

Certificate III in Agriculture

COURSE CODE	AHC30122
LOCATIONS	Colac, Glenormiston
STUDY MODE	Part-time, On Campus
Length	Two years
Commencement	Apply any time
Timetable	One day a week on campus for 36 sessions per year.
	Colac: Tuesdays
	Glenormiston: Mondays

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

Looking to work in livestock production, cropping or a mixed agricultural enterprise?

The Certificate III in Agriculture will give you the skills and knowledge to work independently, and in teams, doing a wide variety of practical tasks with machinery, animals and plants. You will also gain hands-on experience in machinery operation, selecting suitable management techniques and thinking through what the best way to manage the unexpected.

We are offering this course at our Colac campus and Glenormiston Training Facility. We are also taking expressions of interest to study this course in Hamilton, [click here to register your interest](#).

What will I Learn?

A variety of agricultural skills including:

- machinery operation
- animal handling
- animal health
- construct conventional fencing
- first aid
- establish pastures and crops for livestock production
- artificial insemination and fertility management

Course Outcomes and Career Opportunities

Australian agriculture is expanding to feed the growing world population and is a leader in innovation and use of technology. A wide range of career paths are available to graduates on and off farm from managing a farm to providing key services to the agricultural industry based on the sound knowledge you have gained undertaking this course.

Upon completion of this course, you will be equipped to gain employment as:

- Farm or station hand
- Farm or station worker
- Livestock transport driver

Pathways

This course may provide a pathway to further study in the agriculture field such as:

- [Certificate IV in Agriculture](#)
- [Diploma of Agriculture](#)

Course in Transition

This qualification is superseded and course updates are occurring.

To ensure course content is relevant and industry-specific, industry is constantly having input into this training package. The course code, title, units, and content may change in the future and you may be enrolled in the new qualification. Further information will be provided on our website, upon enrolment and/or during the course of your training.

Course Requirements

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

Entrance requirements & pre-requisites

- You must be at least 15 years old to enrol. In order to complete the qualification, you must be at least 16 years old to undertake certain units.
- You must also be employed in the agriculture industry.
- Be able to undertake physical work involving lifting, standing for long periods, or cardio activity

Course requirements

To be eligible for this qualification you must successfully complete 16 units: 2 core and 14 elective.

Units offered

Elective Units

Unit Code	Unit Name	Unit Hours	Unit Consumables
AHCCHM304	Transport and store chemicals	50	\$0.00
AHCLSK301	Administer medication to livestock	80	\$0.00
AHCLSK305	Maintain livestock water supplies	30	\$0.00
AHCLSK309	Implement animal health control programs	50	\$0.00
AHCLSK311	Implement feeding plans for livestock	140	\$0.00
AHCLSK318	Rear newborn and young livestock	50	\$0.00
AHCMOM202	Operate tractors	40	\$22.05
AHCMOM207	Conduct front-end loader operations	60	\$0.00
AHCCHM307	Prepare and apply chemicals to control pest, weeds and diseases	70	\$68.25
AHCMOM217	Operate quad bikes	60	\$22.05
AHCMOM216	Operate side by side utility vehicles	50	\$22.05
HLTAID011	Provide First Aid	18	\$15.00

AHCLSK330	Implement procedures for calving	60	\$0.00
AHCBAC311	Conserve forage	80	\$0.00
AHCBAC313	Establish pastures and crops for livestock production	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.

After applying

Once you have applied for your chosen course, you will receive a thank you email from South West TAFE with a few steps to help process your enrolment.

Complete a Pre-Training Review

You will receive an email to complete a Pre-Training Review online evaluation. This evaluation helps us tailor your training to suit your needs.

Create or provide a Unique Student Identifier (USI)

A USI is a nationally recognised reference number that provides an online record of your training qualifications gained in Australia.

[Create your USI](#)

Already have a USI but can't remember it? [Find your USI](#)

Skills recognition

If you have experience or prior qualifications, you may be eligible to apply for [recognition of prior learning](#) and gain credits. You will be asked to provide any relevant Statement of Attainment to support identified credits.

Fees

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

Course Fees

Here's an outline of fees and costs associated with your course.

Your fees each year can be made up of 3 different elements. Everyone has different circumstances that can affect what you pay and how much you pay. :

1. Tuition fees - charged as an hourly rate that varies from course to course. A large portion of the tuition is subsidised by the Victorian Government for eligible students.
2. Resource and/or materials costs - covers the cost of materials and other incidentals. This fee will vary according to the course being undertaken.
3. Booklist items - such as textbooks, equipment and stationery recommended for your course

Tuition fees

There are 4 different rates of tuition fees. Only one will apply to you (depending on your eligibility and circumstances).

1. **Government Subsidised Fee** - you could be eligible for a government-subsidised rate under the Skills First funding 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.
[Find out more about subsidised training](#)
2. **Government Subsidised Concession Fee** - 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. Note, the concession rate is not applicable to Diploma level courses.
[Find out more about concession rates](#)
3. **If the course is a Free TAFE course or part of the Free TAFE Pathways Program** - Eligible students will not pay course tuition fees for the duration of their enrolment in this course, however, there may be some consumable/material fees for the course (find out more below). Any resource or material costs, or booklist items for this course are listed in the table below.
[Find out more about Free TAFE](#)
[Find out more about Free TAFE Pathways Programs](#)
4. **Full fee** - 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

The fees listed below are indicative only. The course fees published are subject to change given individual circumstances at enrolment. Course fee funding is made available to eligible individuals by the Victorian and Commonwealth Governments. If funding is utilised, this may affect opportunities to access additional funding in the future. An accurate quote for this course will be provided during the enrolment process.

Course fees by student type	Indicative Course Fee
Government subsidised rate (if eligible)	\$4,220.00
Concession rate	\$845.00
Full fee rate (if not eligible for govt subsidy)	\$18,070.00

Additional course fees	Indicative Course Fee
Course consumable/materials (approximate)	\$264.90

This is a Free TAFE course

Students who are eligible for Free TAFE place will not pay course tuition fees for the duration of their enrolment in this course, however, there may be some consumable/material fees for the course (find out more below). The consumable fees for this course are listed in the above table.

[Find out more about Free TAFE courses and eligibility](#) or contact us.

This course is part of the Free TAFE Pathways Program

A Free TAFE Pathways Program is a group of courses that complement each other to help you continue to train for the career and industry you may wish to work in. For eligible students, these courses are tuition fee free. Depending on the course, you may still be required to pay material fees. The consumable fees for this course are listed in the above table.

[Find out more about the Free TAFE Pathways Program and eligibility](#) or contact us.

Resource and/or materials costs

Some courses require specific resources or materials necessary for your study eg: tools of the trade, excursions, etc. Final costs will be determined upon enrolment.

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](#).

How to apply

There are [five simple steps to apply for a course](#) with us.

1. Apply - complete a [short online application form](#). Once this form is submitted we'll send you a thank-you email.
2. Literacy and Numeracy Assessment - we will assess whether you need to undertake a Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) assessment and email it to you if required.
If you are not required to undertake this assessment, you will skip to step 3.
3. Chat to our team - your teacher or course specialist will contact you to discuss the course in more detail and ensure the right units of study are selected for you.
4. Enrol – you will be sent an email to accept your offer for the course. By accepting, you will be directed to verify your details and submit your enrolment for processing.
5. Pay - once we've completed your enrolment, we will send you an invoice to arrange [payment of your course fees](#).

If you need any assistance with applying, [contact our team](#) on 1300 648 911 or visit your nearest campus.

Careers and Course Advice

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

Our Careers Coaches at the [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.

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](#).