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Diploma of Sustainability

State Course Code

21645VIC

Contact Hours (per week)

3 hours in an evening class, 6.00pm – 9.00 pm

Course Outline/Career Opportunities

The Diploma of Sustainability is a new course offered by the National Centre for Sustainability at the University of Ballarat. This course combines the fundamental principles and emerging developments in sustainability with industry-specific practices. The Diploma of Sustainability has been developed with a range of industry-specific electives so that students may incorporate skills and knowledge relating to sustainability into the following areas of work:

- Land and Water Management
- Local Government
- Energy sector
- Small and medium sized business
- Engineering
- Science
- Design in building and manufacturing
- Environmental sustainability
- Social sustainability
- Change management
- Corporate enterprises

In addition, this Diploma has been structured as a dual Diploma, providing students with the opportunity to combine their existing training with specialist training in sustainability.

Course Requirements

The Diploma consists of four core specialist units:

- Apply concepts of sustainability to a major challenge
- Develop and implement a program to support behaviour change and sustainable practices
- Develop a business plan for responsive and sustainable business practice
- Analyse the long-term outcomes of sustainable production and consumption

Course Content

VPB435 Apply the concepts of sustainability to a major challenge.

No prerequisite. 60 hours

VPB436 Develop and implement a program to support behavioural change and sustainable practices.

Prerequisite - VPB435. 60 hours

VPB437 Develop a business plan for responsive and sustainable businesses.

Prerequisite - VPB436. 60 hours

VPB438 Analyse the long-term outcomes of sustainable production and consumption.

Prerequisite - VPB437. 60 hours

Total Hours 240

Mode of Study - Length

The Diploma of Sustainability is intended to complement material studied in another course (diploma level or above). The course is delivered part-time on Thursday evenings, 6.00 pm - 9.00 pm.

Delivery incorporates e-learning components.

Dual Diploma – 240 hours (Specialised Units)

Stand alone Diploma - 720–920 hours (Not currently offered at the University of Ballarat)

Location

SMB Campus (Ballarat)

Application Method

Application is via the TAFE Direct Application form. Forms are available at www.ballarat.edu.au/apply. Students seeking a place in this course should contact the staff listed under 'Course Enquiries' to obtain information and/or make an appointment for interview/audition. All applicants must complete an enrolment form and pay their fees at the Student Centre before the enrolment process is complete. All enrolments must first be approved by the relevant department

Entry Requirements

Prospective entrants must demonstrate the literacy and numeracy skills required to undertake a Diploma level qualification. The following levels of the National Reporting System (NRS) may be used as a guide:

- Reading Level 5.2 - Interprets subtle nuances, infers purpose of author and makes judgments about the quality of an argument
- Writing Level 4.5 - Generates written texts reflecting a range of genres and using appropriate structure and layout
- Maths Level 4.11 - Selects and applies an expanding range of mathematical strategies flexibly to solve problems in a variety of contexts.

Extra Requirements

All candidates must contact the number listed under 'Course Enquiries' to obtain information about the interview process.

Assessment

Competency based training is concerned with assisting people to gain specific competencies relevant to the purpose of their course of study. A student will be assessed by performing set tasks at specified standards, under prescribed conditions. A range of assessment methods will be used to enable students to demonstrate competency.

Recognition of Prior Learning

If what you have learned at work, from other courses, from life experience or training provided at work is relevant to this course, you may be entitled to gain subject credits or exemptions. The University is obliged to recognise the AQF qualifications and statements of attainment issued by other registered training organisations. For further details contact the staff listed under Course Enquiries.

Recognition of Prior Learning means recognition of competencies currently held, regardless of how, when or where the learning occurred. This includes any combination of formal and informal training and education, work experience or general life experience.

The RPL process in the Diploma of Sustainability must be consistent with Standard 8.2 of the AQTF Standards for RTOs.

- Ensure that RPL is offered to all applicants on enrolment and
- Have an RPL process that is structured to minimise the time and cost to the applicant and provides adequate information and support to enable applicants to gather reliable evidence to support their claim for recognition of competencies currently held.
- For RPL to be granted the course applicant must provide quality evidence that he/she:
 - o Has attained the competencies described in the unit/s of competency that are being claimed
 - o Possesses current competency in the unit/s that are being claimed.

Pathways

Possible pathways after completing this qualification can be in the following industries: Engineering, Business, Environmental Studies and Science based courses. Pathway information is available from the number listed under 'Course Enquiries'.

Fees

Enrolment fees are payable at the time of enrolment. For further information a Fees and Charges leaflet is available from the Student Centre. In addition your course may require you to purchase books and materials. Some of these costs may be payable on enrolment day. Please contact the relevant TAFE School for further information.

Course Enquiries

Contact:

National Centre for Sustainability, SMB Campus (Ballarat), Telephone: (03) 5327 8425

Email: sustainability@ballarat.edu.au

International Students

This information may not apply to international students. For further information contact International Student Programs:

Tel: +61 3 5327 9018 Fax: +61 3 5327 9017 Email: international@ballarat.edu.au

Web: www.ballarat.edu.au/fdp/international

Further Information

A range of student services, including childcare, counselling, support for students with disabilities, Learning Resource Centre and cafeteria are available at most campuses. For further information on these services please call 1800 811 711. The commencement of all courses is subject to available funding and enrolment quotas.

All information contained in this publication including the availability of courses and fees, is correct at the time of going to press however the University reserves the right to alter any course, procedure or fee. Students should check for any amendment prior to enrolment.