

About This Course

This course is for people interested in working with people who have a disability. This type of work is about maintaining the personal care and daily activities of people living in community and/or residential facilities.

The course will develop skills and knowledge in behaviour support, individual health, emotional wellbeing, OHS and community participation and inclusion.



Career Options

Some of the roles this course will qualify you for:

- Behavioural Support Officer
- Development Officer
- Disability Officer
- Residential Care Officer
- Coordinator/Supervisor
- Social Trainer

Course Structure

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

Core Units

- CHCCS400B Work within a relevant legal and ethical framework
- CHCCS411B Work effectively in the community sector
- CHCDIS301B Work effectively with people with a disability
- CHCDIS302A Maintain an environment to empower people with disabilities
- CHCDIS405A Facilitate skills development and maintenance
- CHCDIS410A Facilitate community participation and inclusion
- CHCDIS411A Communicate using augmentative and alternative communication strategies
- CHCICS402A Facilitate individualised plans
- CHCICS305A Provide behaviour support in the context of individualised plans
- CHCOHS312B Follow safety procedures for direct care work

Elective Units

- CHCAC416A Facilitate support responsive to the specific nature of dementia
- HLTHIR403C Work effectively with culturally diverse clients and co-workers
- CHCAD401D Advocate for clients
- CHCMH402A Apply understanding of mental health issues and recovery processes
- CHCCOM403A Use targeted communication skills to build relationships

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Qualifications
Framework




Entry requirements

There are no formal requirements to enrol in this course. However, we do 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
- Practical activities
- Projects
- Written & oral questioning
- Demonstration of skills
- 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 Disability
- Other Certificate IV and Diploma courses in Community Welfare Work, Mental Health, Disability and Alcohol and Other Drug

Additional information

This qualification is also available as a traineeship. If you have been in full-time employment for 3 months or part-time employment for 12 months with the same employer, you may be eligible to complete this course as a government funded trainee. Speak to your employer or ask to speak to our Student Services Manager.

About work in disability

Disability work

Disability work is about assisting people with intellectual and/or physical disabilities maintain their personal care and contribute in daily activities. It involves behavioural support, health issues, emotional well-being and community participation.

Disability workers usually work in a residential care facility or as a respite care worker in people's homes.

Day to day work

The day to day duties of a disability worker involves carrying out care plans that include bathing, showering, personal hygiene, toileting, assistance in dressing, and assistance in helping people contribute in social activities.

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 ? Possibly
- Does it have flexible hours? Possibly
- Is there any travel involved? Generally not
- Do I have to have a driver's licence and own my own car? *Generally not*

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 Disability



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