

Diploma of Conservation and Land Management

COURSE CODE	AHC51116
LOCATIONS	Sherwood Park (Warrnambool)
STUDY MODE	Part-time, On Campus, Workshops
Length	2 years
Commencement	Apply any time
Timetable	8 single day weekend workshops per year plus online study

Course Overview

This section gives you an introduction to what you will be learning in this course, plus course outcomes, career opportunities, and student support.

Introduction

Do you enjoy the outdoors? Are you interested in the wise management of our natural areas?

This course includes the skills and knowledge required to understand natural systems, identify issues and plan appropriate works. Studies include the theory and practical aspects of conservation and land management in a variety of different environments including coastal, rural, urban and aquatic systems.

The course will be delivered through workshops in south-west Victoria with self-paced study online.

What will I Learn?

Studies focus on a variety of areas in the catchment and land management including:

- biological surveys
- fauna management
- erosion control
- pest, animal and plant control
- revegetation

You will also develop skills in workplace safety, organizing data, planning surveys and works and writing reports.

Students are strongly encouraged to investigate natural areas in their local region and develop strong networks with local conservation organisations during their course.

Course Outcomes and Career Opportunities

- Environmental Consultant
- Coast Care Managers
- Eco-green Corporation Leaders
- Catchment Management Officer
- Environmental Officer
- Conservation Officer
- Field Services Officer
- Field Team Leader
- Ranger

- Landcare Facilitator

Pathways

This course offers a pathway to further study in Advanced Diploma or Bachelor level courses in the Conservation and Environmental Sciences field.

Information Session

Why don't you come along to our next course info session to find out everything you need to start your learning journey? You can chat with our teachers, tour our facilities, learn more about the course, find out about the application process and get your questions answered by our course experts.

[Find the next info session near you](#)

Course Requirements

This section gives you an overview of entry requirements, course units and electives, skills recognition, and assessment criteria.

Entrance requirements & pre-requisites

To apply for this course, you must be at least 17 years of age.

Course requirements

To be eligible for this qualification you must complete 10 elective units.

Units offered

Elective Units

Unit Code	Unit Name	Unit Hours	Unit Consumables
AHCFAU501	Manage fauna populations	150	\$0.00
AHCLPW501	Develop a management plan for a designated area	200	\$0.00
AHCNAR502	Conduct biological surveys	200	\$0.00
AHCNAR503	Design a natural area restoration project	200	\$0.00
AHCNAR505	Plan river restoration works	150	\$0.00
AHCNRM502A	Develop a water quality monitoring program	120	\$0.00
AHCPCM502	Collect and classify plants	120	\$0.00
AHCPMG413	Define the pest problem	100	\$0.00
AHCSAW502	Plan erosion and sediment control measures	120	\$0.00
AHCWRK503	Prepare reports	60	\$0.00

SITTGDE007

Research and share general information on Australian Indigenous cultures

80

\$0.00

Assessment

This course involves accredited units. You will be required to complete assessment tasks to demonstrate your underpinning knowledge, skills and attributes to meet the course outcomes. A combination of written, oral and practical assessment strategies will be used in either a classroom, online or workplace environment.

Where units require demonstration of skills in a workplace environment, you will have the opportunity to do this either in your own workplace (where appropriate), through a practical placement, or by using one of the Institute's simulated workshops/classrooms. Detailed information about the types, conduct and dates of assessments will be provided in advance. You will also be provided with information about the opportunity for reassessment and appeal.

Skills Recognition

Your current skills, knowledge and experience can contribute to help you get a qualification. Learn more about skills recognition and how it may benefit you [here](#).

Pre-training review

The pre-training review assists SWTAFE staff to determine whether this course is the most suitable for you at this time, and also identify any support needs you may require once you commence your studies. It takes about an hour to complete. Once you apply for your chosen course a link to the pre-training review will be emailed to you.

Unique Student Identifier

If you are studying nationally recognised training in Australia, you are required to have a Unique Student Identifier (USI). Your USI links to an online account that contains your training records and results for training completed from 1 January 2015 onwards. One of the main benefits of the USI is the ability to provide you with easy access to your training records and results throughout your life and this will assist you when applying for a job or enrolling in further study. You are required to have a USI at the time of enrolment – especially if you want to use VET Student Loans to defer your fees. To apply online or get more information go to www.usi.gov.au.

Fees

This section gives you an overview of course fees, subsidies, and how they can be paid.

Course Fees

Everyone has different circumstances that can affect what you pay and how much you pay. Your fees each year are made up of 2 different elements:

- Tuition fee
- Consumables/material fee

There are 3 different rates of tuition fees. Only one will apply to you depending on your eligibility and circumstances. The 3 categories include:

- [Government-subsidised](#)
- [Government-subsidised \(concession\)](#)
- Full fee

The fees listed below are indicative only and may be subject to change without notice and given individual circumstances. Your actual fees will be calculated based on your individual circumstances at the time of enrolment. Funding made available to eligible individuals by State and Commonwealth Governments. If funding is utilised, this may affect future opportunities to access additional funding in the future.

Student type	Indicative Course Fee
Government subsidised rate (if eligible)	\$9,340.00
Full fee rate (if not eligible for govt subsidy)	\$18,425.00

Fee type	Indicative Course Fee
Maximum Consumable/Materials Fee	\$0.00

Maximum Consumables/Materials Fees

You may be required to pay the cost of some goods or materials necessary for your course, eg: tools of the trade, uniform and books. The maximum consumables/materials fees are made up of course consumables, core unit consumables and the maximum elective units you will pay.

Final costs will be determined at enrolment and you will be informed of the fees associated with course consumables and resources via your Statement of Fees.

Which fee applies to me?

Government-subsidised rate - *Skills First*

You could be eligible for a government-subsidised rate depending on your age, educational history, and citizenship or residency status. If you are eligible, the government will contribute to the cost of your training.

[Check your eligibility](#)

Skills First Exemptions

As a Victorian Government TAFE, South West TAFE is able to provide exemptions for prospective students. [Contact our Customer Service Team](#) to find out if you are eligible for an exemption.

Concession rate

If you are eligible for a Skills First government-subsidised place and hold a current healthcare or pension card, that you can provide at enrolment. You may be eligible for the concession rate.

[Find out more about concession rates](#)

Full fee rate

If you are not eligible for a Skills First government-subsidised place, exemption, concession or are enrolling in a course that isn't government-subsidised, you may be required to pay the full fee rate.

[Find out more about fees and eligibility](#)

How do I pay my fees?

Once we have processed your enrolment form, you will receive an email with your invoice.

You have [three options when organising your payment](#):

1. [Upfront payment](#) - can be made over the phone with EFTPOS
2. [Payment plan](#) - can be directly debited from your bank account, debited from your Centrelink payments or via a [VET Student Loan](#) (for diploma or advanced diploma courses only)
3. [Paid by employer, school or job network agency](#) - if your fees are being paid by your employer, school or job network agency, you will need to complete an Authority to Invoice form.

Payments will need to be arranged within five(5) business days of receiving the email containing your invoice.

We also offer a range of [scholarships](#) each year which you may be eligible to apply for to assist with course fees.

Next Steps

Ready to take the next step? Here you can make an enquiry, attend an information session or begin the application process.

Careers and Course Advice

Not sure which course is right for you? South West TAFE will help you find your way.

Our [Pathfinders Skills and Jobs Centre](#) is here to support you. Whether you're exploring career options, transitioning from school to the workforce or looking to study after school we're here to help you. Call, email or drop in.

Call 5564 8515 or email skillsandjobscentre@swtafe.edu.au

Apply Now

Apply now for a place in our next course intake. Places for courses are limited, so it's best to get in soon so you don't miss out. You'll need to complete an application form which you can do [online here](#) or by speaking with our Customer Service team. We invite you to come and see us at one of our campuses in Warrambool, Colac, Portland or Hamilton and a team member will ensure you are taken care of.

If you have any questions regarding the application process please chat to our Customer Service team on 1300 648 911.

Student Support

As a SWTAFE student, you can access a variety of support services that will enhance your study experience and help you complete your studies successfully. For more information about any of these services, [visit our student page](#).