Exciting new courses in wood products management

Do you:

Lead a crew or team in a forest products environment?

Work in sawmilling or wood processing industries such as veneer, plywood, MDF or laminate production?

Work as a pest management operator or pest controller?

Want to further your career through professional development and skill building?

Introducing a new range of courses designed for people in the forest products industry who want to progress their careers. Industry-based, these courses meet individual training needs and provide a professional grounding in the technical aspects of wood science (knowledge of wood as a raw material) and

analysing and solving problems  
effective communication  
leadership and negotiation  
staff management and supervision  
time management  
use of essential business tools.

Should you wish to continue to further study, successful completion of these courses could be used for advanced standing towards an Advanced Diploma.

Industry-based

Supported by the industry-based Institute of Forest Sciences, these courses are designed with significant input from the Australian forestry industry sector. Participants are drawn from within the Australian forest products industries, and unit content reflects the contemporary requirements of this sophisticated, rapidly developing industry.

Participants are encouraged to use our courses as a means of exchanging experiences and extending their professional networks. We recognise that participants bring a wealth of professional experience to the courses.

Quality learning

Our courses use the proven model developed for the highly successful University of Melbourne Advanced Diploma in Forestry Management. We encourage self-directed learning and foster development of initiative and self-reliance in participants.

Flexible

Each subject is equivalent to one and a half weeks of full-time contact. Some units are delivered face-to-face and some by distance education (correspondence). Face-to-face tuition is provided through the CRC Wood Innovations and the Australian Centre for Advanced Wood Processing, using facilities at the University of Melbourne Creswick campus. Participants “live-in” in campus accommodation when attending residential workshops. Subject to sufficient student numbers, delivery of courses at alternative venues can be arranged.

Convenient

Our courses are structured to fit in with the needs of mature students with busy lives and work and family commitments. Participants are encouraged to draw upon their day-to-day work experiences as material for course assignments.

There are no pre-requisites for this course, although we recommend that you have completed year 12 mathematics, or have fundamental skills in computer proficiency, numeracy and literacy. We can provide bridging courses in subjects such as mathematics for students who are returning to formal study.
What will I learn?

Course topics include:
- Wood Science
- Leadership and Working in Teams
- Project Management
- Service Quality
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Wood Processing and Products
- Timber Resources
- Evaluating Process Effectiveness
- Improving Asset Reliability
- Introduction to Marketing Forest Products
- Wood Biodeteriorating Agents
- Remedial Treatment of Timber in Service
- Timber Pest Management

The following subjects are offered at Advanced Diploma level by The University of Melbourne:
- Financial Management for Resource Industries
- Information Technology and Communication
- Quantitative Skills for Land and Food
- Managing Staff

How to apply:

Contact the program coordinator, Philip Blackwell for an application form and a program of course dates.

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About CRC Wood Innovations:

CRC Wood Innovations is a collaborative network of Australian research institutions and companies associated with the forest and forest products industries. Our purpose is to facilitate technology transfer between researchers and industry, including softwood and hardwood plantation management companies, sawmillers, manufacturers of wood composites and wood finishes, furniture manufacturers and designers.

CRC Wood Innovations is committed to advancing education in the forest products sector. Our objective is to provide functional training that meets the contemporary requirements of this industry, and reflects world’s best practice in use of applied technologies.

CRC Wood Innovations is in the process of negotiating set-up of a new Advanced Diploma course with the University of Melbourne. We anticipate that the courses described above will form the basis of this new Advanced Diploma course.