

## Certificate II in Conservation and Ecosystem Management (AHC21024)

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This program provides the skills and knowledge required for work in a defined context and/or for further study in conservation and ecosystem management. The qualification enables individuals to select and develop basic factual, technical and procedural knowledge in conservation and ecosystem management for Indigenous land management, lands, parks and wildlife services and the restoration and rehabilitation of ecosystems.

Employment opportunities may include assistant land management officer, assistant conservation worker, assistant parks and wildlife officer.

### WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Students who love the outdoors and want to be part of an industry that provides Australia with a viable, healthy, profitable and sustainable future.

### PROGRAM STRUCTURE

2 year program  
Delivered one afternoon

### LOCATIONS:

SWTAFE Portland campus  
SWTAFE Sherwood Park campus

### SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

Protective clothing and safety footwear

### PATHWAYS

Pathways include:  
Parks and Gardens management  
Horticulturist  
Retail Nursery  
Nursery operations

### WORK PLACEMENTS

The VCAA strongly recommends a minimum of 80 hours of work placement for this program.

### CONTRIBUTION TO THE VCE

Students undertaking this VET DSS program through the VCE stream are eligible for credit of up to four VCE VET units on their VCE Statement of Results: two units at Unit 1-2 level and a Unit 3-4 sequence.

Students may be entitled to 10% increment towards their VCE.

Students undertaking this VET DSS program through the VCE Vocational Major stream will need to complete a minimum of 180 nominal hours of a VET DSS program over a 2-year period.

### BENEFITS STUDYING A VETDSS PROGRAM AT SWTAFE

A SWTAFE VETDSS program allows school students to develop industry-specific skills, develop employability skills and gain a nationally or state recognised VET qualification while completing their Victorian Certificate of Education.

Valuable hands-on skills and experience for work, further training or university.

You can explore potential careers while you are still in school.

WOULD YOU  
LIKE TO APPLY?



# VET DELIVERED TO SECONDARY STUDENTS

## 1<sup>st</sup> year

Code	Units of Competency	Nominal Hours
AHCSOL203	Assist with soil or growing media sampling and testing	30
AHCWHS202	Participate in workplace health and safety processes	30
AHCPCM204	Recognise plants	40
AHCCHM201	Apply chemicals under supervision	30
AHCPMG201	Treat weeds	40
AHCECR305	Collect native seed	40
AHCMOM203	Operate basic machinery and equipment	20
Subtotal		260

## 2<sup>nd</sup> year

Code	Units of Competency	Nominal Hours
AHCNSY207	Undertake propagation activities	30
AHCPGD207	Plant trees and shrubs	20
AHCECR201	Capture digital media for fieldwork	30
AHCPMG202	Treat plant pests, diseases and disorders	30
AHCWRK211	Participate in environmentally sustainable work practices	30
AHCWRK212	Work effectively in industry	30
AHCMOM204	Undertake operational maintenance of machinery	30
CPPSSI2012	Assist in collecting basic spatial data	30
Subtotal		300
TOTAL		560

Units of competency may change without notice