

AHC51120 Diploma of Conservation and Ecosystem Management

DESCRIPTION

This qualification reflects the skills and knowledge required for skilled and paraprofessional work in conservation and ecosystem management. Workers with this qualification perform in operational managerial and/or technical positions, often with specialist skills and knowledge in various sectors. Examples of areas of specialisation include:

- Indigenous land management
- ecosystem restoration, rehabilitation, and renewal
- conservation works
- parks management and/or administration
- wildlife management
- marine and/or coastal management
- water and catchment management

ELIGIBILITY/ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To gain entry into the AHC51120 Diploma of Conservation and Ecosystem Management, it is advisable that students have:

- Completed AHC40920 Certificate IV in Conservation and Ecosystem Management or a relevant qualification; or
- Be employed in the conservation industry.
- Access to a suitable workplace to undertake workplace-based assessments and demonstrate ongoing application of skills and knowledge
- An equivalent Australian Year 12 certificate

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 |
|-------------|--|---|
| Online | 12 months Full-time 24 months Part-time | Learnline-online self-paced activities Workplace-based assessments |

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

This program is delivered through Learnline, CDU's online learning platform.

FEES

| Fee Type | 2025 Course Fees |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| NT Government Supported* | \$3,515.00 - \$5,069.00 |
| Full Fee | \$12,455.00 - \$17,947.00 |

*This course is supported by the NT Government for domestic eligible students who are NT residents. A limited number of NT Government supported places are available, so secure your place now.

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. The course fee rates will vary for commercial contract arrangements.

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](#)

VET STUDENT LOANS

Eligible students may access a VET Student Loan to pay for their course fees (up to capped amounts). [Determine your eligibility](#) using the VET Student Loan Eligibility Tool on the Your Career website.

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, refer to [VET RPL](#).

RESOURCES

Computer and internet access will be required to participate in online sessions, source information, and complete assessments.

STUDY AND CAREER PATHWAYS

On completion of this qualification, credit(s) may be available into Higher Education courses.

Possible occupations relevant to this qualification include:

- Soil Conservation Specialist
- Landcare Manager
- Land Management Unit Supervisor
- Indigenous Land Manager
- Park Ranger
- Environmental Officer (Lands, Parks and Wildlife)
- Natural Resource Manager

QUALIFICATION CONTENT

To achieve AHC51120 Diploma of Conservation and Ecosystem Management a total of ten (10) units of competency must be completed comprising ten (10) Elective units as detailed in the packaging rules and listed below. There are no core units in this course.

ELECTIVE UNITS (*Select 10*)

| Group A (at least 4 units must be selected from this group) | |
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| AHCECR502 | Conduct biological surveys |
| AHCECR503 | Design an ecological restoration project |
| AHCLPW506 | Develop a management plan for a designated area |
| AHCPCM510 | Collect and classify plants |
| AHCPMG413 | Define the pest problem |
| AHCPMG501 | Develop a regional pest management plan |
| AHCPMG508 | Develop a system to monitor and evaluate the pest management plan |
| Group B | |
| AHCBUS515 | Prepare estimates, quotes, and tenders |
| AHCPMG412 | Develop a pest management plan |
| AHCWRK506 | Collect and manage data |
| BSBPMG430 | Undertake project work |
| SITTPPD013 | Develop interpretive activities |
| Other electives | |
| CPPSSI5064 | Conduct complex spatial data analysis (<i>unnamed elective</i>) |

WITHDRAWING FROM A QUALIFICATION

You may withdraw from the AHC51120 Diploma of Conservation and Ecosystem Management 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](#).

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For further information regarding student life at CDU, please refer to <https://www.cdu.edu.au/study/student-life>.