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Diploma of Permaculture (30870QLD)



Byron College is a registered training organisation offering this certificate with the support of Djanbung Gardens Permaculture College, Byron Herb Nursery and Mullumbimby Community Gardens.

The Diploma provides training in permaculture for those working as project managers on community permaculture projects, those seeking to become permaculture system designers and/or advisors and those supervising permaculture works on rural and urban properties.

Permaculture principles can be applied to any environment, at any scale from dense urban settlements to individual homes, from farms to entire regions. Permaculture aims to create stable, productive systems that provide for human needs, harmoniously integrating land with inhabitants.

Byron College offers the opportunity to immerse yourself in the permaculture lifestyle, providing a balance of theory and active experience on permaculture farms both urban and rural.



Course Information



Entry Requirements	Certificate IV in Permaculture or equivalent. A significant level of literacy and numeracy including a commitment to sustainability and the principles of permaculture.
Course Length, Dates & Hours	<p>This study program consists of attendance at compulsory intensive workshops; completion of study projects and assignments; engagement in on-line group discussions.</p> <p>Workshop intensives: IT1: Wednesday, 1st February to Friday, 10th February 2012. IT2: Wednesday, 11th April to Friday, 20th April 2012. IT3: Monday, 9th July to Friday, 20th July 2012. IT4: Monday, 1st to Friday, 12th October 2012.</p>
Enrolment and Fees	<p>This course is Austudy Approved.</p> <p>Enrolment is confirmed on payment of a deposit against the course fee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full fee \$ 3,400 • Early Bird \$ 2,700 (local residents only) <p>Northern Rivers residents can apply for a concession rate. Course fee does not include text book costs.</p>

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Required Units of Study	Certificate IV requires you to complete 11 units, 2 of which are compulsory and 9 electives. See below for a list of units.
About Course Fees	Course fees are fully inclusive of: Course administration; and tuition. Note the course fee does not include text book costs.
Paying course fees	<p>Course fees must be paid in the following way.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First payment: \$500 at enrolment. • Second payment: 1/3 of total course fees and must be made two weeks after the course start date. • Final payment is the remainder of course fees and is required to be paid half way through the course. <p>Please note that students will be asked to leave the course if fees are not paid on time and Certificates will not be issued unless full payment has been received.</p>
Guarantee of Course Completion	Byron Region Community College will only commence a course when the minimum number of students required for the course to be financially viable for the College has been met. Once the course has started the College guarantees to complete the course within the period advertised. Should the course need to be cancelled due to poor enrolments, the College will reimburse all students the fees already paid to the college. If the course teacher is unable to complete teaching the course, as per their contract with the College, the College will arrange for an alternative teacher or make reasonable arrangements to assist all enrolled students complete their studies.
Refund Policy	The College will refund all course fees paid if the course fails to achieve the minimum number of enrolments required and does not go ahead. If you decide to withdraw from the course your course fees will be fully refunded as long as you withdraw one week prior to the course commencement date . If you withdraw after one week prior to commencement of the course or once the course has started you will need to apply to the Operations Manager for a refund as the college has a NO REFUNDS POLICY ONCE A COURSE HAS STARTED OR UNDER ONE WEEK PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT DATE OF A CERTIFICATE COURSE .
Issuing Certificates	If you complete the course successfully you will receive your Certificate, by post, to the address you provided at enrolment. Certificates will be posted within one month of the course finishing. If you misplace your certificate and need a replacement certificate you will need to pay an administration fee of \$30.
Student Support Services	The Byron Region Community College has Student Support Officer who can assist you with literacy or other issues affecting your study.

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Recognition of Prior Learning	You can apply for recognition of your prior learning and work experience. To do this contact the Student Support Officer or speak to the tutor once you start the course.
Appeals and Complaints Procedures	You have the right to appeal an assessment decision made by a tutor. Full information about how to appeal an assessment decision will be covered in the course Orientation (first class). The Byron Region Community College listens to students' complaints and has a client friendly appeals and complaints procedure detailed in the Student Handbook.
Assessment Requirements	Students need to complete tasks set by the tutor. Assessments are designed to allow the student to exhibit competence in the course material and will be based on classroom activities, home assignments and project work. Information about assessment requirements will be given out in the first class and explained clearly by the teacher. You can appeal an assessment outcome

Units of Study Required for this Qualification

Compulsory Units	
<i>Unit Code</i>	<i>Unit Title</i>
QLD124PPP01B	Provide advice on permaculture principles and practices
QLD125DESO2C	Design an integrated permaculture system
Elective Units	
<i>Unit Code</i>	<i>Unit Title</i>
QLD125RCH01B	Carry out permaculture field research
QLD125PLA03B	Develop a strategic plan for a permaculture project or enterprise
QLD125P05B	Plan and supervise the implementation of permaculture project works
QLD125RCH07B	Research and interpret requirement for a permaculture project
QLD125COM10B	Prepare a sustainable community and bioregional development strategy
AHCWRK511A	Develop workplace policy and procedures for sustainability
AHCWRK509A	Provide specialist advice to clients
AHCORG403A	Manage organic soil improvement
AHCORG502A	Prepare the enterprise for organic certification

For further information about this course call the College Office on 66843374.

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