



Environmental Sustainability

Why Study Environmental Sustainability?

Working in the great outdoors is the dream of many. Combined with Australia's temperate climate and unique, fragile environment, a qualification in environmental sustainability could be a pathway to a rewarding and practical lifestyle career.

Environmental professionals are in high demand – whether it be to rehabilitate a mine site, control weeds in national parks or to landscape new land developments. School leavers to mature aged people are attracted to this industry because of the wide range of employment options, high rate of employment, opportunity to work with machinery and nature, and importantly, to make a difference to the environment, climate change and sustainability.

Why Study Environmental Sustainability at West Coast TAFE?

- Students can study Horticulture and Conservation and Land Management at the same time.
- Environmental sustainability and conservation is integrated in the course as well as studying Waterwise techniques and the planting of natives.
- Practical, hands-on training and experience in every unit (unlike university which is more research and lab based). 80% of training is practical. Course includes 40 hours industry placement.
- Students are taken on various industry outings, enhancing their industry knowledge and developing their contacts. Students often find employment through networks made.
- Lecturing staff are specialists in their fields, still working in the industry and with current membership to relevant industry organisations.
- Industry connections ensure students have interesting and diverse work placement options.
- West Coast TAFE is small enough to be responsive to changing industry needs, but large enough to offer quality, professional and flexible training opportunities in environmental studies.

Courses	Career Opportunities
Certificate II in Conservation and Land Management	This certificate qualifies the graduate to work in an entry level assistant position with environmental agencies. It is also a pathway to Certificate III in Conservation and Land Management.
Certificate II in Horticulture	This certificate qualifies the graduate to work as a Horticultural Assistant in parks and gardens, nurseries and landscaping businesses. It is also a pathway to Certificate III in Horticulture.
Certificate III in Conservation and Land Management	This certificate qualifies the graduate to work in an entry level assistant position with environmental agencies. It is also a pathway to Certificate IV in Conservation and Land Management.
Certificate III in Horticulture	This certificate qualifies the graduate to work as a General Horticulturalist and is a pathway to Certificate IV in Horticulture.
Certificate IV in Horticulture	This certificate qualifies the graduate to work as a General Horticulturalist; Supervisor; Garden Designer; Landscaper; Small Business Owner; Council Worker.
Certificate IV in Conservation and Land Management	This certificate is designed to reflect the role of team leaders and supervisors in the industry and leads to careers in land management, natural resource management, mine site rehabilitation, forestry and national parks. It is a pathway to the Diploma of Conservation and Land Management.
Diploma of Conservation and Land Management	This qualification together with suitable experience provides graduates with the opportunity to become a manager in land management with environmental organisations. It is also a pathway to university.

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