

About this course

This course is for people already employed in aged care or those with experience in this type of work. It is designed to develop your existing knowledge and skills in delivering the best service to your clients.

Those interested in gaining knowledge and skills to provide direct care to clients should study Certificate III in Aged Care Work or Certificate III in Home and Community Care.

Career Options

Some of the roles this course will qualify you for:

- Team leader
- Support worker
- Personal care worker
- Program coordinator

Course Structure

This course is made up of 15 units:
10 core units and 5 elective units.

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Core Units

CHCAC412A	Provide services to older people with complex needs
CHCAC416A	Facilitate support responsive to the specific nature of dementia
CHCAC417A	Implement interventions with older people at risk of falls
CHCAD401D	Advocate for clients
CHCCS400B	Work within a relevant legal and ethical framework
CHCICS401A	Facilitate support for personal care needs
CHCICS402A	Facilitate individualised plans
CHCINF403D	Coordinate information systems
CHCNET404A	Facilitate links with other services
CHCORG406B	Supervise work

Group A OHS Elective

CHCOHS312B	Follow safety procedures for direct care work
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Elective Units

HLTHIR403C	Work effectively with culturally diverse clients and co-workers
CHCICS410A	Support relationships with families, carers and friends
CHCCOM403A	Use targeted communication skills to build relationships
CHCMH402A	Apply understanding of mental health issues and recovery processes

Entry requirements

(1) To enrol in this course, you must hold these compulsory units from CHC30208 Certificate III in Aged Care (or equivalent):

- CHCAC318B Work effectively with older people
- CHCAC319A Provide support to people living with dementia
- CHCCS411B Work effectively in the community sector
- CHCICS303A Support individual health and emotional well being
- CHCPA301B Deliver care services using a palliative approach
- HLTAP301B Recognise healthy body systems in a health care context

You can gain these pre-requisites requirements through a training program or through a recognition process. If you do not hold these units, you are able to study them prior to the commencement of this qualification, subject to the per unit charge.

(2) We suggest that candidates have at least 6 months experience in a job role that relates to this qualification.

The College will ask you to complete a form to give us some information about your professional background. You may also need to complete a brief language assessment. We will assess this and we may ask you for further information to ensure that a distance program and the level are right for you.

Work experience

Please note that some of the assessment tasks in this unit relate directly to the work environment. For these units you will need verification from a workplace supervisor as evidence of competence. This means you will need to complete work experience for a minimum of 40 hours. You will need to make these arrangements yourself.

We suggest you start planning for work experience when you are ready to enrol in a course.

Please note that in order to work in any federally funded aged care service in Australia, you will need to undergo a criminal record check. You will be required to pay for any criminal checks that the College conducts on your behalf.

Delivery modes

Online learning means you complete the entire course using the online learning platform. The content is presented per unit - you simply find the right unit and start reading. It's like reading a book on your computer screen with images and pictures. When you finish a unit, you complete the assessment tasks, which are also done online. It's easy, fast and a great way to achieve a qualification.

Distance learning means you study using the textbooks that we mail to you. You work through the course materials at your own pace and return your completed assessments by mail. This method is designed for those who prefer the more traditional form of study using books in hard copy.

Blended learning

Many of our students prefer to mix the two – do the reading tasks using the textbooks but complete the assessments online. It's a practical approach to learning that offers great flexibility.

Classroom and Workplace-based learning

We also offer traineeships and classroom-based courses to individuals and workplaces. Contact us for more information on our workplace-based programs.

Assessment may include:

- Case studies
- Projects
- Demonstration of skills
- Practical activities
- Written & oral questioning
- On-the-job assessments

Duration

We suggest you complete this course within 12 months. Expect to study about 6 - 8 hours per unit.

Recognition

National College Australia recognises the skills and knowledge gained through previous studies and/or work experience. If you think you may be eligible for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), ask to speak to the Student Services Manager.

Course Fees

- The regular course fee is \$1950
- Pay upfront and receive a 10% discount – pay only \$1755
- Flexible payment plans available - pay \$100 deposit and \$71.15 fortnightly or \$154.20 monthly for 12 months

Learning Pathways

Successful completion of this qualification could lead to advanced standing in

- Diploma of Community Services Coordination
- Certificate IV and Diploma courses in Community Welfare Work, Mental Health, Disability, and Alcohol and Other Drug Work

About aged care

Aged care

Aged care is about working as carer in a residential aged care facility. It involves all aspects of a carer's role including personal care, general well-being and assistance with daily activities.

Day to day work

Under the supervision of registered nurses, the day to day duties of an aged care worker involves carrying out care plans that include bathing, showering, personal hygiene, toileting, respite, assistance in dressing & mobility, preparing meals and laundry work.

Personality/skills profile

The ideal candidate for the aged care industry is someone who:

- has great interpersonal skills and is able to get along well with people in general
- has a caring and supportive attitude towards others
- is flexible and able to work in environments with culturally diverse people
- can work well in a team and follow instructions

More information

- Does this type of work include shift work? Yes
- Does it have flexible hours? Yes
- Is there any travel involved? Generally not
- Do I have to have a driver's licence and own my own car? No

Salary

Entry level workers in this industry usually earn around \$30,000 - \$35,000 per annum.
Experienced workers earn around \$45,000 per annum.

Other courses at National College that will qualify you for work in this industry

- Certificate III in Aged Care Work
- Certificate III & IV in Home and Community Care
- Certificate III & IV in Disability



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