



Environmental Health

What is Environmental Health?

Environmental health work is all about protecting the health and safety of every community member by improving the environmental and living conditions in the community.

The Environmental Health Worker curriculum at Batchelor therefore has units of study concerned with:

- Housing standards & maintenance
- Drinking water treatment & supply
- Animal control - particularly dogs & cats
- Food safety
- Disaster management
- Administration
- Rubbish collection & disposal
- Sewage disposal & health hardware
- Pest control
- Health education & promotion
- Disease control & germs

What Environmental Health Courses are available at Batchelor?

Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education offers:

- Certificate II
- Certificate III
- Certificate IV in Environmental Health and
- Bachelor of Applied Science in Environmental Health

What sort of jobs can I get once I finish studying?

You can be employed in either of the following positions, depending on your completed qualifications:

- Environmental Health Worker
- Environmental Health Field Support Officer
- Assistant to an Essential Services Officer
- Public Health Officer
- Environmental Health Officer

What happens when you study at Batchelor?

Abstudy

- Studying at Batchelor means you may be able to apply for AbStudy.
- Once enrolled at Batchelor you will be sent a 'Proof of Enrolment' statement that you can take to your nearest Centrelink Office to apply for AbStudy.

Attendance

- Workshops are held in 1 week blocks at Batchelor as well as in your Community.
- They are generally held every 4-6 weeks throughout the year.

Travel

- Once you are enrolled, travel will be arranged and paid for by Batchelor.
- Student Travel will fax a travel request to you the week before your workshop
- You need to notify Student Travel on phone number 8939 7297 to confirm travel

Accommodation

- Accommodation at the Institute will be provided whilst you are studying at no cost.
- Once enrolled your accommodation will be arranged on your behalf.
- You can contact Batchelor Residential on 8939 7237.

Meals

- Meals including breakfast, lunch and dinner are provided at no cost whilst you are attending your workshops.
- If your workshop involves an excursion, packed lunches are also available to students and will be arranged by the lecturer.

How long do I study for?

- In most instances you can complete Certificate II over a 12 month period
- Certificate III can be completed within 18 months and
- Certificate IV is usually undertaken over a 2 year period or by apprenticeship

Other services at Batchelor that will help with your learning:

- Tutoring
- Disability requirements
- Library
- Computers
- Student concessions eg. public transport, entertainment

Entry requirements

Entry into Certificate II Environmental Health is via one of the following:

- A desire to seek employment in the environmental health field;
- A desire to gain or add to knowledge about the environmental health area.
- Endorsement by the community;
- Equivalent qualification from other health-related courses;
- Currently employed in a service that caters to environmental health needs;

Once you have completed the Certificate II in Environmental Health you can continue your studies at Batchelor Institute by enrolling in Certificate III or IV Environmental Health. Some students have also continued on to higher education studies and enrolled in Batchelor Institute's Environmental Health degree.

Recognising your knowledge

The Institute values and recognises prior learning, competencies, knowledge and skills of its students, whether gained through formal education or through other life experiences, including work experience.

The Institute is committed to recognising the skills, competencies and knowledge of students gained prior to their enrolment in the Institute's courses and which are relevant to the learning outcomes of the units of these courses.



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