Agriculture and Rural Operations

Katherine Rural Campus

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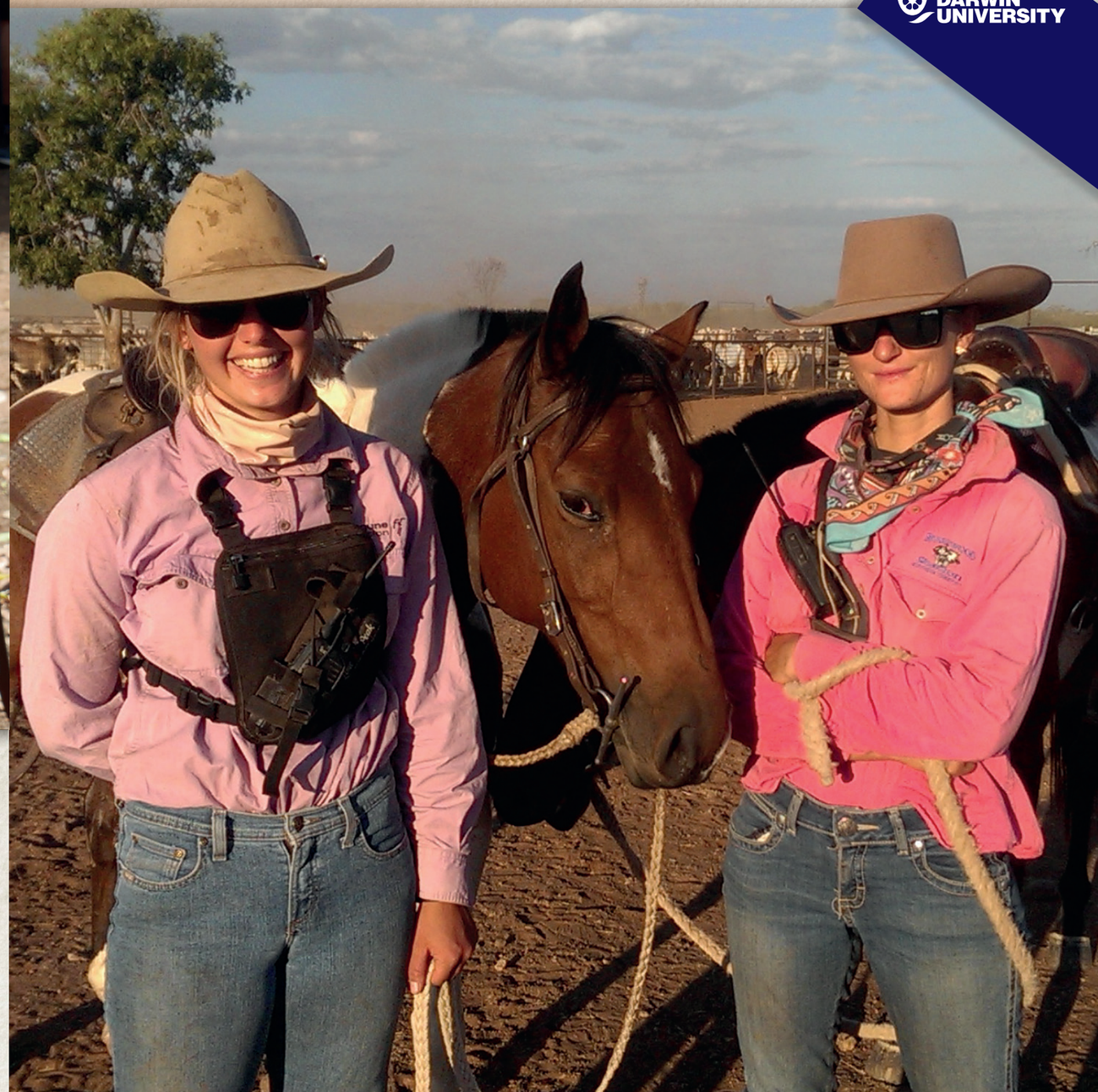

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Charles Darwin University – Katherine Agriculture & Rural Operations

The Charles Darwin University's Katherine Rural Campus is a purpose built training, conference and accommodation facility, located 16 kms north of Katherine on the Stuart Highway. The facility, catering and accommodation is available for hire to external clients and caters for both internal and external training programs or workshops.

The Katherine Rural Campus encompasses over 4400 hectares of land. It is the home of our award winning Brahman Stud composed of 150 purebred Brahman Cattle and a commercial breeder group of 150 Brahman cows bred to Brahman and crossbred bulls. The stud and farm provides an onsite training facility to prepare students for employment in the North Australian Pastoral or Agricultural environment.
Our team is dedicated to your success. We specialise in North Australian production and business systems, offering current, real world knowledge and experience.

The Agriculture and Rural Operations courses have flexible enrolments. These include full time on site training and workplace apprenticeship programs. The courses range from Certificate II – Certificate IV.

- AHC20110 Certificate II in Agriculture
- AHC21210 Certificate II in Rural Operations
- AHC30110 Certificate III in Agriculture
- AHC32810 Certificate III in Rural Operations
- AHC40110 Certificate IV in Agriculture

Courses at the Rural Campus are designed to develop the skills required for work on a North Australian beef cattle property or in the Top End Agricultural Industry, while providing a sound knowledge base in the pastoral and/or agricultural industries.

Residential Agriculture Courses

The full time, residential Agriculture courses available at the Katherine Rural Campus focus on the basic skills and knowledge needed in a beef cattle production workplace and include work experience placements on working Northern Territory cattle stations. While out on these practical placements students experience living and working on an NT cattle property, gain real skills and a greater understanding of the North Australian pastoral industry.

The 10 week Foundation Skills Program, based on a selection of units from the Certificate II in Agriculture (AHC20110) concentrates on building the basic practical skills required in cattle handling and husbandry, horsemanship, fencing and general station practices. This course includes 4 weeks of practical experience on an NT beef cattle property and has often led to graduates gaining employment in the beef cattle industry following completion of their course.

Workplace Traineeships and On-Station Delivery of Agricultural Qualifications

We have dedicated staff who specialise in workplace training and assessment and Recognition of Prior Learning. We will come to you and we service some of the most remote areas in the Northern Territory.

Earn while you learn! – Workplace traineeship and remote delivery available.

Learn the skills you need for the job you want! – Short course and skill sets delivered on campus or in your workplace.

Get the qualifications for the skills you have! – Recognition of Prior Learning offered for all qualifications.

Other training offered at the Katherine Rural Campus

Short Courses

We offer a number of accredited short course workshops both at the campus and remotely, which include 4 Wheel Drive operation and recovery, Chemical User Accreditation, Welding, Tractors, Basic Maintenance, Chainsaws, Outboard Motor Operation and Maintenance and courses in the safe operation of quads, two wheel motorbikes and side by side utility vehicles.

Other short courses periodically delivered at the Katherine Rural Campus by CDU Trades include Forklift, Working at Heights, Elevated Work Platforms, Confined Space Training, Heavy Vehicle Licensing and Automotive Trade Certifications.

Living at the Katherine Rural Campus

Full accommodation is available on the Campus including meals and laundry. Accommodation is air-conditioned single rooms with shared facilities.

Unaccompanied students living on Campus must be a minimum of 16 years of age. Each building has its own Fridge, Microwave, Living Room and Communal Spaces, providing students with a community atmosphere.

A Dining Room provides all meals including morning and afternoon tea for any residents who request meals as well as tea, coffee and cold drink stations.

All residents have their laundry and linen washed and dried for them weekly.

Recreation

The Recreation Room has a flat screen television with DVD facilities. It also features a Pool Table, Table Tennis Table and Dart Board.

A computer Lab is available to students, including after-hours access. In addition there is wireless Internet access available in the Library and Computer Room.

There is a swimming pool that is available for all residents on site, as well as 2 Multi-Purpose Courts.

Full-Time Students living on campus can access a weekly mini-bus trip to Katherine for personal shopping.