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Horticulture is the science and art of growing flowers, ornamental plants, lawns, gardens, fruits or vegetables. Career in food production, plant propagation, land conservation/restoration, landscape and garden design.


AHC30722

Certificate III in Horticulture

Duration: 52 weeks

Employment Pathways:

- » Gardener
- » Horticulturist

 Quarterly
Intakes

 Flexible
Payment
Plans

For complete course information refer to ironwood.edu.au/horticulture-courses

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Duration 52 weeks | AQF level III

Qualification Description

This qualification provides a general vocational outcome in amenity horticulture. Certificate III in Horticulture includes classroom and practical training and assessment to develop skills and knowledge in crop/plant selection, cultivation, management of soil, irrigation, fertilizers, weeds, control of pests and diseases, handling of chemicals, and work health and safety procedures (WHS).

No occupational licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this qualification at the time of publication.

Units of Competency (Units)

Total Units =17 Core units =11 Elective units = 06

1. AHCPGD309 Perform specialist amenity pruning (Core)
2. AHCIRG346 Operate pressurised irrigation systems (Core)
3. AHCPMG302 Control plant pests, diseases and disorders (Core)
4. AHCPCM305 Implement a plant nutrition program (Elective)
5. AHCPCM306 Provide information on plants and their culture (Elective)
6. AHCPMG301 Control weeds (Core)
7. AHCSOL304 Implement soil improvements for garden and turf areas (Core)
8. AHCMOM304 Operate machinery and equipment (Core)
9. AHCWHS302 Contribute to workplace health and safety processes (Core)
10. AHCWRK320 Apply environmentally sustainable work practices (Core)
11. AHCCHM307 Prepare and apply chemicals to control pest, weeds and diseases (Core)
12. AHCCHM304 Transport and store chemicals (Core)
13. AHCSOL305 Prepare growing media (Elective)
14. AHCBIO303 Apply biosecurity measures (Elective)

15. AHCIRG338 Troubleshoot irrigation systems (Elective)
16. AHCNSY308 Maintain nursery plants (Elective)
17. AHCPCM308 Identify and select plants (Core)

For further details about each unit of competency please refer to: training.gov.au/Training/Details/AHC30716

Intake dates – 2023

20 Sep

Intake dates – 2024

10 Jan, 03 Apr, 26 Jun, 18 Sep

Duration

The course will be delivered in 52 weeks (one year).

Full-time study for 43 weeks and a break period of 9 weeks between 4 study terms. Each study term is approx. 11 weeks long. The scheduled contact study per week is 16 hours. The classes are scheduled per study week for two full days (9 am to 5 pm)

There are also additional 7.5 hours of self-study scheduled per study week for students.

Class times and days are subject to change after providing 2 weeks' notice to the students.

Mode of Delivery

Face to Face

Assessment Methods

Assessment methods include but are not limited to: Roleplays; Observation/demonstration of practical skills; Case studies; Written reports; Presentations; Interview/oral questions; Written tests.

Entry Requirements

1. All students need to be 18 years of age at the time of commencement.
2. Satisfactory reading, writing, and numeracy skills. If you wish to access subsidised training, you will need to complete the CORE Skills Profile for Adults (CSPA) along with an Upfront Assessment of Needs to ascertain if you are suitable to undertake the training. If you have a verified disability/medical condition and require additional support, please get in touch the Institute before applying to discuss your needs.

Pre-requisites

Nil

Fees

Ironwood Institute will charge the learner as per the nominated fee schedule as outlined below:

Location of Delivery

Classrom site:

- Ironwood Institute: Level 3, 112-118 Rundle Mall, Adelaide, SA 5000

Practical site:

- Adelaide City Council Nursery:
War Memorial Dr, North Adelaide SA 5006

- St Laurence Priory:
134 Buxton Street, North Adelaide, SA 5006

- Adelaide Botanic Gardens:
Hackney Road, Adelaide, SA 5000

The Institute does not provide transportation to sites and it is student's responsibility to get there on time on practical training days either on bus or at their own transport medium.

Qualification

On successful completion of this course, you will be awarded AHC30722 Certificate III in Horticulture. Students who successfully complete only one or more units of competency within this Qualification will receive a Statement of Attainment.

(By enrolling in this course, Ironwood Institute does not guarantee a learner will successfully complete and receive the qualification).

Fee Type	Administration (AUD)	Learning Resources (AUD)	PPE (AUD)	Tuition (AUD)	Total (AUD)	Payment Plan
Concession	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
WorkReady	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$498	\$498	Initial deposit of \$124.50 and then 3 payments of \$124.50 every 3 months
Traineeship	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$498	\$498	Initial deposit of \$124.50 and then 3 payments of \$124.50 every 3 months
Full Fee	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$9,975	\$10,725	Initial deposit of \$3,466.25 then 3 payments of \$2,493.25 every 3 months

For detailed fee and refund information, please see our website:
ironwood.edu.au/courses/certificate-iii-in-horticulture-domestic

AHC30722

Certificate III in Horticulture

Qualification Pathways

Certificate III in Landscape Construction, Certificate III in Arboriculture, Certificate IV in Horticulture, Certificate III in Parks and Gardens, Certificate IV in Production Nursery, Diploma of Horticulture Management.

Course Type:

Agriculture, Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management Training Package Qualification

Work-based Training

Not applicable

Work Placement

Not applicable

Material and Equipment Required

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is compulsory for this course.

Students can purchase through Ironwood Institute at the cost of AUD \$250.00 or can make the items available at their own cost before course commencement.

- Safety boots
- Broad-brimmed hat
- Garden gloves
- High visibility jacket
- High visibility cotton shirt
- Cotton drill cargo trousers

Employment Opportunities

Job roles and titles vary across different industry sectors. For those with appropriate work experience, knowledge, and skills gained from this Certificate III can help the candidate to take on the following roles which include but not limited to:

- » Horticulturist
- » Gardener

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Support Services

ironwood.edu.au/domestic/student-support-services

Obligations and Rights of Learners

ironwood.edu.au/domestic/rights-and-responsibilities

Institute Policies and Procedures

ironwood.edu.au/domestic/policies-procedures

Consumer Protection

The [Australian Consumer Law](#) provides consumer protection to the enrolled students at Ironwood Institute. The written agreement, and the right to make complaints and seek appeals of decisions and action under various processes, does not affect the rights of the student to take action under the [Australian Consumer Law](#) if the Australian Consumer Law applies.

Ironwood students wins Horticulture student of the year in South Australia for the second year in a row.



Lisa Agars

Horticulture Student of the Year Award 2023

Learn more



Zoe Hsu

Horticulture Student of the Year Award 2022



“ My course is giving me the hands-on skills to get a job in the growing horticulture industry.

Zachary Wong, Horticulture domestic student

Why Ironwood Institute

Australian national accredited qualifications

Strong student support

Great training facilities

Pathways to Universities

Industry trained academic staff

Individual learning approach

Why Adelaide

Affordable cost of living

Cultural hub of Australia

Capital city with a friendly heart

Mild climate

Public transport discounts

City with hills, beaches & wineries

Why study Horticulture in Adelaide, SA

South Australia is known globally for its premium food and wine, produced sustainably in a clean and safe environment.

Studying horticulture in such an environment will equip you with the world best industry skills, knowledge and practice.

Adelaide Hills
Apples, pears, cherries and strawberries

Riverland
Citrus, stone fruit and almonds

Adelaide Plains
Greenhouses and protected cropping

Wine Regions
Barossa Valley, McLaren Vale, the Coonawarra and Clare Valley

How to apply

You can apply online or download the application form in pdf at www.ironwood.edu.au/apply

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