Course description:
This course is for you if you want to work in the aquaculture industry, set up your own enterprise or are already employed in the industry. You must enjoy working outside in an aquatic environment and be prepared to work flexible hours.

The course helps you develop skills in managing aquatic stock health, feeding, harvesting and water quality management. Specialist electives cover the aquarium industry, hatchery operations and recirculation aquaculture systems (RAS). By completing this qualification you will be able to work safely in a variety of aquaculture operations including pond based farms, RAS and aquarium operations.

Career opportunities:
Job roles and titles vary across different industry sectors. Possible job titles relevant to this qualification include: Aquaculture Technician, Hatchery Assistant, Aquarium Assistant, Aquaculture Farm Hand.

Articulation:
When you finish this course you can apply for advanced standing in the Certificate IV in Aquaculture.

Entry requirements:
There are no entry requirements for this qualification but you will need to be physically fit, have good literacy and computer skills and good internet access. Entry into this qualification may be by direct entry or after completion of the SFI20111 Certificate II in Aquaculture.

Workplace requirements:
You are required to be in paid employment or do voluntary work placement to complete the practical aspects of the course. The workplace must be a commercial enterprise and provide opportunities for you to participate in a range of tasks. You need to be reasonably physically fit to undertake work placement as workplace tasks and activities will involve handling animals and manual lifting.

Ideally work placement would be 1 day per week while you are studying. Due to the regional and geographically spread nature of the aquaculture industry work placement can be completed in blocks. A minimum of 4 weeks work placement is required. Natfish will support you to access a range of industry partners who are prepared to take on work placement students. It is however up to you to arrange dates, travel, accommodation etc at your own cost.

Practical assessment:
Some aspects of this course will require verification that you can perform tasks to the required standard by your workplace supervisor. Complete details of the requirements will be available in the work placement kit. You will need to video practical tasks. You will require access to a digital video recording device/digital camera and associated software to save and upload video and image files. Many mobile phones and smart phones include this technology. Take the quiz, available on www.northcoasttafe.edu.au/aquaculture “Is this course right for me?”
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COURSE STRUCTURE

To gain this qualification you must complete 4 core units plus 14 elective units.

Core units
SFICORE101C Basic food handling and safety practices
SFICORE103C Communicate in the seafood industry
SFICORE105B Work in the seafood industry
SFICORE106B Meet workplace OHS requirements

Elective units
All students will complete the following 10 units:
SFIEMS301B Implement & monitor environmentally sustainable work practices
SFIAQUA213C Monitor stock and environmental conditions
SFIAQUA303C Coordinate stock handling activities
SFIAQUA316A Oversee the control of predators & pests
SFIAQUA308C Maintain water quality & environmental monitoring
SFIAQUA209C Manipulate stock culture environment
SFIAQUA301C Oversee & undertake effluent & waste treatment & disposal
SFIAQUA315A Oversee emergency procedures for on-land operations
SFIAQUA217B Maintain stock culture, holding and other farm structures

Specialist electives - choose 4 units from the following groups:
Harvest & post-harvest
SFIFISH209C Maintain the temperature of seafood
SFIAQUA216B Harvest stock
SFIAQUA309C Oversee harvest & post harvest operations
Aquarium
ACMCAS305A Maintain aquascapes & aquatic animals
ACMCAS303A Provide advice on the selection & care of aquatic animals
SIRXMER303 Coordinate merchandise presentation
Recirculating aquaculture systems
SFIAQUA219B Operate & maintain high tech water treatment components
Hatchery
SFIAQUA314A Support hatchery operations
Business
AHCAGB301A Keep records for primary production business records

PAYMENT OPTIONS
The amount you pay will depend on where you live and/or work.

This training is subsidised by the NSW Government. For further information about NSW Government subsidised training, eligibility, fees and complaints processes visit www.smartandskilled.nsw.gov.au.

The fee that is displayed is the price for a student completing their first qualification and meeting eligibility criteria. The fee you pay may be lower or higher depending on your personal circumstances and eligibility for a subsidised place, a concession or an exemption. In some cases there are limited government subsidised places available. Please contact your nearest North Coast TAFE campus or call us on 1300 628 233 for a personal fee assessment and to find out if you are eligible for a government subsidised place. We can also discuss payment options with you. If you do not gain a subsidised place you may be able to enrol and pay the non-subsidised fee.

TAFE NSW Government-subsidised fee: $2,170.00 per course (GST free)
Second or further qualification fee: $2,600.00 per course (GST free)
Concession fee: $240 per course (GST free)
Non-subsidised fee: $2,950.00 per course (GST free)
Fee for service: $2,950.

Instalment payment options are available for this course.

More information on fees and exemptions, see TAFE NSW fees or VET FEE HELP pages of www.tafensw.edu.au.

Other costs: You will be responsible for your own travel, accommodation and food costs associated with work placement.
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Appeals process
If you do not agree with the result given for an assessment task, you may appeal the assessment decision. You should first discuss the assessment result with your teacher. If you are not satisfied with the outcome of that discussion you can access the appeal process through the contacting administration staff. More information on student rights and responsibilities at northcoasttafe.edu.au/currentstudents.aspx

Assessments
There are assessment events for every unit. The details of the assessment for each unit are found in the Unit Assessment Guide. Assessments in this course include theory-based assignments, practical case studies and written reports. Practical skills will be assessed by you submitting video of you in the workplace and tasks being signed off by your workplace supervisor. For more information on assessment, refer to ‘Every Students Guide to Assessment in TAFE NSW’ which is available on TAFE NSW Student Portal.

Reasonable adjustment
If you have a permanent or temporary condition that may prevent you successfully completing the assessment task(s) you should immediately talk with your teacher about ‘reasonable adjustment’. This is the adjustment of the way you are assessed to take into account your condition and may include providing support or extra time. The assessment criteria cannot be altered.

Recognition
TAFE NSW recognises skills gained through previous studies, the workplace and life experience which may allow you to complete your qualification faster. You may be entitled to recognition that will exempt you from one or more units, up to 100% of the requirements for a course award. There is no fee for processing applications for current TAFE NSW students. Commercial (fee based) recognition is also available to organisations and individuals. If you are granted RPL the target unit is reported on your transcript of academic record as by advanced standing but you will not get a grade or mark for that unit.

You must enrol in all units and apply for an exemption by completing a form. Please make sure that your application is lodged well in advance of your expected course completion and discussed with a teacher. If recognition is not granted you will have to complete the assessment for the unit.

For further general recognition information please contact the Customer Service Centre on 1300 NCTAFE (1300 628 233) or visit northcoasttafe.edu.au.