

Course Delivery

This course is designed for work-based learning and will involve the following:

- Individualised case management of learning to identify learning gaps/needs and to negotiate a customised study plan and assessment process
- Learning built into daily work
- Development of partnerships that involve participants, facilitators and the workplace
- Collaborative learning among groups of participants
- Communication technologies for both interaction and information sharing
- Recognition incorporated into the learning process so that participants reflect on their current capability and plan future learning activities
- Group workshops, balanced with one-to-one consultation and self-directed learning
- Opportunities for participants to reflect on practice and to make links between theory and practice.

You will need access to a computer and internet facilities, or other means to undertake flexible or distance education.

The Primary Industries and Natural Resources Faculty at North Coast TAFE has a well-earned reputation for providing quality courses that meet the needs of people in local primary industries.

Our teachers are professional and highly skilled in their area of expertise. They have strong links to industry and constantly monitor the training needs of their industries on the north coast.

This course has been prepared by accomplished professionals in rural extension and community development (including HR managers, academics, Extension Managers, **including an international project worker**, experienced educators and leading agencies), who know the calibre of a proficient agent-of-charge and have defined the competencies addressed by the course to ensure the course is relevant to career growth.

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All information is accurate at time of printing. Course commencement is subject to sufficient resources and demand. For the most up-to-date information on course content; attendance modes; fees, refunds, concessions and exemptions; recognition of prior learning and credit transfer options; student support services including literacy and numeracy support and welfare services; student rights and responsibilities; appeals and complaints process and Department of Education and Training Code of Conduct visit the Institute website or ring 131601.

North Coast Institute

Primary Industries
and Natural Resources

Graduate Certificate in Rural Extension and Community Development



Rural Extension and Community Development



91339NSW Graduate Certificate in Rural Extension and Community Development

Qualification: Graduate Certificate

TAFE NSW course no: 18270

This course is designed to:

- Further the education of experienced extension and community development practitioners and provide for their professional development as accomplished practitioners
- Provide an initial qualification for new recruits to the profession.

You will gain the skills and knowledge to build better communities and industries through community engagement, liaison, consultation and education. This will result in enhanced innovation in technology, systems and other capacity-building initiatives where group solutions to problems and realisation of opportunities are devised for agency implementation.

This course is specifically designed for practicing extension officers and community developers including:

- Extension officers in primary industries and natural resource management
- Project officers in community development, such as health, indigenous community workers and environmental project workers, volunteers.
- Coordinators in Landcare/Bushcare/Dunecare
- Industry leaders
- Community leaders including local government.
- Those wishing to further develop their skills and knowledge to enhance their effectiveness in the building of capacity within industry, business and the community.



This course will revitalise your existing career and enhance your prospects to undertake a more senior or specialist role within an agency serving communities or industries and contributing to rural development.

On completion of the course you will be able to:

- Apply theoretical perspectives to adult and work-based learning in order to improve your own practice in extension and community development
- Refine and improve your existing facilitation and communication skills
- Refine your practices within a specialised field to better prepare, plan, lead and manage extension programs and community engagement
- Critically analyse your work practice and context, and make changes accordingly
- Undertake work-based projects that incorporate inclusive and reflective practices
- Apply new understanding of adult learning and behavioural change in individuals, communities and social systems to the transformation of communities
- Plan, implement, monitor and evaluate extension and community development programs

Career Opportunities/Vocational Outcomes:

Agricultural Extension Officers, Local government community development officers, Australian and overseas aid project workers, rural health workers, indigenous community engagement officers, isolated community and rural disaster recovery and relief workers, project coordinators.

Articulation:

When you finish this course you may be eligible for advanced standing in related university courses and negotiate for articulation into graduate diploma and masters programs e.g. University of New England.

Entry requirements:

Advanced Diploma, degree or equivalent in any discipline area. (This qualification will often relate to a person's technical/professional background; alternatively it may be a teacher education qualification. Where the highest award offered by the Vocational Education and Training (VET) sector is a diploma qualification, this would also be considered.)

And

Employment (or access to work) in an agency that delivers extension or community development services. (This condition is required because the course involves work-based learning)

And

Two years experience in an external relations role is preferred.

Core Units:

All units must be completed to achieve this qualification. Individual units may be studied,

- Modify Behaviour in Client Communities
- Communicate for Change and Capacity Building
- Provide Advisory and Community Coordination Services
- Manage Projects for Change in Communities

Cost:

\$6,000 or \$1,500 per Unit of Study