco-green corporation leader
- Coast care manager
- Waterways program manager
- Environmental consultant
- Trackwork rider

and more...





ROSEMARY WILSON

DIPLOMA OF CONSERVATION AND LAND MANAGEMENT

“A decision to follow my heart and study a Diploma of Conservation and Land Management has led me to my dream job.

I had always had a passion for conservation and the natural environment but waited until my children had grown up before returning to study at South West TAFE.

I worked in the education and disability sectors while I studied and was so excited to gain a job as a team leader for Conservation Volunteers Australia in Portland before my course even finished.

I’m so proud of what I’ve been able to achieve. It’s now inspired me to go on to further study.

I’m now looking at how I can combine my conservation work with my previous disability work.”

how to apply

There are five simple steps to apply for a course with us.

Apply for a SWTAFE course*

1 APPLY

Visit swtafe.edu.au to apply.

Click the **Apply Now** button on either the home page or on a specific course page. You will need to fill out a short online application form. Once this form is submitted we'll send you a thank-you email.

2 GET READY

Your thank-you email will contain three things:

1. A link up to our Pre-Training Review to help us tailor your training
2. A link to set up your unique student identifier (unless you already have one)
3. A link to find out if you may be eligible for government-subsidised training

3 CHAT WITH YOUR TEACHER

You will be contacted by a teacher or course specialist to chat about your Pre-Training Review outcomes and provide you with additional course information.

You can also chat with your teacher about getting your prior skills or course relevant qualifications recognised..

4 ENROL

After chatting with a teacher you will receive another email, containing:

1. Your enrolment form which you can fill out online
2. A link to verify your identification.

5 SIGN

Once you've completed your enrolment form and verified your identification you will receive your student declaration form to review and sign. You can sign this digitally via your smartphone, computer or tablet.

If you need assistance with enrolling, contact our Customer Service team on 1300 648 911 or visit your nearest campus.

Apply for a SWTAFE apprenticeship or traineeship*

1 FIND A JOB

Find a job as an apprentice or trainee through an Apprenticeship Centre or Group Training Company.

2 REGISTER

Register with an Australian Apprenticeship Support Network (AASN) and nominate SWTAFE as your training provider (your employer will usually do this for you).

3 GET YOUR DELTA NUMBER

Receive your AASN registration number, which is called a 'Delta Number'.

4 PRE-TRAINING REVIEW

SWTAFE staff will contact you to organise your Pre-Training Review (once your AASN registration is complete and you have received your 'Delta Number').

5 ENROL

Complete the enrolment form provided to you and provide your identification.

* Before applying...

Before applying, we suggest that you come along to an information session.

At these sessions you can find out more about the courses, career opportunities, placement requirements and chat with a course specialist. Find upcoming dates for information sessions at swtafe.edu.au/infosessions

apprenticeships + traineeships

Apprenticeships and traineeships are a great way to kick-start your career and gain a nationally-recognised qualification.

Leap in with the leader

A South West TAFE apprenticeship or traineeship is a partnership between you, your employer and SWTAFE.

Your employer will teach you skills on-the-job while SWTAFE provides formal training.

This allows you to learn from qualified academic staff, as well as someone who is an expert in the industry in which you're interested.

If you're still at school you can undertake a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship while completing VCE or VCAL.

You can make it happen

Apprenticeships and traineeships can commence at any time. SWTAFE supports lots of opportunities for mature-aged workers. The first step is to find a business to employ you, then a local Australian Apprenticeship Support Network needs to register your Training Contract with SWTAFE.

Visit the DET Apprenticeships and Traineeships website for detailed information about training types and industries, wages and financial assistance: www.education.vic.gov.au/training/learners/apprentices

Financial incentives

There are a number of government-funded incentives and assistance available to apprentices and employers.

These benefits may vary, so please refer to the Australian Apprenticeships website for current details: www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au

SWTAFE provides apprenticeships and traineeships in:

- agriculture, conservation and horticulture
- early childhood education and care
- racing and track-work
- building, construction and trades
- business
- education support
- food and hospitality
- hair and beauty
- health and community services
- maritime
- tourism

Apprenticeships

focus on trade careers.

Generally take two to four years.

Traineeships

focus on building skills and knowledge on the job.

Generally take one to two years.



fees

Studying at TAFE will incur some fees. These are largely dependent on whether or not you meet eligibility criteria for a government funded place.

The Victorian Government's Skills First program provides subsidies that make training more affordable. You could be eligible for a government-subsidised training place, depending on your age, educational history, and citizenship or residency status.

If you meet the eligibility criteria, the Victorian and Commonwealth governments will subsidise your training, greatly reducing the contribution that you'll need to pay for study at TAFE.

Course fees are made up of two components:

1. **Tuition contributions** – varies from course to course. A large portion of the tuition is subsidised by the Victorian Government for eligible students
2. **Course Consumables/Resources** – you may be required to pay the cost of some goods or materials necessary for your course, eg. tools of trade, uniform and books. You will be informed of fees associated with course consumables and resources via your Statement of Fees or alternatively the fees will be listed on a separate booklist (also available on our website).

HOW CAN I PAY?

Up-front

Pay all your fees before starting your course.

Payment plan

You can organise to pay in instalments over the duration of your course.

Scholarship

You can apply for a number of scholarships that may assist in paying your tuition fees.

VET Student Loan

If you're studying selected diplomas or advanced diplomas, you may be able to apply for a loan from the Australian government.

Repayments are made through the Australian Taxation Office (which are deducted from your salary once you start earning over a certain amount).

Visit our website for current indicative fees for each course.

GET THERE FREE!

OVER 30 FREE TAFE COURSES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

We have government-funded places available to eligible students enrolling in 2020 courses.

Free TAFE covers tuition fees for priority courses for students who are eligible for government-subsidised training. There may still be some costs such as course materials, uniforms or excursions applicable to your course.

Contact us for more info about FREE TAFE eligibility.

study at Glenormiston

At South West TAFE we have developed a range of courses to be offered at our Glenormiston training facility.

Our courses have been designed in consultation with the region's industry leaders in dairy, agriculture and track riding, giving students the practical skills for a career in the agricultural field.

Students will gain hands-on training and be given the opportunity to learn about animal health, business, emerging technology, machinery and infrastructure and workplace safety.

They will also have the chance to hear from industry experts on the emerging opportunities for careers in the food and fibre sector.

Glenormiston Courses

- Certificate II in Agriculture AHC20116
- Certificate III in Agriculture AHC30116
- Certificate III in Agriculture (Dairy Production) AHC30216
- Certificate IV in Agriculture AHC40116
- Diploma of Agriculture AHC50116

Glenormiston Short Courses

- Operate Quad Bikes
- Operate a Side by Side Utility Vehicle
- Tractor and Front End Loader Operations
- Cups On Cups Off
- Agvet Chemical Users Course
- Agvet Chemical Users Refresher
- Operate and Maintain Chainsaws



CHARLIE DARCY

CERTIFICATE IV IN AGRICULTURE

When I finished school I went to university to study a degree in agriculture, but realised it wasn't the right path for me.

I was working on the family farm and wanted to continue earning money while I studied.

I completed the Certificate III in Agriculture last year before starting the Certificate IV in Agriculture at South West TAFE.

I found the course to be so helpful. It was so specific to the dairy farming industry and I was able to put the knowledge I gained into my every day work on the farm which was great.

I'm now looking at the possibility of more study with an idea to manage my own farm one day down the track".

AGRICULTURE

Certificate II in Agriculture AHC20116 **FREE TAFE**

LOCATION Glenormiston
DURATION Part-time, 12 months. One day a week. *Traineeship also available*
START DATE Apply any time

You will learn a variety of agricultural skills that will give you the basis to confidently work in a farming enterprise. Study areas will include: operation and maintenance of agricultural equipment (quad bikes and tractors), livestock management and health, milking, fencing, chemical application and general first aid.

Certificate III in Agriculture AHC30116 **FREE TAFE**

LOCATION Colac campus and Glenormiston
DURATION Part-time, two years. One day a week. *Traineeship also available*
START DATE Colac: January | Glenormiston: Apply any time

Are you looking to work in livestock production, cropping or a mixed farming enterprise? This course will provide you with skills in everything from machinery and safety, animal health, farming technology and digital solutions to enhance productivity, stock, land and water management, through to financial operations and the future of agriculture.

Certificate III in Agriculture (Dairy Production) AHC30216 **FREE TAFE**

LOCATION Colac campus and Glenormiston
DURATION Part-time, two years. One day a week. *Traineeship also available*
START DATE Colac: January | Glenormiston: Apply any time

This qualification provides you with the skills and knowledge to work in the dairy industry. This course equips you with a variety of agricultural skills relating to the dairy industry including animal nutrition, animal health and machinery operation.

Certificate IV in Agriculture AHC40116 **FREE TAFE**

LOCATION Colac campus and Glenormiston
DURATION Part-time, two years. One day a week. *Traineeship also available*
START DATE Colac: January | Glenormiston: Apply any time

The Certificate IV in Agriculture will allow you to develop skills and knowledge to become a specialist in the agriculture industry, possibly becoming a supervisor or team leader. This course also covers the specifics of managing stock nutrition, breeding, health, welfare and supervision of staff and plant operation.

Diploma of Agriculture AHC50116

LOCATION Glenormiston
DURATION Two years, one day a week
START DATE Colac: January | Glenormiston: Apply any time

Agriculture makes up 60 per cent of the regional economy of south west Victoria. The need for qualified staff is growing and SWTAFE graduates are in demand from farms to agricultural service providers. This qualification will provide you with valuable skills including: livestock and pasture management, breeding strategies, pest and disease control in crops, financial management and quality assurance.

Previous experience in agriculture is necessary and access to a commercial farm is preferable to support your learning in this course.

FREE TAFE

Free TAFE course in 2020, see page 6.

HORTICULTURE

Certificate II in Horticulture AHC20416 **FREE TAFE**

LOCATION Hamilton and Portland campuses and Sherwood Park
DURATION Part-time, 12 months. One day a week. *Traineeship also available*
START DATE Sherwood Park: February | Hamilton: April | Portland: July

Keen to develop your interest in plants and gardens into a career? Throughout this course you will develop skills in plant identification, pest, disease and weed control, propagation and pruning. You will also gain experience in operating and maintaining common horticultural machinery and equipment. Give yourself a head start into an apprenticeship or traineeship or improve your home gardening skills.

The program delivered in Portland has a bushland focus and will give you an introduction to working in horticulture and bushland regeneration. You will develop skills and experience to gain employment in the horticulture industry, volunteer on bushland projects or to work on your own bushland property.

Certificate III in Horticulture AHC30716 **FREE TAFE**

LOCATION Sherwood Park
DURATION Part-time, two years. One day a week. *Traineeship also available*
START DATE February

Finesse your flair for horticulture by taking your skills to the next level and learn how to create your own outdoor transformations. You will expand your skills and knowledge in plant identification, propagation, pest, disease and weed control. Create a garden while developing proficiency in pruning, soil and plant nutrition, plant displays, paving, retaining walls and grass maintenance. Train across a variety of facilities including our industrial hothouse and trial grounds for practical activities.

Certificate III in Landscape Construction (Apprenticeship) AHC30916

LOCATION Workplace training
DURATION Three years
START DATE Apply any time (*see page 4*)

Are you interested in becoming a landscape gardener? Or perhaps you've been working in the industry and would like to formalise and enhance your skills. This apprenticeship will equip you with theoretical and practical skills and knowledge in all aspects of landscape construction.

Certificate III in Parks and Gardens (Apprenticeship) AHC31016

LOCATION Workplace training
DURATION Three years
START DATE Apply any time (*see page 4*)

Want to gain a career in the parks and gardens industry? Start an apprenticeship in parks and gardens and develop skills in tree inspections, weed control, implementing plant nutrition programs and installing irrigation systems.

Certificate III in Production Nursery (Apprenticeship) AHC31116

LOCATION Workplace training
DURATION Three years
START DATE Apply any time (*see page 4*)

This apprenticeship is designed for a nursery assistant working in a production nursery. During this apprenticeship you will learn a variety of skills including weed control, pest and disease control, plant identification and the safe use of chemicals.

WOOL

Certificate IV in Wool Classing AHC41316

LOCATION Hamilton campus and other locations on demand
DURATION Two years. Three hour, weekly night classes. *Traineeship also available*
START DATE Apply any time

Do you want to be responsible for providing premium quality wool to the Australian market? The Certificate IV in Wool Classing will equip you with skills needed to manage all shearing shed operations or apply for job opportunities in the wool buying, marketing and production industries. As a SWTAFE wool classing graduate, you will be eligible to apply to the Australian Wool Exchange for registration as an Australian Wool Classifier. You will be a specialist in grouping fleece according to length and thickness, quality, colour, strength and cleanliness.

CONSERVATION

Certificate III in Conservation and Land Management (Traineeship) AHC31416

LOCATION Workplace training
DURATION Two years
START DATE Apply any time (*see page 4*)

Want to begin your career in the conservation and land industry? During this traineeship you will develop skills in revegetation works, tree planting, fauna recognition, native seed collection and safe chemical handling.

Diploma of Conservation and Land Management AHC51116

LOCATION Sherwood Park and online
DURATION Full-time, two years. Eight one-day weekend workshops a year
START DATE Apply any time

Do you enjoy the outdoors? Are you interested in the management of our natural resources? This course covers the skills and knowledge required to identify the environmental impacts associated with a range of land use activities.

Studies focus on a variety of areas in catchment and land management including: biodiversity, biological surveying, fauna management, erosion control, pest-animal and plant control, and revegetation.

You will study online and participate in eight single-day workshops on Saturdays. These workshops allow you to reinforce the subject content in a practical environment. Block workshops are also possible if there is demand from more remote students. Previous experience in conservation, horticulture or agriculture will support your learning in this course.

You can start this diploma with SWTAFE then transfer to university to complete a degree.

FREE TAFE

Free TAFE course in 2020, see page 6.

RACING

Certificate III in Racing (Trackwork rider) (Traineeship) RGR30518

LOCATION Workplace training
DURATION Two years. Workplace training and workshops
START DATE Apply any time (see page 4)

This two-year program is designed for those working in the racing industry who are interested in becoming a trackwork rider or have been working in the industry as a trackwork rider and would like to formalise or take their skills to the next level.

These skills include slow and fast work riding to set times, corrective methods of riding, techniques used to ride a variety of horses, stable duties and operations as well as fitness and suitability of horses to race.



SWTAFE CAMPUS LOCATIONS

Warrnambool

197-205 Timor Street
WARRNAMBOOL VIC 3280

Hamilton

200 Ballarat Road
HAMILTON VIC 3300

Portland

154 Hurd Street
PORTLAND VIC 3305

Colac

89 Bromfield Street
COLAC VIC 3250

SWTAFE TRAINING FACILITIES

Sherwood Park

Princes Highway (Deakin University)
WARRNAMBOOL VIC 3280

Glenormiston

333 Glenormiston Road
GLENORMISTON VIC 3265



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