

Introduction to Horticulture & Permaculture

2023 Course Information

Selected units from Certificate II in Horticulture (AHC20416) & Certificate II in Permaculture (AHC21716)

This course is designed as a Taster for those who are unsure as to whether accredited training is for them, or whether Horticulture and/or Permaculture is the right pathway or who are simply not able to commit to a full course at this stage.

The units offered have been selected from the Certificate II in Horticulture and Certificate II in Permaculture which are nationally recognized qualifications from the AHC Agriculture, Horticulture, Conservation and Land Management Training Package. Completing these units in our 4.5 hectare urban farm here at CERES Community Environment Park provides students with a range of skills and knowledge that are transferable to further study or a career in horticulture and/or permaculture.

Venue

The CERES Community Environment Park located at CERES Community Environment Park, corner of Roberts & Stewart Streets, East Brunswick.

Course Design

CERES Taster course offers 3 units*

| Unit Code | Unit Name | Core/Elective |
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| AHCPCM201 | Recognise plants | C (Cert II Horticulture) E (Cert II Permaculture) |
| AHCSOL202 | Assist with soil or growing media sampling and testing | C (Cert II Horticulture) |
| AHCPER206 | Plant and maintain permaculture crops | C (Cert II Permaculture) E (Cert II Horticulture) |

(*15 units must be completed for the full Certificate II Horticulture qualification including 5 core units and 10 electives)

(*15 units must be completed for the full Certificate II Permaculture including 6 core units and 9 electives)

In 2023 we have scheduled three courses of 15 sessions to be delivered on-site*:

- Course One, Thursdays 09 **February** to 25 May 2023 10-3pm (no class 13 April)
- Course Two, Tuesdays 09 **May** to 29 August 2023, 10-3pm (no class 27 June, 04 July)
- Course Three, Thursdays 24 **August** to 07 December 2023, 10-3pm (no class 28 September)

*Please note all courses may be subject to change should government restrictions be imposed.

There is a maximum of 15 places per class available in this program.

Course delivery includes a range of activities and methodologies including:

- Practical demonstration and hands on learning
- Class Discussion
- Use of a range of written materials
- Individual and group work

Students are advised that in addition to class time the course may require some additional hours of independent learning.

Work placement is not a formal requirement, however students will be working alongside a range of social enterprises at CERES including our Honey Lane Organic Market Garden, Propagation Area, Permaculture and Bushfood Nursery.

Student Resources

CERES will provide all course written and gardening related learning resources. Students are required to provide and wear appropriate attire for working outdoors including safety boots, gloves, hi-viz and sun protection.

Assessment

Assessment will be conducted in line with the Training Package's requirements and will be through a range of practical demonstrations and some written assignments.

Students who successfully complete all 3 units will be issued with formal Statements of Attainment in recognition of partial completion.

Course Pre-requisites

Whilst there are no formal pre-requisites, prospective students should have:

- language, literacy and numeracy skills at a sufficient level to participate
- A commitment to attending all classes and undertaking all course requirements.

Employment and Further Study Pathways

On successful completion graduates may wish to enrol in qualifications such as a Certificate III in Horticulture (AHC30716), Certificate III in Landscape Construction (AHC30916) Certificate III in Parks and Gardens (AHC31016). Units obtained through this course may be credited towards these qualifications.

Those wanting to continue accredited training in Permaculture may wish to consider the Permaculture Demonstrator Skill Set (AHCSS00048) or the full Certificate III Permaculture (AHC33816).

Course Fees

| | Tuition | Amenities | Materials | Total |
|--------------------------|---------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| Taster Course – Full Fee | \$830 | \$46 | \$47 | \$923 |

Application/Enrolment Process

Applicants are asked to contact Karen Mengell, VET Co-ordinator on 9389 0127 or via email at karen.mengell@ceres.org.au

CERES welcomes applications from those with disabilities. It is important to us that our students receive training, assessment and support services that meet their individual needs where appropriate. As part of this commitment, and in line with our Access and Equity Policy, all applicants will be interviewed by the VET Co-ordinator prior to enrolment to determine needs.

Registered Training Organisation

CERES is the registered training organisation offering this training - RTO no 3686. CERES School of Nature & Climate is the trading name of CERES Inc.