



Certificate III in Parks and Gardens (AHC31016)

This program is designed to support employers, either in private businesses or Local Government, who wish to engage apprentices to be trained in the maintenance of parks and gardens.

This qualification is suitable only for people already engaged with an organisation who works in this sector, as it is a formal apprenticeship, is very hands-on and requires access to a workplace to practice and demonstrate the skills required.

Gardening is one of the most popular hobbies in the world, but with smaller living space and increasing demands on time, people are more inclined to visit local facilities for their outdoor recreation.

The presentation of public and private recreational spaces is an important feature in today's community and requires a thorough understanding and appreciation of the various aspects of parks maintenance and management. Private developers understand that it is often the landscaping and maintenance of the surrounds of new constructions that sets them apart from their neighbours and local councils are judged by the attractiveness of their community assets.

The benefits are tangible;

- ❖ Employees are more knowledgeable about the features that set a park or garden apart from the average.
- ❖ Parks staff understand and feel better prepared to present their areas of responsibility to all people who encounter their handiwork.
- ❖ Facility owners get better information about their green assets and can take remedial action earlier.
- ❖ Organisations will be better placed to measure the improved performance of teams and individuals in providing overall client service;
- ❖ Improved teamwork increases entire team satisfaction.

Program Outcomes

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| ✓ Better placed to monitor the health and condition of the park areas under their control. | ✓ Better understanding of the interface between the public and the park |
| ✓ Feel they are more valued as a key member of the team | ✓ Learn how to integrate native and cultured garden space. |
| ✓ Better understanding of the effective control of weeds and pests | ✓ Understand and implement WHS practices in the workplace |

Program Snapshot



Duration

18-30 months, tailored to suit seasonal work requirements.



Delivery Methods

- Face to face (virtual or classroom) instruction (approx. 1/2 to 1 day per month)
- Trainer-led on the job practical activities (approx. 1/2 to 1 day per month)
- Coaching of students in the workplace
- Regular assessor observations of students in the workplace



Assessment Methods

- Written/Verbal Questions
- Workplace Practical/Simulation Tasks
- Projects
- Workplace Observation
- Third Party Report



Pre-requisites

- Candidates must be employed in a workplace that provides opportunity to practice and demonstrate skills.
- Employers must be willing to provide adequate time off normal duties to attend class and practice sessions
- Workplace supervisors will be required to comment on student progress and skills development
- LLN will be assessed prior to course commencement.



Resources Provided

- Textbook and Reference Guide
- Learner Activity Workbooks
- Assessment Workbooks
- Industry Forms and Templates



Costs

Tuition fee: \$5,200
Materials & Administration fee: \$800

This qualification may attract funding for eligible students courtesy of the Federal and Victorian State Government.





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Program Structure

This qualification consists of 16 units (5 core, 11 electives - * indicates core unit);

1. Operate machinery and equipment (AHCMOM304)
2. Implement a plant nutrition program (AHPCPM301) *
3. Provide information on plants and their culture (AHPCPM302) *
4. Identify plant specimens (AHPCPM303)
5. Conduct operational inspection of park facilities (AHCPGD305)
6. Control weeds (AHCPMG301) *
7. Control plant pests, diseases and disorders (AHCPMG302) *
8. Implement soil improvements for garden and turf areas (AHCSOL303)
9. Sample soils and interpret results (AHCSOL401)
10. Construct turf playing surfaces (AHCTRF301)
11. Establish turf (AHCTRF302)
12. Implement a grassed area maintenance program (AHCTRF303)
13. Monitor turf health (AHCTRF304)
14. Renovate sports turf (AHCTRF305)
15. Contribute to work health and safety processes (AHCWHS301) *
16. Apply environmentally sustainable work practices (AHCWRK309)

If required, 2 units relating to transporting and handling chemicals may replace 2 of the units above.

The sequence of delivery of the units will be organised with employers to best fit seasonal and project work plans.

Induction: Trainees will be introduced to the course, delivery and assessment methods, and expectations and rights of trainees prior to course commencement.

All trainees are expected to comply with worksite WHS procedures and policies during practical activities. Safety procedures in the classroom will be explained at the commencement of the course.

RPL & Credit Transfer: Students who believe they have sufficient past experience to demonstrate full competence against particular units may apply for RPL using the forms and processes available from the TME office. Students may apply for credit transfer for any units completed in prior qualifications, including for the elective units.

Workplace Training: Programs can be customised to meet individual or workplace requirements. On the job training and assessment activities are built into our programs to benefit employers and enable learners to develop relevant workplace skills.

We actively tailor training for people from diverse backgrounds, including those with disabilities and encourage all to apply.

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