



AHC31421 Certificate III in Conservation and Ecosystem Management Student Guide – 2024



Introduction to AHC31421 Certificate III in Conservation and Ecosystem Management

Well managed land helps preserve and maintain wildlife and their habitat in the natural ecosystem, parks and reserves and prevents the spread of weeds, pests, and diseases. This course is a great way to be introduced to a career in the Land Management sector. It provides key knowledge and skill for managing and maintaining healthy landscapes on private, Government and Aboriginal lands.

Welcome to the Tocal College AHC31421 Certificate III in Conservation and Ecosystem Management.

This course is facilitated by the trainer/assessors in a face-to-face environment with specialist subject matter experts to support the content delivery.

There are trainer-led theory classes and practical sessions involving small group and individual activities plus work-based learning activities.

A large component of the delivery is delivered practically, in the field. The course also utilises workplace assessment. Each program is delivered by way of seven blocks of three consecutive days with a break in between each block.

You will have one (1) year to complete the qualification. There is no minimum timeframe for completion.

Upon successful completion of your course/qualification you will receive an official transcript in the mail and an invitation to attend a Tocal College graduation ceremony, where you will be presented with your Tocal College testamur.

All graduates are invited to the annual formal graduation service. This is held each March/April at the Paterson and Yanco NSW campuses. To qualify, you must complete the qualification during the calendar year prior.

Key contacts

Andrew Lucas

Training Coordinator Land Management

0418 219 558

Nicole Redfern

Student/ Administration support

0439 795 411

Any further enquiries can be directed to cem@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Qualification outcomes

The AHC31421 Certificate III in Conservation and Ecosystem Management is designed to be delivered to a broad industry sector such as Council trainees (bush regeneration, weed and pest officers), Aboriginal programs (ranger, green teams, and cultural burning) and Environmental services providers.

You will develop knowledge and skills in:

- site restoration
- site survey
- plant identification
- rehabilitation, renewal, and management of the rural and natural landscapes and degraded sites.

What the qualification involves

You must complete sixteen (16) units to gain the Certificate III in Conservation and Ecosystem Management, including:

- Two (2) core units plus 14 elective units
- At least six (6) units must be selected from any of the group's A, B, C, D, E, F, G and/ or H
- Up to six (6) units from Group I
- Up to four (4) units may be selected from any currently endorsed Training Package or accredited course.
- At least six (6) Units must be selected from Group A to qualify for the Specialisation in Indigenous Land Management

Any combination of electives that meets the packaging rules can be selected for the award of the Certificate III in Conservation and Ecosystem Management.

At this stage Tocal College is offering the specialisation in Indigenous Land Management and the Generalist Course.

Units of study

You must complete sixteen (16) units of study to gain this qualification.

Total College has the following program on offer listed below. This qualifies for Indigenous Land Management but can be altered to meet the needs of Generalist study. You may select either the Chemicals Skillset or Chainsaw Skillset.

Unit type	Unit code and name
Core units	AHCECR309 Conduct an ecological and cultural site inspection prior to works
	AHCWHS301 Contribute to work health and safety processes
Groups/electives	
Group A: Indigenous land management	AHCOCM301 Provide information on Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Peoples cultural practice
	AHCFIR301 Undertake burning for fuel, ecological and cultural resource management
	AHCOCM303 Follow Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural protocols
	AHCOCM304 Implement cultural burning practices on Country
	AHCWRK305 Coordinate work site activities
	AHCWRK312 Operate in isolated and remote situations
Group B: Ecological restoration	AHCECR305 Collect native seed
	AHPCCM303 Identify plant specimens
Group C: Lands, parks, and wildlife	AHCINF303 Plan and construct conventional fencing
Group D: Conservation Earth Works	AHCWRK311 Conduct site inspections
Group H: Mined land rehabilitation	AHCECR308 Conduct a site inspection for ecological restoration
Group I: General Electives	AHCCHM307 Prepare and apply chemicals to control pest, weeds, and diseases and AHCCHM304 Transport and store chemicals – Chemicals Skillset
	AHCFIR202 Assist with planned burning
Imported Units	FWPCOT2273 Trim and cut felled trees and FWPCOT2254 Maintain chainsaws – Chainsaw Skillset

Tocal College entry requirements:

Tocal College prefers that students have some industry experience and/or a supportive employer.

Students must have:

- Australian citizenship, permanent residency, or New Zealand citizenship
- adequate language, literacy, and numeracy skills to complete the course
- basic to intermediate computing skills, and reliable internet speed.
- basic tools and PPE for self-directed field work.

*Please note: to enrol and participate in this program you are required to be either employed or be part of a traineeship arrangement working in bush regeneration and general land management.

How is training and assessment delivered?

Your skills and understanding will be assessed for each unit through a variety of tasks, including observation checklists, workplace assessment in class assessment and assignments. All assessments are marked within five (5) working days, following the day you submit your work. Your assessor will provide detailed feedback following each submission.

Assessment

Your assessment will vary for each unit but will include tasks to gain an assessment of your knowledge and your practical skills at an industry level standard. Assessment for each unit will usually include written tasks such as a quiz, research, report or project, and practical tasks such as an observation checklist, a video, or photographs. You will be advised prior to training the type of assessment required or associated with the particular task.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

If you are already employed or have experience in natural resource management or CEM, you may be eligible to gain part of this qualification based on skills or experience you already have.

RPL is the process for formally assessing and recognising skills, knowledge, and experience. Students may be eligible for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) in specific units of competency depending on their previous experience. RPL assessment requires you to demonstrate and present evidence of your skills and knowledge.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) –

<https://www.tocal.nsw.edu.au/courses/Recognition-of-prior-learning>

Fees

Some qualifications are subsidised for NSW students under Smart and Skilled through Training Services NSW. Smart and Skilled is an NSW Government program that helps people get qualifications within in-demand skills and industries.

Smart and Skilled gives eligible students an entitlement to government-subsidised training in selected qualifications. <https://education.nsw.gov.au/skills-nsw/students-and-job-seekers/low-cost-and-free-training-options/smart-and-skilled-training>

Tocal College can provide a quote for students in the Smart and Skilled portal, prior to enrolment.

The current fee schedules for industry qualifications are available on the Tocal College website: <https://www.tocal.nsw.edu.au/students/future-students>

Student policies and procedures

The link below will provide you with Tocal College's Student policies and procedures including fees, complaints and appeals, internet and social media, bullying and harassment and drugs and alcohol. Please contact your course coordinator should you wish to discuss any concerns.

<https://www.tocal.nsw.edu.au/students/future-students/policies>