



# MSL30118 Certificate III in Laboratory Skills

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## About this course

### Are you a budding scientist?

Launch your career in science with this entry-level course that qualifies you to work as a laboratory assistant in food technology, pathology, schools or trades.

On completion of this qualification you will gain practical skills in collecting and preparing samples, as well as carrying out, measuring and recording the results of experiments. This qualification will give you skills in maintaining and working in a laboratory in the physical, chemical, biological and life sciences.

## Overview

### Entrance requirements

School Leaver	Non-School Leaver	AQF
OLNA or NAPLAN 9 Band 8	C Grades in Year 10 English and Maths or equivalent	Certificate I or Certificate II

This course is available as a traineeship.

## Entrance requirements for traineeships

You must be employed in a training contract by an appropriate organisation to study an apprenticeship or traineeship.

In a traineeship you also gain hands-on skills and work experience, and improve your employment prospects, while earning a wage. On successful completion you will gain a nationally recognised qualification which can lead to rewarding career options. The difference between a traineeship and an apprenticeship is that a traineeship can be either a full time or part time employment based training arrangement, usually for a nominal duration of 12 months or more, generally in a non-trade related area.

To find out how to arrange a traineeship and study at South Metropolitan TAFE, please contact the [Jobs and Skills Centre](#) closest to you.

## Study pathway

 [Certificate III in Laboratory Skills](#)

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 [Certificate IV in Laboratory Techniques](#)

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 [Diploma of Laboratory Technology](#)

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## Job opportunities

 [Other Science Technicians](#)

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SM TAFE actively promotes the employment availability of course graduates to key industry partners and organisations. We also seek expressions of interest from organisations for the placement of our students into work experience. We endeavour to assist students into a career pathway, but please be aware that neither employment nor work experience placement is guaranteed by us.

To access free career planning and job search assistance, visit the [Jobs and Skills Centres](#) page.

## Fees and charges

### Indicative fees and charges

[2019 general admission fees list](#)

[2019 apprenticeship/traineeship fees list](#)

Fees and charges published on our website are indicative. Your fees will depend on your eligibility for government funding or a concession rate, and the units you choose to study or seek to be recognised under Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). Our Indicative fees lists show fees that are:

- Based on the full possible study plan of units, including the recommended electives
- Based on full time study in 2019
- Charged at the government funded rate for over 18 years of age students
- Based on unit electives designed to meet localised industry demand for skills
- Made up of course fees and resource fees, or RPL fees. Course fees are the cost of your tuition, while resource fees pay for consumables provided to you to aid your study (such as printing and paper). You may also be required to purchase text books or equipment that are not part of our tuition or resource fees.

Fees may vary between students and between educational providers. Other charges may apply.

Visit our [Fees and payment options](#) page for more information.

Call 1800 001 001 to get a more accurate fee indication based on your eligibility and study plan before applying.

### VET Student Loans

Selected courses are VET Student Loan eligible courses.

A VET Student Loan creates a debt that must be repaid to the Commonwealth and is only available to students who are eligible.

To find out if you are eligible or to see the list of eligible courses visit our [Student Loans](#) page.

### International students

Selected courses are available to International students for full time study only.

Fees, charges, available locations, applications and enrolment procedures for International students are different to those for students who have Australian permanent residency.

For more information or to find a course visit the [TAFE International WA](#) website.

## **Apprenticeships and traineeships**

Fees for apprenticeships and traineeships are charged at a rate per nominal hour of study.

This means that your fees will vary depending on the units you study as part of your training plan.

Apprentices and trainees are liable to pay for their own fees but some industrial agreements (awards) dictate that employers are required to reimburse their apprentice upon receipt of satisfactory progress. An employer may also opt to pay on behalf of the apprentice or trainee.

For more information visit our [Apprenticeships and traineeships](#) page.

## **Recognition of Prior Learning**

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) enrolments are charged at \$3.25 per nominal hour of study.

No concession fees apply to RPL enrolments. Refer to the institutional or apprenticeship/traineeship fee lists for an indicative RPL course fee.

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