

## Newsletter Semester One 2019

November 2018

### Study your Diploma in Horticulture in the Bay of Plenty

This newsletter is to let you know what is happening for Semester One of 2019 and what's coming up in Semester Two of 2019 to encourage you, or those you influence, to enrol for the Lincoln papers early. **Classes for Semester One start in Te Puke on Tuesday 22 January 2019.**

Please let us know what papers you intend to enrol in for Semester One by phoning 07 928 5350 or emailing Wendy Bradley ([wendybradley@fruition.net.nz](mailto:wendybradley@fruition.net.nz)). For enrolment and re-enrolment forms please contact Wendy.

### Papers Offered - Semester One 2019 and Semester Two 2019

Tauranga	First Year Papers	Date/Time	Venue
Semester 1 2019	SOSC 021R – Soils and Soil Management (15 credits)	Tues 22 Jan 2019 4.30 – 6.20pm	Fruition's Training Venue, Upstairs at 2 Palmer Place (off Jellicoe Street), Te Puke.
	COMP 021R – Computing and Communications (15 credits)	Tues 22 Jan 2019 6.30 – 8.20pm	As above.
Semester 2 2019	BIOS 022R – Plant Health (15 credits)	Tues 16 July 2019 4.30 – 6.20pm	As above.
	PLSC 021R – Plant Studies (15 credits)	Tues 16 July 2019 6.30 – 8.20pm	As above.

Further details of the contents of the Semester One 2019 papers follows:

### **SOSC 021R– Soils and Soil Management**

An introduction to the nature and properties of soils. Often the soil is forgotten when considering plant husbandry but an understanding of the biological, chemical and physical nature of the soils you are working with will enable you to be a better horticulturalist.

### **COMP 021R – Computing and Communications**

This paper has been revised to reflect the growing use of computing in horticulture and the increased skill levels required just to be in the business. The focus is on laboratory work in front of a computer with a mix of communications theory and practice.

### **Free fees**

If this is the first time you are doing tertiary study, you could be eligible for fees-free study.

Wendy can email further details to you if you think you are eligible or check it out at <https://www.feesfree.govt.nz/>

### **Credit for National Certificate in Horticulture (NCH) (L4) Units (recognition for prior learning)**

Lincoln University and the Primary ITO have an agreement that allows for the transfer of credits gained as unit standards for some Lincoln University Diploma papers and vice versa. If you have been training at a Polytech or in the industry for the NCH (L4), or you have completed a qualification at a NZ University send a copy of your Record of Learning to Lincoln University and you may get a pleasant surprise. Contact Lana Williams, email [ana.williams@lincoln.ac.nz](mailto:ana.williams@lincoln.ac.nz) or phone 03 423 0098. Please note Lincoln's website states that a fee of \$75 including GST will be charged for each cross credit sought. **The earlier you start the process the better, we suggest you do this now if it is applicable to you as it may mean one less paper is required for you to complete the Diploma.**

### **Scholarships**

There are many Lincoln University Scholarships available for Diploma in Horticulture students, especially for students new to Lincoln, <http://www.lincoln.ac.nz/Lincoln-Home/Apply/Scholarships/>. Also, Horticulture NZ offer Industry Trainee Scholarships and we have had a number of recent students successful – these are offered annually so check out the Horticulture NZ web page <http://www.hortnz.co.nz/our-work/people/>

## Fees, loans and allowances

Course fees for the papers on offer for 2019 are not confirmed, in 2018 costs were \$860 per paper including GST plus an additional annual student services levy of \$60 (incl GST). The course fee is payable at the time of enrolment to confirm your place on the course. If your employer is paying include an address on your enrolment form so Lincoln can send the invoice directly to your employer. If interested in payment options and all fees chargeable, <http://www.lincoln.ac.nz/Lincoln-Home/Apply/Whats-it-going-to-cost/Fees-Tuition/>

For loans and allowances <http://www.lincoln.ac.nz/Lincoln-Home/Apply/Whats-it-going-to-cost/Financial-Assistance/>

## Evaluation feedback

At the completion of each semester we seek feedback in the form of evaluations of the tutors and the courses. We value this feedback and where we can we take it on board and do our utmost to improve what we need to and continue to deliver what we are doing well. In relation to our latest semester papers (Management and Engineering) the things we can work on and help to improve are:

### Management:

- 75% of students rated the course as being very good.
- A request for fewer field trips (a course requirement so more difficult to alter).
- More exam questions prior to the exam (previous exam questions are provided on the Lincoln Learn site for each paper). The tutor will endeavour to refer you to relevant exam questions for the material learnt each week.
- More resources – the tutor will keep this in mind when preparing weekly material and add relevant resources. The tutor to ask the class regularly if there is more information required then it can be sourced and supplied.

### Engineering:

- 80% of students rated the course as being very good.
- Students would like slides prepared based on what comes up in the exams. The tutor will work on getting lab-based material for future courses.
- Resource book content to be improved – Fruition will continue to provide additional resources and information where we feel it is needed. We continually seek improvements from Lincoln with regards to updated resources.

## Practical Work

To complete your Diploma in Horticulture you need to complete a practical work report. If you wish to graduate in April 2019 you need to have your practical work report into Lincoln by 1 February 2019. For assistance and details on this report contact Barbara Nicholson, email [barbara.nicholson@lincoln.ac.nz](mailto:barbara.nicholson@lincoln.ac.nz). Fruition Horticulture (BOP) also have some information that may be helpful to you when it comes to preparing the report. Contact [wendybradley@fruition.net.nz](mailto:wendybradley@fruition.net.nz)

## Other Training

Fruition Horticulture offers several other training programmes. Do talk to us if you are interested in our Health & Safety in the Workplace, Effective Supervision refresher, Foundation Learning programme or training designed specifically for your workplace. Visit our webpage <http://www.fruition.net.nz/we-offer/training/>

## Keeping in touch – Facebook

Please join our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/FruitionHort> - another mode of communication for keeping up to date.

## Cleansing our Database

If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, please let us know by emailing [admin@fruition.net.nz](mailto:admin@fruition.net.nz).

- **Mark Tuesday 22 January 2019 in your diary now!**
- **Contact Wendy for an enrolment or re-enrolment form and get this into Lincoln ASAP**