

Certificate II in Horticulture (Traineeship)

COURSE CODE	AHC20416
LOCATIONS	Workplace training
STUDY MODE	Full-time, Traineeship
Length	1 year
Commencement	Apply any time
Timetable	Workplace training and delivery. Some units will be delivered on campus. 4 workplace visits per year

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

This traineeship is an introductory level course suitable for people interested in horticulture as a career.

This course is very hands-on and will cover OH&S, recognise plants, lay paving, pot up plants, propagation, planting, pruning, chemicals (under supervision), micro-irrigation, weeds, pests, diseases & disorders, soil properties, display plantings and first aid.

With increasing urbanisation, amenity horticulture is a growth industry and horticultural food production both at a local level and for wider distribution as a business enterprise is on the rise.

What will I Learn?

This course will give you hands-on skills and knowledge in a variety of areas including:

- Occupational Health and Safety
- recognising plants
- lay paving
- pot up plants
- propagation
- planting and pruning
- use of chemicals (under supervision)
- plants diseases & disorders
- soil properties
- display plantings

Course Outcomes and Career Opportunities

This course will provide a pathway to work in any horticultural enterprise. Upon successful completion, you will be ready to start a horticultural career at worker level that can then develop into more specialist areas or managerial positions with further experience and training.

Career opportunities include work within the areas of parks and gardens, landscaping, garden maintenance, nurseries, hothouse production, and orchards.

Pathways

This qualification can provide a pathway to further study in the horticulture field including:

- [Certificate III in Horticulture](#)
- [Certificate III in Landscape Construction](#)
- [Certificate III in Parks and Gardens](#)
- [Certificate III in Production Nursery](#)

Course Requirements

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

Entrance requirements & pre-requisites

You need to be employed in the horticulture industry before commencing this course.

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Apprenticeship/Traineeship Entry Requirements

You need to be employed in this field as an apprentice or trainee before commencing this course.

If you are currently **not** employed in this field please contact the [Pathfinders Skills and Jobs Centre](#) for further advice. Contact them on 5564 8515 or email skillsandjobscentre@swtafe.edu.au.

Course requirements

To be eligible for this qualification you must successfully complete 15 units; 5 core and 10 elective.

Units offered

Core Units

Unit Code	Unit Name	Unit Hours	Unit Consumables
AHCPM201	Recognise plants	40	\$0.00
AHCPMG201	Treat weeds	40	\$0.00
AHCPMG202	Treat plant pests, diseases and disorders	30	\$0.00
AHCSOL202	Assist with soil or growing media sampling and testing	25	\$0.00
AHCWHS201	Participate in work health and safety processes	20	\$0.00

Elective Units

Unit Code	Unit Name	Unit Hours	Unit Consumables
AHCCHM201	Apply chemicals under supervision	30	\$0.00
AHCCHM304	Transport and store chemicals	50	\$0.00

AHCLSC204	Lay Paving	30	\$0.00
AHCMOM203	Operate basic machinery and equipment	20	\$0.00
AHCMOM204	Undertake operational maintenance of machinery	30	\$0.00
AHCMOM213	Operate and maintain chainsaws	40	\$30.00
AHCNSY203	Undertake propagation activities	30	\$0.00
AHCPGD201	Plant trees and shrubs	20	\$0.00
AHCPGD202	Prepare and maintain plant displays	35	\$0.00
AHCPGD203	Prune shrubs and small trees	35	\$0.00
AHCTRF203	Renovate grassed areas	30	\$0.00
AHCWRK209	Participate in environmentally sustainable work practices	20	\$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 suits 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.

Employer Incentives

The Australian Apprenticeships Incentives Program provides a number of incentives to assist employers who take on an Australian Apprentice, particularly where the Australian Apprenticeship is in a trade experiencing a skills shortage.

Find out more about the incentives available and hiring an apprentice or trainee on the [Australian Apprenticeships website](#).

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. Free TAFE - Students who are eligible for Victorian government-subsidised training 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.
2. 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. [Check your eligibility](#)
3. 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. [Find out more about concession rates](#)
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 and may be subject to change without notice and given individual circumstances. Your actual fees will be calculated based on your individual circumstances at the time of enrolment. Funding made available to eligible individuals by State and Commonwealth Governments. If funding is utilised, this may affect future opportunities to access additional funding in the future.

Course fees by student type	Indicative Course Fee
Government subsidised rate (if eligible)	\$1,900.00
Concession rate	\$380.00
Full fee rate (if not eligible for govt subsidy)	\$5,505.00

Additional course fees	Indicative Course Fee
Course consumable/materials (approximate)	\$165.00

This is a Free TAFE course

Students who are eligible for Victorian government-subsidised training 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). The consumable fees for this course are listed in the above table.

[Find out more](#) or chat with our Customer Service team on [1300 648 911](tel:1300648911), or visit a [SWTAFE Campus](#).

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 and discussed with you prior to 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](#).

Careers and Course Advice

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

Our [Pathfinders 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. Call, email or drop in.

Call 5564 8515 or email skillsandjobscentre@swtafe.edu.au

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. **Get ready** - your thank-you email will contain links to a pre-training review, to a unique student identifier and to government-subsidised training eligibility.
3. **Chat with your teacher** - your teacher or course specialist will contact you about your Pre-Training Review outcomes and additional course information.
4. **Enrol** - after chatting with your teacher, you will receive an email with your enrolment form and a link to verify your identity.
5. **Sign** - once you've completed your enrolment, you will receive a declaration form to review and sign.

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

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](#).