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<b>Job Title</b>	Apprentice Park Guide (Aboriginal)
<b>Designation</b>	Apprentice
<b>Work Unit</b>	Alice Springs Desert Park
<b>Responsible to</b>	Guide Manager

**Primary Objective**

Complete a one-year Park Guide Apprenticeship to develop the skills to present a quality information and interpretive service to Alice Springs Desert Park visitors.

**Key Responsibilities**

1. Undertake on-the-job training by assisting with the provision of Park Guide Services including Guide Presentations, orientation of visitors and maintenance of fixed interpretive displays.
2. Undertake on-the-job training at other sites including field work and work placements on other PWCNT Parks.
3. Complete a Certificate III in Tour Guiding.

**Selection criteria**

**Essential**

1. A keen desire to work in the tourism industry as a Guide and a commitment to complete the formal training course.
2. A friendly, outgoing personality with the ability to develop an enthusiastic and energetic approach to the delivery of information to Park visitors.
3. Ability to develop the skills to appropriately present information about Aboriginal use of desert environments from the perspective of a Central Australian Aboriginal person.
4. Ability to work closely with the Traditional Custodians of the Park and other members of the Aboriginal community of Central Australia.
5. Ability to work as part of the Alice Springs Desert Park Guide team.
6. Good oral and sound written English communication skills.

**Desirable**

1. Basic knowledge of the plants, animals and people of Central Australia.
2. Oral communication skills in a Central Australian Aboriginal language.
3. Completion of Year 10.
4. "C" Class NT Driver's Licence or ability to obtain.



<b>Job Title</b>	Apprentice Horticulturist (Aboriginal)
<b>Designation</b>	Apprentice
<b>Work Unit</b>	Alice Springs Desert Park
<b>Responsible to</b>	Curator Life Science

### Primary Objective

Complete a three-year Horticultural Apprenticeship to develop skills, knowledge and experience in horticulture.

### Key Responsibilities

1. Undertake on-the-job training by assisting horticulturists with horticultural duties including propagation and maintenance of nursery plants, maintenance and development of landscapes and maintenance of the Alice Springs Desert Park's collection records.
2. Gain proficiency in all horticultural areas at Alice Springs Desert Park.
3. Complete a Certificate 3 in Horticulture.

### Selection criteria

#### Essential

1. Demonstrated experience and/or interest to work in a horticultural environment.
2. A commitment to complete the formal training course (Certificate 3 in Horticulture).
3. Ability to develop the skills required to undertake seed collection, plant propagation, planting, plant maintenance activities, maintenance of botanical records and herbarium procedures.
4. Willingness to use and maintain various types of plant and equipment.
5. Ability to work as part of the Desert Park Botany team.
6. Good oral and written English communication skills.
7. Possess a high level of motivation.

#### Desirable

1. Basic knowledge of the plants of Central Australia.
2. Completion of Year 10.
3. "C" Class NT Driver's Licence or ability to obtain.



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<b>Job Title</b>	Apprentice Zookeeper (Aboriginal)
<b>Designation</b>	Apprentice
<b>Work Unit</b>	Alice Springs Desert Park
<b>Responsible to</b>	Curator Life Science

**Primary Objective**

Complete a three-year Zookeeping Apprenticeship to develop the skills to undertake husbandry duties with a wide range of animal species.

**Key Responsibilities**

1. Undertake on-the-job training by assisting zookeepers with husbandry duties for the animal collection including provision of daily feed and care, minor exhibit maintenance, collection of data.
2. Gain proficiency in all zookeeping areas at Alice Springs Desert Park.
3. Complete a Certificate 3 in Zookeeping.

**Selection criteria**

**Essential**

1. A keen desire to work with captive wildlife.
2. Ability to seek solutions to husbandry problems through discussion with other zookeepers.
3. Ability to work independently following written work procedures.
4. Ability to take on responsibility for small tasks and husbandry projects.
5. Ability to work as part of the Desert Park Zoology team.
6. Good oral and sound written English communication skills.

**Desirable**

1. Basic knowledge of the plants, animals and people of Central Australia.
2. Basic computer skills or ability to develop skills.
3. Completion of Year 10.
4. "C" Class NT Driver's Licence or ability to obtain.