

SHORT COURSES – GENERAL PROGRAM

General Topics covered by the Short Courses include the following:

- Seed Testing procedures-both theory and practical in the laboratory.
 - Working sample preparation
 - Purity analysis
 - Moisture testing including the use of portable moisture meters
 - Germination
 - Seed vigour tests
 - Viability testing (tetrazolium testing)
 - Seed identification
- Seed Sampling-both theory and practical exercise leading, if required, to sampler accreditation (this will require an extra half day).
- Seed Drying technology
- Storage and warehouse technology
- Seed processing-theory and practical in the cleaning laboratory
- Seed Anatomy and Physiology
- Seed modification for added value, including seed coating.
- The Australian Seed Industry-structure and history

In addition, the participants visit one or more commercial seed enterprises in the area to gain an appreciation of the use of course topics in the operation of a seed business.