

New Course for 2008

We are developing a new industry focussed course for 2008:

"PML50104 Diploma of Laboratory Technology"

Background to PML04

The industry

This course will enable a student to follow a pathway into a diverse group of technical scientific occupations located across a number of industry sectors.

Employment classifications and occupations covered are those in which employees use scientific techniques and equipment to carry out tests, and to operate and manage scientific processes. The core of these jobs is the use of scientific techniques, equipment and related knowledge.

A range of factors has driven the need for Vocational Education and Training in these occupations. First amongst them is the increasing focus on regulations and standards relating to use of materials and equipment. Testing and monitoring or environmental and health hazards in the food processing and rural sectors are typical areas where this is observed. Similarly, testing of product safety is particularly important in the manufacturing industry.

A second area of demand emerges particularly from the greater attention to quality within manufacturing and construction. Testing of materials and products is now an inherent part of design and product quality systems.

Course delivery

Course delivery involves a combination of off-campus self-paced units and regular workshops which allows flexibility for both full-time and part-time employees. Some tailoring of course structure is possible based on workplace facilities.

Career Opportunities

Students who completed the course can look forward to a rewarding career in such areas as support staff to scientists in research, education and industry. Laboratory technicians, field officers, microbiologist/chemistry technicians just to name a few.

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