

CHC50408

Diploma of Community Services (Alcohol, Other Drugs and Mental Health)

Health Skills Australia is committed to making a positive difference to the lives of people in care by providing excellence in healthcare training. Established in 2005 and acquired by Navitas Limited in May 2010, we are a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) recognised as a specialist educator in the field of healthcare.

Why study this course?

The program has been developed to provide students with specialist skills, background information and specific knowledge about mental health issues, impacts on individuals and the provision of community services relating to alcohol and other drugs.

Who should study this course?

Students are those working in the field of community and mental health services or those who are looking for a career in this area. The ideal student would be one who has some responsibilities for providing counselling, referral, advocacy and education/health promotion.

Career outcomes

With this qualification, some occupations may include:

- › Case Worker
- › Outreach Worker
- › Detoxification Worker
- › Family Support Worker
- › Health Education Officer
- › Alcohol and Drugs Counsellor
- › Mental Health Outreach Worker
- › Mental Health Rehabilitation Support Worker
- › Mental Health Community Worker

Further study opportunities

Articulation is possible to Degree level programs, and this is assessed on an individual basis by the educational provider.

Entry requirements

To gain entry into this qualification, candidates must meet one of the following criteria:

- › Be recently appointed or currently working in a community support alcohol and other drugs role, and have a relevant recognised higher education or vocational education qualification at Certificate IV or above
- › Be recognised as competent through a recognised training program or process against the Certificate IV in Mental Health, Certificate IV in Alcohol and Other Drugs qualification or equivalent
- › Have sufficient work experience in the relevant sector to indicate likely success at this level of qualification in a job role involving:
 - › The application of knowledge with depth in some areas and demonstration of a broad range of technical and other skills
 - › A wide range of tasks and roles in a variety of contexts, with complexity in the range and choices of actions required
 - › The exercise of discretionary judgement and decision making under general guidance.

Delivery Style

The program is delivered both on campus and on the job. Training delivery combines face-to-face trainer led theory classes and practical sessions with small group and individual activities, including what if scenarios, role plays and simulations.

Students are provided with workbooks that cover all parts of the course.



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Course Outline

➤ 19 core units

Below is a sample course outline:



Core Unit

CHCAD504A	Provide advocacy and representation services
CHCAOD402A	Work effectively in the alcohol and other drugs sector
CHCAOD510A	Work effectively with clients with complex alcohol and/or other drug issues
CHCAOD511B	Provide advanced interventions to meet the needs of clients with alcohol and/or other drug issues
CHCAOD512A	Develop and implement a behaviour response plan
CHCAOD513A	Provide relapse prevention strategies
CHCCOM403A	Use targeted communication skills to build relationships
CHCCS504A	Provide services to clients with complex needs
CHCCW503A	Work intensively with clients
CHCMH401A	Work effectively in mental health settings
CMCMH402A	Apply understanding of mental health issues and recovery processes
CHCMH404A	Conduct assessment and planning as part of the recovery process
CMCMH409A	Facilitate consumer, family and carer participation in the recovery process
CMCMH501A	Provide advanced supports to facilitate recovery
CHCMH504D	Provide a range of services to people with mental health issues
CHCORG428A	Reflect on and improve own professional practice
CHCPOL501A	Access evidence and apply in practice
CHCPROM503A	Provide community focused promotion and prevention strategies
HLTOHS400A	Maintain OHS processes

Duration

The program is delivered over a period of 72 weeks.

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), Recognition of Current Competency (RCC) or Credit Transfer (CT)

RPL, RCC or CT may be granted to students who have completed units of competency that directly match the Health Training Package units. This will be reviewed on an individual basis and the student must apply using the appropriate forms and include all necessary supporting documentation. A fee also applies for this assessment.

Workload

Workload varies depending on course dates and locations. Contact us for more information.

Cost

Course fees vary by state and are based on a number of different factors. There are also several government funding programs available that may help with the cost of tuition, or we can assist you with arranging an individual payment plan.

Call us to discuss the most appropriate funding option for you.

Assessments

A variety of methods are used throughout this course such as presentations, class discussions, assignments, practical demonstrations, short tests, essays, workbooks and case studies. Each unit is assessed in the classroom / practical lab and in the clinical setting to determine a student is competent against the elements and performance criteria.

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