Hello and thank you for your interest. Before you enrol there are a couple of things that we would like you to know about the course.

**Practical commitments**

There is a compulsory practical component to the course. Details of this practical session:

- It is delivered over five days Monday – Friday
- We propose that sessions will be held in April, July and October in TAFE holidays. You can attend any one of these sessions in 2011.
- When you enrol, you will be asked to attend a particular session but you have the option to change this.
- You can split your attendance between two of these sessions should that suit your work situation better.
- Sessions will all be held at Nirimba Education Precinct, Quakers Hill in Western Sydney.
- There may be some accommodation at the Precinct at a reasonable price. You will be sent details later.
- You complete some assessment tasks in the course at this practical session but you will have other assessment tasks to do at home in your own time
- You cannot attend a practical session at another TAFE College
- The cost of attending the Practical session is $100 and payable at the time of enrolment with your Annual TAFE NSW fee and the OTEN Student materials and handling charge.

If you cannot attend one of these practical sessions and are employed in the Horticulture industry or have discussed this option with a teacher you can complete the practical component of the course through the Work Evidence Pathway. Here are the details:

- You must have a qualified supervisor who is willing to validate that you have undertaken a broad range of tasks
- Only the practical assessment tasks in the course will be completed by this way you will have other assessments to do at home in your own time
- The cost of validating the Work Evidence Pathway is $100 and is payable at the time of enrolment together with your Annual TAFE NSW fee and the OTEN Student materials and handling charge.

Please feel free to contact any of the Horticulture staff at OTEN if you have any questions or require further information.

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