

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

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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, advice and assistance with medication. These workers are expected to flexibly assume a variety of job roles and undertake a broad range of tasks.

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 Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care (Practice) is suitable for the Australian Apprenticeship pathway and is the minimum qualification essential for clinical registration as an Aboriginal Health Worker in the Northern Territory.

The Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care (Practice) training program run by Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education is a 2 year course whereby students will be trained in basic clinical skills and primary health care issues. During this period they will be attending workshops at Batchelor Institute must participate in a clinical placement within a clinical setting where they work under supervision of Registered Health Professionals.

By the end of the Certificate IV course, students will be expected to have an overview of key areas of health work, an understanding of the responsibilities of health workers, and knowledge of key people and outside agencies to assist in addressing health issues.

They will also possess skills in providing clinical treatment, support and information to individual's, families and community members in relation to health and primary health care outcomes.

Entry requirements

Prospective students are required to meet general admissions requirements, that is, students must be of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent. A clinical placement with community council agreement is also an entry requirement to the course. 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 all of 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 ten core competency units, five pre-requisites and three elective units, with a total of 1010 hours. The course will be delivered mixed mode with concentration on workplace training. Mixed mode consists of on-the-job (workplace) and off-the-job (workshop) components.

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 with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health care context	80
HLTFA301B	Apply first aid	10
HLTOHS300A	Contribute to OHS processes	20
HLTIN301A	Comply with infection control policies and procedures in health work	20
HLTAHW302A	Facilitate communication between clients and service providers	40
Core units		
HLTAHW303A	Advocate for the rights and needs of community members	20
BSBCMN205A	Use business technology	30
HTLAHW401A	Assess clients physical wellbeing	120
HLTAHW402A	Assess and support clients social and emotional wellbeing	120
HLTAHW403A	Plan and implement health care in a primary health care context	140
HLTAHW404A	Monitor health care	20
HLTAHW405A	Deliver primary health care programs for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities	120
HLTAHW406A	Work with medicines	60
HLTAHW407A	Provide nutritional guidance for specific health care	40
CHCCS301A	Work within a legal and ethical framework	50
Elective units		
CHCAOD2C	Orientation to alcohol and other drugs	50
CHCMH1B	Orientation to mental health work	50
HLTFA402B	Apply advanced first aid	30

Unit Summary

Core units

HLTAHW303A Advocate for the rights and needs of community members

This unit 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.

HLTAHW401A Assess client's physical well being

This unit deals with the skills and knowledge required to initiate, undertake, interpret findings from a range of clinical assessments, tests and procedures as a member of a multi-disciplinary team working with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities.

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

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

HLTAHW403A Plan and implement health care in a primary health care context

This unit deals with the skills and knowledge required to plan and implement a range of health care services as a member of a multi-disciplinary team working with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities

HLTAHW404A Monitor health care

This unit deals with the skills and knowledge required to monitor and evaluate a range of health care services provided as part of a care plan for each client, as a member of a multi-disciplinary team working with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities

HLTAHW405A Deliver primary health care programs for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities

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

HLTAHW406A Work with medicines

This unit describes the competencies required to work with medicines in line with legislative, regulatory and organisation requirements in a multi-disciplinary team with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander clients



HLTAHW407A Provide nutritional guidance for specific health care

This unit describes the competencies required to promote healthy nutrition to address the requirements of a range of client groups and to improve community nutrition

CHCCS301A Work within a legal and ethical framework

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

Elective units

CHCAOD2C Introduction to the alcohol and other drugs sector

The 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.

HLTFA402B Apply advanced first aid

This unit deals with the provision of advanced first aid response, life support, management of casualty(s), the incident and other first aiders, until the arrival of medical or other assistance, and provision of support to other providers.

