

Certificate IV in Agriculture Course (AHC20116, AHC30116, AHC40116)



ABOUT THE COURSE

The Certificate IV in Agriculture course is packaged to commence with the Certificate II in Agriculture and Certificate III in Agriculture in first year. Successful completion of these qualifications allows progression to the Certificate IV in second year. The training program is a nationally accredited course of the AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management training package. The course provides practical training in farming, related technologies and business studies, with a particular focus on broadacre cropping and animal production.

Participants who successfully complete the Certificate IV training program are also provided with the opportunity to transition into the second year of the Advanced Diploma of Agribusiness Management if they wish to further their agricultural studies.

An integral component of the Certificate IV course is two 8 week periods of industry placement where students are able to focus on a particular career direction in their chosen agricultural sector. Students are able to identify potential employers, develop and implement a range of skills and gain a good understanding of how to become a valuable contributor to a farming or agribusiness enterprise.

This training is delivered with Victorian and Commonwealth funding. Individuals with a range of abilities and backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

WHAT ARE THE CAREER OUTCOMES?

Certificate IV graduates from Longerenong are highly sought after by rural production and agribusiness enterprises. Employment outcomes are wide ranging and include careers such as:

- Farm Hand
- Agricultural Contractor
- Technical Assistant (Ag research)
- Trainee Farm Manager
- Overseer

HOW DO I GAIN A QUALIFICATION?

The course has been designed to meet the qualification requirements of the Certificate II, Certificate III and Certificate IV in Agriculture as part of the AHC Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management training package and as prescribed by the Australian Qualifications Framework.

WHAT DO I STUDY?

Students will complete a Certificate II in Agriculture (AHC20116) and Certificate III in Agriculture (AHC30116) in first year and Certificate IV in Agriculture (AHC40116) in the second year.

Units are delivered under topic areas such as:

First year (Certificate II and III)

- Sheep and Cattle Production
- Crop Production
- Personal Development Skills
- Farm Skills
- Industry Placement

Second year (Certificate IV)

- Animal Health and Welfare
- Animal Nutrition
- Agricultural Accounting
- Planning and Budgeting
- Crop Agronomy

HOW IS THE COURSE DELIVERED?

Most students complete the course by full-time study. There are two semesters per year, each of 16 weeks. Timetabled sessions are a combination of lectures, practical activities, demonstrations and tours.

Part-time study is also available. People wishing to apply for part-time study will be assessed on an individual basis.

FEES AND FINANCE

Information regarding fees and finance is available by contacting the Administrative Officer via details below.

WHEN DO I START?

The full-time course commences early in February each year.

WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

This course is open to people who meet one of the following minimum criteria:

- Satisfactory completion of Year 11 or equivalent; or
- Mature age entry (at least 19 years of age) and demonstrated aptitude for the course.
- You may be eligible for special consideration if you fall outside these requirements. Contact the Administrative Officer for more information.

CAN I GET RECOGNITION FOR PREVIOUS STUDY/EXPERIENCE?

You are able to gain recognition of skills and knowledge obtained through formal training, work experience and/or life experience. If you believe you are able to demonstrate the required level of competence in a unit you can apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) by contacting the Administrative Officer.

Where you have already successfully completed the same unit of competency, you are able to apply for Credit Transfer (CT) for that unit. No fees apply for CT.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Students enter the course by direct application to Longerenong College. Direct application forms are available by contacting the Administrative Officer or go to Apply Now on the Longerenong website (www.longy.com.au)

NEED FURTHER INFORMATION?

Contact the Administrative Officer:

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