

CHC33015

Certificate III in Individual Support

This qualification reflects the role of workers in the community and/or residential setting who follow an individualised plan to provide person-centered support to people who may require support due to ageing, disability or some other reason. Work involves using discretion and judgement in relation to individual support as well as taking responsibility for own outputs.

Workers have a range of factual, technical and procedural knowledge, as well as some theoretical knowledge of the concepts and practices required to provide person-centered support.

To achieve this qualification, the candidate must have completed at least 120 hours of work as detailed in the Assessment Requirements of the units of competency.

The industry

Jobs for Personal Care Assistants are forecast to grow rapidly over the next 5 years with a demand for an additional 50,000 workers; according to national statistics. Australia's growing and ageing population has created an increased demand for professional and skilled care workers, as a national priority skills area.

Benefits

- If you want to work in community services and provide support to individuals and groups, this course is for you.
- Study with us, you will notice the quality of our industry expertise based on our partnership arrangements with leading industry care providers.
- This provides direct access to clinical placement in live work settings, without the need to source a place.

Why study this course?

This qualification is acknowledged as the entry level pre-requisite to work in the Aged Care, Disability and Home and Community Care sectors. From here you can step off into a rewarding career and begin to specialise with higher level qualifications as you progress. The course has been designed to ensure that you are job-ready and confident at its completion. You will be acquiring skills for an industry that has a shortage of well trained, skilled workers.

Potential career outcomes

- Assistant in Nursing
- Personal Care Assistant
- Community Care Worker
- Disability Support Worker
- Residential Care Officer

What you will learn

During your studies you will learn:

- How to provide personal support
- How to communicate and work in health and community services
- How to recognise healthy body systems
- Follow safe work practices for direct client care
- Provide support to people living with dementia
- How to support client independence and well-being
- To work legally and ethically

Learning materials

Your learning materials are accessed through your Student Portal. These include:

- Learning content
- Learning activities
- Assessment
- Additional resources
- Trainer messaging service



At a glance

Recognition	Nationally accredited training - meets Australian Qualifications Framework Standards
Study Mode	Mixed Mode delivery, combining face to face classroom attendance and e-learning
Location	5/40 Phillip Street, St Marys, Sydney, NSW
Study Load	52 weeks (36 weeks study period)
Assessment	An assessment schedule will be provided on enrollment, outlining all assessment requirements
Start date	For intake dates please contact the administration team on 1800 046 846 or info@int.edu.au
Payment options	We have a number of payment mechanisms available. Please contact administration to enquire
Prerequisites	There are Language, Literacy and Numeracy requirements as a pre-condition for enrollment
Price	Tuition Fee: AUD \$1000

Course Structure

**There are 16 units to be completed in this qualification:
7 core units and 9 elective units in accordance with the packaging rules.**

Core Units

CHCCCS015	Provide individualised support
CHCCCS023	Support independence and well-being
CHCCOM005	Communicate and work in health or community services
CHCDIV001	Work with diverse people
CHCLEG001	Work legally and ethically
HLTAAP001	Recognise healthy body systems
HLTWHS002	Follow safe work practices for direct client care

Electives Units: Group A Electives - AGEING specialisation (3 Units)

CHCAGE001	Facilitate the empowerment of older people
CHCAGE005	Provide support to people living with dementia
CHCCCS011	Meet personal support needs

Group B Electives - DISABILITY specialisation (4 Units)

CHCDIS001	Contribute to ongoing skills development using a strengths-based approach
CHCDIS002	Follow established person-centred behaviour supports
CHCDIS003	Support community participation and social inclusion
CHCDIS007	Facilitate the empowerment of people with disability

Additional Electives - Industry Demand (2 Units)

HLTAID003	Provide first aid
HLTHPS006	Assist clients with medication

Assessment Details

- Demonstrations
- Knowledge tests
- Logbook
- Presentations
- Workplace observation
- Workplace portfolio



Student Support

- Professional industry engaged training and assessing staff
- Online tutorials and study workshops
- Dedicated support by email and phone

Recognition of Prior Learning

- We understand that you may already have many skills and areas of expertise that you have obtained in diverse ways and these are recognised through our Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) process.
- We have developed an RPL Application Kit for this course.
- The Student Handbook provides more information about our RPL process. Alternately, you can liaise with administration staff to gain more information.

Course Duration

The duration for the course is 12 months. There are occasions where industry currency may allow suitable candidates to complete the program in a shorter duration. This is assessed case by case.



What is Clinical Placement?

A Clinical Placement is a mandatory part of your course where you learn and are assessed in a live work environment at one of partner care facilities. You will be supervised and conduct practical training and demonstrate a range of competencies. The placement is conducted for at least 120 hours in total. Your assessment schedule will highlight what you need to perform and demonstrate in the workplace and when assessment will take place.

What are the benefits?

By undertaking placement, you will get a chance to put the knowledge you have learned on your course into practice. You will also develop practical, on the job skills and consolidate your learning. You may even secure an offer of employment. Placement is often the most rewarding part of a student's course. Working face-to-face with clients and colleagues in your chosen field and seeing what you are learning put into practice is challenging, yet exciting.

How do I find a Clinical Placement?

We have agreements with Care providers that choose to take our students and we are unique with respect to being able to guarantee your Clinical Placement with one of our partners. However, if you are already in the industry and choose your employer as your Clinical Placement, that is ideal.

What support will I get?

It is our responsibility to manage you during your placement. You will have regular contact with your trainer/assessor during site visits and you will be partnered with a regular staff member and have a designated Supervisor while on shift.

Clinical Placement Hours

This course contains a minimum of 120 hours of Clinical Placement. Timings for each shift will be negotiated with the facility once the time arrives for you to commence placement.

Host Organisation

You will need to undertake your Clinical Placement in an organisation involved in professional disability services, such as a Group Home or Respite Centre or Aged Care Facility. The host organisation will provide you with access to specialist equipment and resources. Your Workplace Assessor will help guide you through your placement period and will be in regular contact with you and your Supervisor.

Requirements

Education

There are no formal pre-requisite entry requirements for this course.

Language, Literacy and Numeracy

This course involves reading and undertaking a range of written assessments, as well as engaging in group based discussions. Furthermore, the delivery mode relies on the extensive use of written communication. As such, entry to the course requires the successful completion of Language, Literacy and Numeracy testing to the required Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF) level.

- You must complete an ACSF, Level 4 based LLN skills assessment prior to enrollment.

You can also supply an Australian Year 10 Certificate, or provide a similar level VET qualification as evidence of meeting LLN requirements.

Host Organisation Requirements

In all cases you will need to obtain a Working with Vulnerable People check as part of a National Police Clearance check, prior to commencing your placement. Our partner facilities will not let people commence placement without having the required clearances. This requirement will be discussed in detail prior on Day 1 of your program.

Physical Requirements

You will need to be reasonably physically fit as the role may involve a variety of tasks that require physical activity, such as providing direct personal care including showering, transferring and assisting clients with mobility and a range of other manual handling tasks. Please inform staff at enrollment if you have any physical disabilities or limitations yourself, as we have a Duty of Care to look after you.

Payment options

Payment of Fees

You may elect to pay the full fee up front or we can organise payment installments for you to assist with your circumstances. The option exists for you to make regular payments at set intervals throughout your course. We will need to formalise a payment schedule in that instance.

Contact Us

Please enquire with administration staff for our Fee Schedule, on 1800 046 846 or info@int.edu.au.