

Diploma of Agriculture

COURSE CODE	AHC50122
LOCATIONS	Colac, Glenormiston
STUDY MODE	Full-time, On Campus, Online, Workshops
Length	12 months
Commencement	Glenormiston: apply any time. Colac: expressions of interest.
Timetable	One, four-hour virtual class a week, plus eight, full-day face-to-face workshops at the Glenormiston training facility during the school holidays. You will also be required to complete self-paced online study.

Course Overview

This section gives you an introduction to what you will be learning in this course, plus course outcomes, career opportunities, and student support.

Introduction

Agriculture makes up 60 per cent of the regional economy of south-west Victoria. As a result, the need for qualified staff is growing and SWTAFE graduates are in demand from farms to agricultural service providers.

This qualification is suitable for people working on farms who currently or aim to manage farm enterprise production. It is also suitable for employees and operators of agribusinesses who provide advice and services to production enterprises on cropping, pasture, livestock or business management. The subject choices allow you to focus on a specific area of expertise you require whether it is animal health and production, business management or agronomic practices around plant nutrition, soils and weed, pest and disease management.

People who complete this qualification will have developed valuable skills to run a property or provide advice to property managers.

What will I Learn?

During this course, you will gain skills and knowledge in:

- developing a farm plan
- planning and managing weed, pest and disease control in crops
- managing integrated crop and pasture production
- managing enterprise staff requirements
- preparing and monitoring budgets and financial reports
- managing livestock production
- developing and implementing breeding strategies
- managing workplace health and safety
- developing climate risk management strategies.

Mode of delivery

During this course, you will participate in one, four-hour virtual class a week and eight, full-day face-to-face workshops at the Glenormiston training facility during the school holidays. You will also be required to complete self-paced online study.

***Virtual classroom** - a live online teaching and learning environment where teachers and students can present course materials, engage, interact, and work in groups together.

Course Outcomes and Career Opportunities

For more information on this course, visit www.swtafe.edu.au/courses

After successfully completing this qualification, you may gain employment in manager roles in the agriculture industry including farming and agriculture providers.

Pathways

Upon completion of this course, you may continue to study in the agronomy field or at bachelor level.

Information Session

Why don't you come along to our next course info session to find out everything you need to start your learning journey? You can chat with our teachers, tour our facilities, learn more about the course, find out about the application process and get your questions answered by our course experts.

[Find the next info session near you](#)

Course Requirements

This section gives you an overview of entry requirements, course units and electives, skills recognition, and assessment criteria.

Entrance requirements & pre-requisites

- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Have demonstrated knowledge or experience in agricultural or related fields.
- Be able to undertake physical work involving lifting, standing for long periods, or cardio activity

Course requirements

To be eligible for this qualification, you must successfully complete 10 units: 2 core and 8 elective.

Units offered

Core Units

Unit Code	Unit Name	Unit Hours	Unit Consumables
AHCWHS503	Manage workplace health and safety processes	90	\$0.00
AHCWRK520	Develop workplace policy and procedures for environment and sustainability	100	\$0.00

Elective Units

Unit Code	Unit Name	Unit Hours	Unit Consumables
AHCLSK501	Manage livestock production	180	\$0.00
AHCAGB513	Develop a farm plan	120	\$0.00
AHCBAC509	Plan and manage long-term weed, pest and disease control in crops	130	\$0.00
AHCBUS511	Manage enterprise staff requirements	140	\$0.00
AHCBUS518	Prepare and monitor budgets and financial reports	140	\$0.00
AHCBAC510	Manage integrated crop and pasture production	120	\$0.00

AHCLSK509	Develop and implement a breeding strategy	160	\$0.00
AHCAGB518	Develop climate risk management strategies	120	\$0.00

Assessment

This course involves accredited units. You will be required to complete assessment tasks to demonstrate your underpinning knowledge, skills and attributes to meet the course outcomes. A combination of written, oral and practical assessment strategies will be used in either a classroom, online or workplace environment.

Where units require demonstration of skills in a workplace environment, you will have the opportunity to do this either in your own workplace (where appropriate), through a practical placement, or by using one of the Institute's simulated workshops/classrooms. Detailed information about the types, conduct and dates of assessments will be provided in advance. You will also be provided with information about the opportunity for reassessment and appeal.

After applying

Once you have applied for your chosen course, you will receive a thank you email from South West TAFE with a few steps to help process your enrolment.

Complete a Pre-Training Review

You will receive an email to complete a Pre-Training Review online evaluation. This evaluation helps us tailor your training to suit your needs.

Create or provide a Unique Student Identifier (USI)

A USI is a nationally recognised reference number that provides an online record of your training qualifications gained in Australia.

[Create your USI](#)

Already have a USI but can't remember it? [Find your USI](#)

Skills recognition

If you have experience or prior qualifications, you may be eligible to apply for [recognition of prior learning](#) and gain credits. You will be asked to provide any relevant Statement of Attainment to support identified credits.

Fees

This section gives you an overview of course fees, subsidies, and how they can be paid.

Course Fees

Here's an outline of fees and costs associated with your course.

Your fees each year can be made up of 3 different elements. Everyone has different circumstances that can affect what you pay and how much you pay.:

1. Tuition fees - charged as an hourly rate that varies from course to course. A large portion of the tuition is subsidised by the Victorian Government for eligible students.
2. Resource and/or materials costs - covers the cost of materials and other incidentals. This fee will vary according to the course being undertaken.
3. Booklist items - such as textbooks, equipment and stationery recommended for your course

Tuition fees

There are 4 different rates of tuition fees. Only one will apply to you (depending on your eligibility and circumstances).

1. **Government Subsidised Fee** - you could be eligible for a government-subsidised rate under the Skills First funding depending on your age, educational history, and citizenship or residency status. If you are eligible, the government will contribute to the cost of your training.
[Find out more about subsidised training](#)

2. **Government Subsidised Concession Fee** - If you are eligible for a Skills First government-subsidised place and hold a current healthcare or pension card, that you can provide at enrolment, you may be eligible for the concession rate. Note, the concession rate is not applicable to Diploma level courses.
[Find out more about concession rates](#)
3. **If the course is a Free TAFE course or part of the Free TAFE Pathways Program** - Eligible students will not pay course tuition fees for the duration of their enrolment in this course, however, there may be some consumable/material fees for the course (find out more below). Any resource or material costs, or booklist items for this course are listed in the table below.
[Find out more about Free TAFE](#)
[Find out more about Free TAFE Pathways Programs](#)
4. **Full fee** - If you are not eligible for a Skills First government-subsidised place, exemption, concession or are enrolling in a course that isn't government-subsidised, you may be required to pay the full fee rate.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT FEES AND ELIGIBILITY

The fees listed below are indicative only. The course fees published are subject to change given individual circumstances at enrolment. Course fee funding is made available to eligible individuals by the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments. If funding is utilised, this may affect opportunities to access additional funding in the future. An accurate quote for this course will be provided during the enrolment process.

Course fees by student type	Indicative Course Fee
Government subsidised rate (if eligible)	\$13,735.00
Full fee rate (if not eligible for govt subsidy)	\$13,735.00

Additional course fees	Indicative Course Fee
Course consumable/materials (approximate)	\$350.00

Resource and/or materials costs

Some courses require specific resources or materials necessary for your study eg: tools of the trade, excursions, etc. Final costs will be determined upon enrolment.

How do I pay my fees?

Once we have processed your enrolment form, you will receive an email with your invoice.

You have [three options when organising your payment](#):

1. [Upfront payment](#) - can be made over the phone with EFTPOS
2. [Payment plan](#) - can be directly debited from your bank account, debited from your Centrelink payments or via a [VET Student Loan](#) (for diploma or advanced diploma courses only)
3. [Paid by employer, school or job network agency](#) - if your fees are being paid by your employer, school or job network agency, you will need to complete an Authority to Invoice form.

Payments will need to be arranged within five(5) business days of receiving the email containing your invoice.

We also offer a range of [scholarships](#) each year which you may be eligible to apply for to assist with course fees.

Next Steps

Ready to take the next step? Here you can [make an enquiry](#), [attend an information session](#) or [begin the application process](#).

How to apply

There are [five simple steps to apply for a course](#) with us.

1. Apply - complete a [short online application form](#). Once this form is submitted we'll send you a thank-you email.
2. Literacy and Numeracy Assessment - we will assess whether you need to undertake a Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) assessment and email it to you if required.
If you are not required to undertake this assessment, you will skip to step 3.
3. Chat to our team - your teacher or course specialist will contact you to discuss the course in more detail and ensure the right units of study are selected for you.
4. Enrol – you will be sent an email to accept your offer for the course. By accepting, you will be directed to verify your details and submit your enrolment for processing.
5. Pay - once we've completed your enrolment, we will send you an invoice to arrange [payment of your course fees](#).

If you need any assistance with applying, [contact our team](#) on 1300 648 911 or visit your nearest campus.

Careers and Course Advice

Not sure which course is right for you? South West TAFE will help you find your way.

Our Careers Coaches at the [Skills and Jobs Centre](#) is here to support you. Whether you're exploring career options, transitioning from school to the workforce or looking to study after school we're here to help you.

Student Support

As a SWTAFE student, you can access a variety of support services that will enhance your study experience and help you complete your studies successfully. For more information about any of these services, [visit our student page](#).