

Course Outline

The units offered by ACE are listed in the table below.
A symbol next to the unit name indicates that there are pre-requisite requirements.

Unit Code	Unit Name	Nominal Hours
Core Units		
SITXFSA005	Use hygienic practices for food safety	15
SITXWHS005	Participate in safe work practices	12
SITXFSA006	Participate in safe food handling practices	40
SITHKOP009	Clean kitchen premises and equipment*	13
SITHCCC023	Use food preparation equipment*	25
SITHCCC027	Prepare dishes using basic methods of cookery*	45
SITHCCC028	Prepare appetisers and salads*	25
SITHCCC029	Prepare stocks, sauces and soups*	35
SITHCCC030	Prepare vegetable, fruit, egg and farinaceous dishes*†	50
SITHCCC031	Prepare vegetarian and vegan dishes*†	40
SITHCCC035	Prepare poultry dishes*†	35
SITHCCC036	Prepare meat dishes*†	55
SITHCCC037	Prepare seafood dishes*†	35
SITHCCC041	Produce cakes, pastries and breads*	55
SITHCCC042	Prepare food to meet special dietary requirements*†	75
SITHPAT016	Produce desserts*	100
SITHKOP010	Plan and cost recipes	40
SITXINV006	Receive, store and maintain stock*	20
SITXHRM007	Coach others in job skills	20
SITHCCC043	Work effectively as a cook*†	100
Elective Units		
SITHCCC032	Produce cook-chill and cook freeze foods	70
SITHCCC040	Prepare and serve cheese*	20
SITXINV007	Purchase goods	30
SITHCCC038	Produce and serve food for buffets*†	25
SITXCCS014	Provide service to customers	25
Total Hours		1005

Prerequisite units:
* SITXFSA005 Use hygienic practices for food safety
† SITHCCC027 Prepare dishes using basic methods of cookery



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SIT30821 Certificate III in Commercial Cookery (Apprenticeship)



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Course Description

This qualification reflects the role of cooks who use a wide range of well-developed cookery skills and sound knowledge of kitchen operations to prepare food and menu items. Using discretion and judgement, they work with some independence and under limited supervision using plans, policies and procedures to guide work activities.

Completion of this qualification contributes to recognition as a trade cook.

This qualification provides a pathway to work as a cook in organisations such as restaurants, hotels, clubs, pubs, cafes, and coffee shops.

Course Duration & Location

Students enrolled as an apprentice can take up to 4 years (for full-time employees) or 6 years (for part-time employees) to complete their apprenticeship.

Assessments

The following assessment methods will be used: Practical Demonstration, Third Party Evidence, Written Assessment and Logbook.

Training Package Rules

To attain SIT30821 Certificate III in Commercial Cookery, 25 units must be completed by the student: 20 core units and 5 elective units.

RPL / Credit Transfer

As per the Standards for RTOs 2025 (Standard 1.6 & 1.7); ACE will determine any prior learning that an individual may have acquired through formal, non-formal and informal learning to determine the extent to which that individual meets the requirements which are specified in the course in which a student is wanting to enrol. Please refer to the 'Recognition of Prior Learning and Credit Transfer Policy and Procedure' available on ACE's website. This policy and procedure outlines the process to be followed for granting recognition of prior learning and credit transfer. If as part of an RPL (formal learning) process a student is granted credit for previous studies; a reduction in their overall course duration will apply.

Educational Pathways

After achieving SIT30821 Certificate III in Commercial Cookery, individuals could progress to SIT40521 Certificate IV in Kitchen Management.

Course Entry Requirements

It is recommended that students are a minimum of 17 years of age and eligible for Standard VET Funding Contract Skills First Program, Guidelines about Determining Student Eligibility and Supporting Evidence. An individual's eligibility for government subsidised training will be determined in accordance with the eligibility requirements set out in the Standard VET Funding Contract Skills First Program. Please refer to Student Engagement Prior to Enrolment Policy and Procedure & Student Formalisation of Enrolment Policy and Procedure available on www.ace.vic.edu.au for further information.

For each student deemed as an Eligible Individual for the Skills First Program, ACE will conduct a Pre-Training Review of their current competencies as part of the enrolment, or before the commencement of training, to ascertain a suitable, and the most suitable, program for that individual to enrol in. ACE will ensure that the applicant's current competencies including literacy and numeracy skills are adequate for the entry level as per the entry ACSF level for this qualification as part of their Pre-Training Review (PTR). Individuals may enter SIT30821 - Certificate III in Commercial Cookery with limited or no vocational experience and without a lower level qualification but must be employed in this field before commencing this course and would be provided with support where required.

Student Support Services

ACE has a range of Student Support services available. For further information, please visit www.ace.vic.edu.au or refer to the Student Handbook also available online. ACE encourages individuals with disabilities to access government subsidised training.

Fees, Charges & Refunds

The student tuition fees are published on our website and are subject to change. Please visit www.ace.vic.edu.au or contact ACE directly.

Cancellation & Withdrawal

If a student wishes to cancel or withdraw from their course, information is available in ACE's Domestic Cancellation and Withdrawal of Student's Enrolment policy and procedure. This policy is available online via www.ace.vic.edu.au or by contacting ACE.

Eligibility Requirements for this Qualification:

As per the 2026 Guidelines about Eligibility, ACE will assess a student's eligibility against the following requirements:

- Citizenship / residency - A student must be either: an Australian citizen; or a holder of a permanent visa; or a New Zealand citizen.
- The '2 skill Sets in a year' and '2 AQF qualifications in a year' limits
- The '2 at a time' limit

Eligibility exemptions will be assessed in accordance with Part C, Schedule 1 of the Contract. For further information, please refer to the Domestic Student Engagement Prior to Enrolment P&P and Domestic Student Formalisation of Enrolment P&P available on www.ace.vic.edu.au.

Delivery Arrangements

Workplace Based Training Minimum Compliance Standards

Reference: 2026 Guidelines about Apprenticeships / Traineeship Training Delivery (herein referred to as the "Guidelines")

1. For every Apprentice/Trainee who is undertaking workplace based training, in addition to the requirements in Section 2 of the Guidelines, ACE will conduct a workplace induction with the Apprentice/Trainee and supervisor and sign off the Training Plan with the supervisor/employer;
2. ACE conducts a minimum number of one visit per month which is recorded in its monthly contact records.
3. During the course of the visit: the ACE trainer will:
 - Deliver training and/or assessment in accordance with the Training Plan.
 - Discuss progress against the Training Plan with the Apprentice/Trainee and
 - Document the training and/or assessment delivered against the competencies for the Training Plan.
4. ACE ensures withdrawal time from routine work duties for Structured Training activities will be at Certificates III and above, a minimum of three hours per week, averaged over a four-week cycle (pro rata for part time Trainees and only for the duration of competencies delivered and assessed in the workplace if the training program combines Off-the-job Structured Training and Workplace based Structured Training).
5. ACE will make monthly contact by either e-mail or phone with both the Apprentice/Trainee and the workplace supervisor to:
 - monitor and document the progress of training against the Training Plan;
 - monitor and document the training/learning activities undertaken during the withdrawal time for the previous month; and
 - Document the dates and time periods logged as withdrawal time in the previous month.



Application Procedure

Apply directly to ACE by completing the Pre-Enrolment Form available online at www.ace.vic.edu.au or by arranging an appointment with one of our officers.