



ALPHA COLLEGE
OF AUSTRALIA

CPC30220 Certificate III in Carpentry

CRICOS Course Code 120595C



OVERVIEW OF COURSE

This is a trade qualification for carpenters in residential and commercial workplaces. It includes setting out, manufacturing, constructing, assembling, installing and repairing products made using timber and non-timber materials.

WHO SHOULD APPLY FOR THIS COURSE AND WHY?

This course is ideal for individuals who are interested in building a career in the construction industry and want to become a qualified carpenter. It is suitable for:

- International students who wish to gain a recognised Australian trade qualification that can open employment opportunities in both residential and commercial construction.
- Hands-on learners who enjoy practical work, problem solving, and creating structures with wood and other materials.
- Career changers or new entrants seeking a long-term trade career with strong job demand in Australia and globally.
- Those seeking pathways to higher-level building and construction qualifications, such as Certificate IV in Building and Construction, or who may wish to pursue licensing as a carpenter in New South Wales.

By completing this qualification, students will develop the practical skills and knowledge needed to construct, install, renovate, and repair timber and non-timber structures. Carpentry is one of the most in-demand trades in Australia.

Quick Facts

Course Duration
Total of 104 weeks
Study: 80 weeks | Break: 24 weeks

Study Load
Full-time
20 hours per week / 8 terms

Delivery Mode
Blended
(Face to Face + Online)

Job Outcomes
Carpenter - Commercial
Carpenter - Formwork
Carpenter - Residential

Entry Requirements

- Must be 18 years of age or older at the time of course commencement
- Completion of Year 12 or equivalent education
- Provide proof of English language proficiency (IELTS 6.0 or equivalent)
- Successfully complete the Alpha Language, Literacy & Numeracy (LLN) test
- Successfully complete the Alpha Digital Literacy to show confidence in using the internet and common software for learning
- Must be able to participate in training within a simulated workplace environment, including performing manual handling tasks
- A pre-enrolment interview may be required

Study Pathways

Pathways for Alpha students who complete the CPC30220 Certificate III in Carpentry:

- CPC40120 Certificate IV in Building and Construction (Building)
- CPC50220 Diploma of Building and Construction (Building)
- Higher education qualifications in construction and related fields



Course Structure

The following units are included in this course, and all are required for the award of the qualification. If you successfully complete some but not all units, you will be awarded with a Statement of Attainment. There are 34 units of competency in total as listed below:

Code	Title	Core / Elective
CPCCWHS2001	Apply WHS requirements, policies and procedures in the construction industry	●
CPCCOM1012	Work effectively and sustainably in the construction industry	●
CPCCOM1014	Conduct workplace communication	●
CPCCOM1015	Carry out measurements and calculations	●
CPCCCA2002*	Use carpentry tools and equipment	●
CPCCCA2011*	Handle carpentry materials	●
CPCCCA3001*	Carry out general demolition of minor building structures	●
CPCCCM2006	Apply basic levelling procedures	●
CPCCOM3001	Perform construction calculations to determine carpentry material requirements	●
CPCCCA3025*	Read and interpret plans, specifications and drawings for carpentry work	●
CPCCCA3002*	Carry out setting out	●
CPCCCO2013*	Carry out concreting to simple forms	●
CPCCCA3003*	Install flooring systems	●
CPCCOM3006	Carry out levelling operations	●
CPCWHS3001	Identify construction work hazards and select risk control strategies	●
CPCCCA3028*	Erect and dismantle formwork for footings and slabs on ground	●
CPCCCA3004*	Construct and erect wall frames	●
CPCCCA3005*	Construct ceiling frames	●
CPCCCM2012*	Work safely at heights	●
CPCCCM2008*	Erect and dismantle restricted height scaffolding	●
CPCCCA3006*	Erect roof trusses	●
CPCCCA3007*	Construct pitched roofs	●
CPCCCA3008*	Construct eaves	●
CPCCCA3010*	Install windows and doors	●
CPCCCA3017*	Install exterior cladding	●
CPCCCA3016*	Construct, assemble and install timber external stairs	●
CPCCCA3024*	Install lining, panelling and moulding	●
CPCCCM2002*	Carry out hand excavation	●
CPCCCA3018*	Construct, erect and dismantle formwork for stairs and ramps	●
CPCCCA3014*	Construct and install bulkheads	●
CPCCCA3012*	Frame and fit wet area fixtures	●
CPCCSF2004*	Place and fix reinforcement materials	●
CPCCOM1013	Plan and organise work	●
CPCCCM3005	Calculate costs of construction work	●

Prerequisite Requirements: CPCCWHS2001 must be completed before undertaking any unit of competency marked with an asterisk (*).

Training and Assessment Methods

Training methods include lectures, interactive discussions, role plays, case studies, group projects, live demonstrations, and guided practical activities. In the workshop, students will practise carpentry tasks in a safe simulated environment before applying them in real-world settings.

Assessment methods include:

- Knowledge questions
- Practical demonstrations and observations
- Projects and case studies
- Portfolio of evidence (where applicable)

All assessments reflect real workplace conditions and standards. Students are assessed against the requirements of each unit of competency, ensuring they can demonstrate both knowledge and practical skills.

Course Credit

You can apply for recognition of existing qualifications or skills, knowledge, and experience (credit transfer or recognition of prior learning) as per the information included in our International Student Handbook, which is available at www.alpha.edu.au.

Please note that although we are required to offer you RPL, it would not be expected as an international student that you would pursue this opportunity as most likely you would not have relevant workplace experience and existing skills and knowledge.

If you are granted course credit, this will affect your course fees as well as the duration of your course. We will advise you in writing of changes to fees or course duration as a result of the credit.

You will also be issued with a new Confirmation of Enrolment.