

Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care (Community Care)

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Course objectives

This qualification covers workers who provide a range of primary health care services to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander clients, including specific health care programs. These workers can be expected to flexibly assume a variety of job roles and undertake a broad range of tasks. This qualification is suited to Australian Apprenticeship pathways.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health work is an emerging area of work and occupational titles for those working in this area vary according to jurisdictional and workplace requirements.

This qualification is proposed for workers with some breadth and depth of skills and knowledge in assessment and treatment of a wide range of presenting health problems for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander clients and communities

The Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care (Community Care) training program run by Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education is a two-year course whereby students are trained in workplace skills and primary health care issues. During this period they will be attending workshops at Batchelor Institute and must participate in a work placement where they will work under supervision of a Registered Health Professional.

Entry requirements

Prospective students are required to meet general admissions requirements, that is, students must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. The community service where work placement will be undertaken must agree to support the student and community council support is required if relevant. A numeracy and literacy assessment must be completed prior to enrolment. A Criminal History Check is compulsory for all Health Professionals, Child Care Workers and Community Service Workers throughout Australia. Students are to contact their local Police Station to complete the necessary paperwork and pay a fee.

Students who do not meet the entry requirements may be directed to Certificate II or III in Aboriginal &/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care or to a Certificate in Spoken and Written English.

Exemptions

Students may apply to the School for credit for experiences in previous studies, work or life experiences under Recognition of Prior Learning.

Course structure

Certificate IV may be regarded by jurisdictions as the level at which an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander health worker may function independently.

The course consists of nine core competency units, seven pre-requisites and five elective units with a total of 1580 hours. The course will be delivered mixed mode through workshops and supervised work placements.

To be assessed as competent in this qualification, students are required to undertake supervised work placements in a primary health care setting, supplemented where required by simulated practical application of skills and knowledge.

Electives: Students have the opportunity to choose electives not offered with the Institute but must provide evidence that meet the requirements of competency and discuss these with the Course Coordinator prior to enrolment.



Summary of Units		
Code	Title	Hours
Pre-requisite units		
HLTAHW301A	Work in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health care context	80
HLTFA301B	Apply first aid	10
HLTOHS300A	Contribute to OHS processes	20
HLTAHW302A	Facilitate communication between clients and service providers	40
HLTAHW304A	Undertake basic health assessment	120
HLTAHW305A	Plan and implement basic health care	120
HLTAHW306A	Provide information about social and emotional support	20
Core Units		
HLTAHW408A	Address social determinants of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander health	120
HLTAHW303A	Advocate for the rights and needs of community members	20
BSBCM205A	Use business technology	30
HLTAHW402A	Assess and support client's social and emotional well being	120
CHCCM2C	Establish and monitor a case plan	50
HLTAHW409A	Deliver health promotion programs for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities	120
CHCCS301A	Work within a legal and ethical framework	50
CHCAOD2C	Orientation to the alcohol and other drugs sector	50
CHCMH1B	Orientation to mental health work	50
Elective Units		
CHCAOD6B	Work with intoxicated clients	50
CHCMH4C	Provide non-clinical services to people with mental health issues	150
CHCMH8A	Provide interventions to meet the needs of consumers with mental health and AOD issues	90
CHCCS501A	Assess and respond to individuals at risk of self harm or suicide	150
HLTAHW410A	Work in AOD and mental health with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities	120
HLTCSD306B	Respond effectively to difficult or challenging behaviour	20

Unit Summary

Pre-requisite units

HLTAHW301A Work in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health care context

This unit deals with the skills and knowledge required to delivery primary health care services within the context of Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander health

HLTFA301B Apply first aid

This unit describes the competencies required by all health workers (whether clinical practitioners or not) to endure basic health care responses are provided when needed

HLTOHS300A Contribute to OHS processes

This unit specifies the workplace performance required by an employee to contribute to OHS processes where there is responsibility for own work outputs and possibly limited responsibility for the work output of others

HLTAHW302A Facilitate communication between clients and service providers

This unit deals with the skills and knowledge required to assist clients to communicate information to health care providers and vice versa (including interpreting and translating where required) and to liaise with service providers in order to enable client access to a range of health services

HLTAHW304A Undertake basic health assessment

This unit deals with the skills and knowledge required to undertake a range of basic health assessments as a supervised member of a multi-disciplinary team working with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities



HLTAHW305A Plan and implement basic health care

This unit deals with the skills and knowledge required to implement basic treatments to address findings from clinical assessments, working under supervision as a member of a multi-disciplinary team working with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities

HLTAHW306A Provide information about social and emotional support

This units describes the competencies required to question and support clients requiring social/emotional support and provide information about available referral options

Core Units

HLTAHW408A Address social determinants of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander health

This unit deals with the skills and knowledge required to promote and apply strategies to address the social determinants that underpin and contribute to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health issues in the context of delivering primary health care services

HLTAHW303A Advocate for the rights and needs of community members

This units describes the competencies required to promote the self-determination, rights and needs of members of the community

BSBCMN205A Use business technology

This unit covers the skills and knowledge required to select, use and maintain business technology. This technology includes the effective use of computer software to organise information and data.

HLTAHW402A Assess and support client's social and emotional well being

This unit deals with the skills and knowledge required to assess a clients in relation to their social and emotional wellbeing and provide appropriate support and referral as a member a multi-disciplinary team working with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities

CHCCM2C Establish and monitor a case plan

Developing a case management plan to address specific client needs

HLTAHW409A Deliver health promotion programs for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities

This units describes the competencies required to deliver health promotion programs to address identified needs in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities

CHCCS301A Work within a legal and ethical framework

This unit describes the knowledge and skills required by the workers to work within a legal and ethical framework that supports duty of care requirements

CHCAOD2C Orientation to the alcohol and other drugs sector

This unit applies to all workers who may be working primarily with clients with AOD issues and provides a basic introduction to values, services and approaches applied to work in this sector

CHCMH1B Orientation to mental health work

This unit aims to describe the context within which mental health work occurs

Elective Units: 5 must be completed

CHCAOD6B Work with intoxicated clients

This unit relates to working with alcohol and/or other drug affected clients in a range of settings including night patrols, detoxification/withdrawal units, and sobering up shelters

CHCMH4C Provide non-clinical services to people with mental health issues

This unit relates to collaboratively assessing needs, providing a range of services to meet needs, reviewing progress and evaluating the work undertaken with clients with mental health issues

CHCMH8A Provide interventions to meet the needs of consumers with mental health and AOD issues

This unit applies to workers who provide immediate and ongoing support and intervention with consumers with co-existing mental health and alcohol and other drug issues drawing on a range of models and techniques supported by evidence

CHCCS501A Assess and respond to individuals at risk of self harm or suicide

This unit aims to provide community service workers with appropriate skills and knowledge to assess and respond to individual who are at risk of self-harming or suicidal behaviour

HLTAHW410A Work in AOD and mental health with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities

This unit describes the skills and knowledge required as preparation for working with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities to provide health education and support relating to alcohol and other drugs (AOD) and mental health

HLTCSD306B Respond effectively to difficult or challenging behaviour

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to respond to difficult or challenging behaviour of clients and others

