

HORTICULTURE AND FLORISTRY



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Choosing to study horticulture or floristry allows you to work in an industry where you can design, create, build, maintain, protect and grow plants in various environments. The horticultural and floristry industries are diverse, providing services to domestic, commercial and government organisations.

Studying horticulture or floristry at the Canberra Institute of Technology (CIT) equips you with the skills and expertise to pursue a variety of jobs, offering numerous opportunities to challenge yourself.

General horticulture subjects prepare you for roles in a nursery environment, such as a commercial grower. Landscape subjects allow you to specialise in gardening and landscape construction, transforming urban areas. Our turf management course prepares you to become a curator of prestigious stadiums and golf courses in Australia or abroad. By completing the conservation and ecosystem management

course, you can care and manage for our national park resources, or with parks and gardens you could have your own gardening and maintenance business. Our floristry course teaches you to design and create floral arrangements for a wide range of celebrations and occasions.

CIT horticulture courses can also be the stepping-stone to further study at university, taking your horticulture knowledge to higher academic levels.

We provide you with the necessary skills you will need through both classroom instruction and practical outdoor activities at our purpose-built horticultural precinct at CIT Bruce.

Our dedicated and passionate teachers are all industry professionals with affiliations to key industry bodies and associations.

For horticulture courses, applicants must:

- have the ability to read, write and have mathematical skills to a Year 12 level
- maintain a good level of fitness to meet the physical demands of the horticulture industry
- be able to think adaptively and possess good problem-solving skills.

For floristry courses, there are no specific entry requirements. However, to prepare for the physical demands of the floristry industry, it is recommended that you:

- maintain a reasonable level of fitness
- be able to stand for a minimum of three hours and lift items weighing up to five kilograms
- possess good fine motor skills to complete practical tasks.

If you require support in preparation for study or feel you may not meet these physical criteria, contact us before enrolling.

For more information visit:
cit.edu.au/horticulture and cit.edu.au/floristry
 or call (02) 6207 3188.



Gain the skills and expertise to tackle a variety of jobs with a multitude of opportunities to challenge yourself.





HORTICULTURE



Courses

Diploma of Horticulture AHC50416

Certificate III in Horticulture AHC30722

CIT horticulture courses are ideal for individuals who wish to acquire advanced technical skills in the growing and maintenance of gardens of all styles. You will gain comprehensive horticultural knowledge, including plant propagation, specialist plant knowledge, machinery, nutrition, and pest and disease of plants.

Graduates from this course will be equipped to work as a horticulturist in residential, commercial or government jobs, capable of handling all aspects of garden maintenance.

The diploma course builds on this knowledge and skillset, preparing individuals for supervisory or managerial roles within horticultural businesses. To enrol in the diploma course, you must have successfully completed the Certificate III in Horticulture AHC30716 or an equivalent qualification.

These courses are well-suited for those who enjoy working outdoors and have an eye for design and care of plants. They have two intakes per year in January and June and are held at CIT Bruce in the purpose-built horticultural precinct.

PARKS AND GARDENS



Course

Certificate III in Parks and Gardens AHC31021

The parks and gardens course is ideal for individuals who wish to acquire advanced technical skills in garden maintenance and care. You will gain comprehensive horticultural knowledge, including specialist plant knowledge, plant cultivation, turf maintenance, machinery operation, plant nutrition, and pest and disease management.

Graduates of this course will be equipped to work as a horticulturist in residential, commercial or government jobs, capable of handling all aspects of garden maintenance.

This course is well-suited for those who enjoy working outdoors and have an eye for design and care of plants. It has two intakes per year in January and June and is held at CIT Bruce in the purpose-built horticultural precinct.

LANDSCAPE CONSTRUCTION



Course

Certificate III in Landscape Construction AHC30921

The landscape construction course is ideal for individuals who wish to acquire technical skills in timber construction, stonework, concrete, paving, and retaining walls, along with a broad scope of horticultural knowledge and skills.

Graduates of this course will be equipped to work as skilled landscapers, capable of handling all tasks required in a landscape construction business for residential, commercial or government jobs.

The course is well-suited for those who enjoy working outdoors and have an eye for construction detail and finishes. It has two intakes per year in January and June and is held at CIT Bruce in the purpose-built horticultural precinct.

CONSERVATION AND ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT



Course

Certificate III in Conservation and Ecosystem Management AHC31421

The conservation and ecosystem management course is ideal for individuals interested in learning how to identify plants, maintain and protect natural areas, regenerate bushland, collect seed to preserve and propagate native species and develop cultural awareness. It is perfect for those who are passionate about the environment, enjoy working outdoors and have an aptitude for practical work.

Students have the opportunity to work on a bushtucker garden and the conservation corridor.

This course has two intakes per year in January and June.

SPORTS TURF MANAGEMENT



Course

Certificate III in Sports Turf Management AHC31319

The sports turf management course is ideal for individuals interested in working on ovals, stadiums and golf courses. It is perfect for those who want to learn how to establish and maintain a wide variety of sports turf surfaces and develop a range of technical skills in sport turf management.

Graduates of this course will be equipped to work as greenkeepers and turf managers in residential, commercial or government jobs, capable of handling all aspects of maintaining high-quality turf areas.

Students have the opportunity to work on a range of projects such as establishing greens, tennis courts and installing large scale irrigation systems using specialised machinery and equipment.

The course is well-suited to those who enjoy working outdoors and have a passion for producing top-class sporting surfaces. It has one intake per year in January and is held at CIT Bruce in the purpose-built horticultural precinct.



FLORISTRY



Course

Certificate III in Floristry SFL30115

The floristry course is perfect for individuals who want to acquire advanced technical floristry and design skills to meet professional floristry standards.

Graduates of this course will be equipped to work as skilled florists, capable of handling all aspects of a retail or studio-based floristry business. This course is ideal for those with an eye for colour and design, an appreciation of flowers and plant materials, and the ability to create floristry arrangements and displays in practical workshop sessions.

The training also includes customer service and sales skills, as well as workplace health and safety, delivered alongside work placements within industry. You will gain the skills and knowledge to design and construct floral arrangements and displays consistent with industry standards for a trained senior florist, as well as the retail skills necessary for work in a retail floristry business.

This course has one intake per year in January.



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