

# VTP476 Introduction to Therapeutic Horticulture

*The first nationally accredited Therapeutic Horticulture course in Australia*

## DESCRIPTION

Therapeutic Horticulture is an emerging Australian industry utilising plants and gardening activities to improve the physical, emotional, and psychological well-being of people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities.

This introductory course will enable you to develop therapeutic horticulture skills, which may be used in varied environments, such as hospitals, prisons, rehabilitation centres, educational facilities, disability services, aged care facilities, commercial spaces, and community and residential gardens.

## ELIGIBILITY/ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You are required to wear enclosed shoes during the program. Any further PPE required is provided by the team.

To ensure you have the right skills and support to succeed in your course, a Language, Literacy, and Numeracy (LL&N) evaluation helps identify any areas where you may need additional support to help you achieve your goals.

## DELIVERY DETAILS

Location(s)	Duration*	Study mode
Casuarina / Remote	This course may be completed in 5-6 days depending on which study option you chose. Contact team for further details.	Face-to-face

\* Duration will vary depending on how long a student takes to reach the required competency level.

\*Class timings may change due to unforeseen circumstances. Please confirm class timings/dates with the lecturer.

## FEES

Fee Type	2024 Course Fees
Fee Free TAFE	Free
Full Fee	\$1,200.00

This course is part of the Fee Free TAFE initiative. Fee Free TAFE and vocational education and training is a joint initiative of the Northern Territory Government and the Australian Government providing tuition-free training places to students wanting to train, retain, or upskill.



Fees shown are indicative and subject to change annually. Actual course fees may vary depending on the units chosen. International non-student visa-holders; study eligibility needs to be verified before enrolment. Fees may vary depending on the visa type.

For further clarification and information on fees, fee exemptions, payment options, instalment plans, and refunds, contact CDU on 1800 061 963 or refer to [TAFE Fees and Payments](#)

## ASSESSMENT

Assessments vary with each unit. You will be provided with an assessment guide.

## RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL)

RPL is a process that determines whether the skills, knowledge, and experience you have gained through your previous study, work, or life experience can count towards a vocational training qualification at CDU. For more information, [VET RPL](#).

## RESOURCES

Students are issued with all required learning resources for this course.

## STUDY AND CAREER PATHWAYS

Different fields of practice utilise Therapeutic Horticulture as a complementary therapy to their existing practice. Some of these practices include:

- Community Services
- Aged Care
- Disability
- Rehabilitation
- Occupational Therapy
- Diversional Therapy
- Recreation Therapy
- Children and childcare services
- Landscape planning and design
- Education
- Public greenspace workers
- Horticulturists
- Migrant support workers
- Correctional services
- Mental Health

## PROGRAM CONTENT

This training program covers three (3) units of competency taken from the AHC Agriculture, Horticulture, Conservation and Land Management Training Package, which is recognised nationwide.

## CORE UNITS

AHCNSY205	Pot up plants
AHCNSY206	Care for nursery plants
CHCCOM005	Communicate and work in health or community services

## WITHDRAWING FROM A PROGRAM

You may withdraw from this program and receive, where relevant, a Statement of Attainment for all units of competency you have successfully completed.

## SUPPORT SERVICES

The University supplies support for students in many areas, including Accommodation, Careers and Employability, Counselling, Disability Services, Student Advocacy, Indigenous Tutorial Support Services, International Student Support Services, Library Services, and VET Learner Support Services.

More information is available at [Student Support](#).

## CONTACT DETAILS

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