About this course

A hands on career where you can help to make a difference

This qualification provides you with essential laboratory skills needed to carry out recording and measurement of results and assisting in collecting and preparing of samples. You will learn skills in maintaining a laboratory, routine sampling and testing, recording data, and using laboratory computing programs.

Your Certificate III in Laboratory Skills is flexible and available in class or via a traineeship so you can fit study around your life and not the other way around.

Studying at North Metropolitan TAFE you will experience our well equipped facilities and learn from highly trained lecturers who'll give you the best shot at a variety of careers in science and laboratory operations.

Gain these skills

- Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) requirements
- Laboratory practices and equipment
- Prepare cultures
- Perform sterile techniques
- Assist with field work

Is this course right for me?

I have the following attributes:

- A strong interest in science and chemistry
- Able to adhere to workplace safety standards
- Good communication skills and able to work as part of a team
- Normal colour vision
The following people will be entitled to a concession rate on the half price course fees under Lower fees, local skills.

- All students aged 15-24 years
- Persons and dependents of persons holding:
  - a pensioner concession card;
  - a repatriation health benefits card issued by the Department of Veterans’ Affairs; or
  - a Health Care Card
- Persons and dependents of persons in receipt of the Youth Allowance, AUSTUDY or ABSTUDY
- Dependents of persons who are inmates of a custodial institution
- Secondary school-aged persons, not enrolled at school.

If you are not eligible, please see our Skill sets page.

Details

During your course of study, NMTAFE may use a variety of learning practices to ensure you get the best outcome for your learning journey. This may include online learning, face-to-face classroom, laboratory/workshop delivery, work placement or a combination of these, depending on which is most appropriate.

Semester 2, 2020

East Perth - On Campus

- **Duration:** 1 Semester/s
- **When:** Semester 2, 2020
- **How:** On campus

Units

### Core

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### Entrance requirements

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<td>C Grades in Year 10 English and Maths or equivalent</td>
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### Further study

North Metropolitan TAFE offers you a range of further study opportunities, see below for a list of related courses.

### Job opportunities

- Chemistry Technician Assistant
- Earth Science Technician Assistant
- Life Science Technician Assistant
- School Laboratory Technician

Other job titles may include:
- Laboratory Assistant | Laboratory Technician
- Instrument Operator
- Sampler and Tester
- Production Personnel
- Field Assistant
- Sample Courier
Please note this list should be used as a guide only as job titles and qualification requirements may vary between organisations.

**Important information**

The qualification can be gained through an approved traineeship program; however you will need to be employed and registered as a trainee before you can commence training.

Other costs for consideration:

- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Text Books (approx. $150)

**Typical timetable:**

- 3 days per week

**Workplace:**

- Optional

**Fees and charges**

**Local full time students**

Course fees are made up of two components, tuition fees and resource fees.

- **Tuition fees** are determined by multiplying the course fee rate by the nominal hours, which is the number of hours in which an average student could be expected to complete each unit. They are not the hours of training or instruction.

- **Resource fees** are charges for material that are essential to a course or unit, and are purchased by NMT to be used by students during the course.

Fees may vary depending on the units you are enrolled in so an approximate amount has been shown. You will be given the exact amount of your fees at enrolment. Part time student fees will vary depending on the number of units you are enrolled in.

Please note, you may also need to buy textbooks or equipment for your course.

**International Students**

Check [TAFE International WA](https://www.tafeinternational.wa.edu.au) to confirm this course is available to international students. You will pay your tuition fees to TIWA.

**Please note, fees are subject to change.**