# Agriculture Pre-Employment Course







## **DESCRIPTION**

This training course has been designed to prepare potential employees for living and working on remote cattle stations. Training is based around day-to-day activities carried out on working cattle stations. Students will be involved in basic fencing, stock water supplies, cattle handling and husbandry, horse handling and care, mechanical maintenance, basic welding, machinery and ATV vehicle operation.

Students will be enrolled in units from the Nationally Accredited AHC Training Package. Students will undertake these units at the Katherine Rural Campus and through a 4 week work placement.

### **ELIGIBILITY/ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

This is a physically demanding course and students must be fit, active and able to function effectively in a tropical environment. The industry is seeking people with a strong work ethic, an optimistic approach to life, a desire to continually improve, and who possess integrity and strong moral character.

Students must have basic literacy and numeracy skills to read, write and record basic measurements.

# **DELIVERY DETAILS**

Location (s)	Duration	Study mode
CDU Katherine Rural College /	11 weeks, full-time residential pre-	Face-to-face and workplace
Workplace	employment program,	assessment during work
	incorporating 4 weeks work	placement.
	placement on a cattle station.	
	**Students must be 16 years old to	
	live on campus.	

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#### **2020 FEES**

This course has a total of between 405 and 505 hours, dependent on elective units selected/available and thus the qualification cost is:

NT Domestic Subsidised Fees: from \$1,377 to \$1,717

Domestic Full Fees: from \$6,885 to \$8,585

Please note: A limited number of NT Government subsidy places are available for eligible NT domestic students so contact us now to secure your place for 2020.

Fees are subject to change annually. Indicative government-subsidised and full course fees are shown on this document. For further clarification and information on fees, payment options, instalment plans and refunds contact CDU on 1800 061 963 or refer to https://www.cdu.edu.au/cdu-vet/student-guide/fees

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Air-conditioned accommodation is available which includes all meals and a laundry service once a week. Contact the team for current pricing.

#### **ASSESSMENT**

Assessments vary with each unit. You will be provided with an assessment guide.

# **RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL)**

Students can apply for RPL during pre-enrolment or after enrolment. Students are provided with an RPL Self-Assessment before application and followed through with and an initial interview with an assessor.

#### **RESOURCES**

Students are issued with Study Guides during training.

## **STUDY AND CAREER PATHWAYS**

Further training pathways from this qualification include but are not limited to:

Following completion of this course, students may seek employment on a cattle station and where agreed to by their employer, enter into a Traineeship or undertake workplace training and assessment towards gaining a full qualification. The units in this course may contribute towards achieving AHC20116 Certificate II in Agriculture or AHC21216 Certificate II in Rural Operations.

#### **PROGRAM CONTENT**

This training program covers up to 13 units of competency taken from the AHC Training Package which is recognised nationwide. Units are subject to change to reflect student group requirements.

#### UNITS

AHCWHS201	Participate in work health and safety processes
AHCWRK204	Work effectively in the industry
ACMEQU205	Apply knowledge of horse behaviour
ACMEQU202	Handle horses safely
	Pre-requisite unit: ACMEQU205 Apply knowledge of horse behaviour
ACMHBR203	Provide daily care for horses
	Pre-requisite unit: ACMEQU205 Apply knowledge of horse behaviour
AHCINF202	Install, maintain and repair fencing

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AHCLSK101	Support extensive livestock work
AHCLSK204	Carry out regular livestock observations
AHCLSK209	Monitor livestock water supplies
AHCMOM204	Undertake operational maintenance of machinery
AHCMOM211	Operate side by side utility vehicles
AHCMOM202	Operate tractors
AHCINF204	Fabricate and repair metal and plastic structures

#### WITHDRAWING FROM A PROGRAM

You may withdraw from this program 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 Employment, Counselling, Disability Service, Equal Opportunity, Discrimination and Harassment advice, Australian Indigenous Student Support Services, Information Technology Services, International Student Support Services, Library Services, and Learner Support Services.

More information is available at - www.cdu.edu.au/study/student-life/student-support

#### **CONTACT DETAILS**

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Refer to the **VET Student Guide** <u>www.cdu.edu.au/cdu-vet/student-guide</u> for information regarding the enrolment process, student support services, student rights and responsibilities, previous studies recognition and the A-Z of other information.