



Certificate III in On Country Management

National ID **AHC31522** State ID **BJA9**

This course is for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who want to work on Country. Your path to Indigenous land and heritage careers.



Campuses Midland.

Semesters Semester 2, 2026.

Study Mode On campus.

Discover, Protect, and Care for Country

This course is for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who want to work on Country, following cultural protocols and combining traditional knowledge with modern land management practices. “On Country” includes land, waterways and sea, and this course equips you to care for these environments respectfully and sustainably.

This course is suitable if you’re aiming for roles such as Indigenous Ranger, tour guide, cultural interpreter, council or government worker, land management employee, bushland officer, or cultural heritage officer.

You’ll gain practical skills in:

- Maintaining and protecting cultural sites
- Observing and reporting on plants and animals
- Conducting ecological and cultural site inspections
- Recording information about Country
- Ecological restoration and native ecosystem management

Delivered through classroom learning, hands-on training, and field-based activities, the course is developed with industry input to prepare you for roles in Indigenous Ranger Programs, conservation organisations, and land and sea management enterprises. You’ll also engage with Indigenous organisations, government agencies, and environmental groups, building practical experience and industry connections, and graduating ready to contribute to the sustainable management of Country.

Gain these skills

- Following Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural protocols when working on Country and sharing information about cultural practices.
- Maintaining and protecting cultural sites, including understanding legislation relevant to Aboriginal

and Torres Strait Islander heritage.

- Observing and documenting plants, animals, and environmental conditions to support land and sea management activities.
- Undertaking ecological restoration and maintaining native ecosystems, including implementing biodiversity monitoring.
- Applying environmentally sustainable work practices and contributing to workplace health and safety in land and environmental management settings.

Informed choices - Is this course right for me?

I have the following attributes:

- **Comfort working outdoors** in bushland, coastal, and remote areas, in varying weather.
- **Ability to work independently and in teams** on field and project tasks.
- **Interest in environmental and cultural land management**, including ecological surveying, conservation, and protecting cultural heritage sites.
- **Problem-solving and adaptability** to handle changing conditions and challenges on Country.
- **Physical fitness and resilience** for walking long distances, carrying equipment, and extended outdoor work.

Entrance requirements

School Leaver	Non-School Leaver	AQF
OLNA or NAPLAN 9 Band 8	C Grades in Year 10 English and Maths or equivalent	Certificate I or Certificate II

Job opportunities

[Explore job profiles](#)

Other job titles may include:

- Indigenous Ranger
- Tour Guide
- Cultural Interpreter
- Council or Government Worker
- Land Management Employee
- Bushland Officer
- Cultural Heritage Officer

Please note this list should be used as a guide only as job titles and qualification requirements may vary between organisations. Visit one of our four [Jobs and Skills Centres](#) located at NMTAFE's Balga, Joondalup, Midland and Perth campuses for free career planning advice and job search support.

Timetable

You'll be able to access your personal timetable (find out how on our Timetables page), once you have paid your fees. In the meantime the information below provides an indication of the time commitment required to complete this course, depending on available study options.

On campus

You will be required to attend campus 3.5–4 days per week, from 8:30am to 3:00pm, from week 1 through week 20 when studying full-time in one semester.

Study and knowledge assessments can be completed in an online learning environment, but skills

assessments must be completed on campus.

The course is delivered on a full-time schedule. If you wish to study this course part-time, please contact us to discuss your options.

At home study

You will need to allocate approximately 1 - 2 hours outside of your structured classes per unit per week, to undertake research and assignment completion.

Successful completion of this course will require study outside of class hours, including private study, assignment preparation, and research.

Timetable information is indicative only and subject to change.

Further information

Bring your own device (BYOD) is encouraged but not essential. If you don't have access to a computer and WiFi at home, we recommend using our library computers during library hours.





As a student you will also have additional costs associated with your study, for example stationery, printing and other materials required for your assignments.

Students are expected to provide and wear the following personal protective equipment and clothing:

- Steel-capped boots
- Sun hat
- Sunscreen
- Gardening gloves
- Eye protection
- High-visibility vest
- Long-sleeve shirt and trousers

Semester 2, 2026

Midland - On Campus

-  Duration: 1 Semester
-  When: Semester 2, 2026
-  Where: Midland
-  How: On campus

Disclaimers

*Fee disclaimers

The fees quoted are estimates only and are for the entire course for local students enrolling on a full-time basis. Please view the full list of [Fee disclaimers](#).

Please note fees listed include all units required to gain this qualification. If you're a continuing student and have successfully completed a lower-level qualification that is a prerequisite for this course, you'll only pay for the units that you need to enrol in, to complete this course.

Enquiries regarding fees can be made by calling us.

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