



CHC50612 **Diploma of Community Services Work**

Overview

This interactive and supportive community service course offers specialisations that will guide you through a number of strategies in order to provide a client with a holistic approach to wellbeing. Practical application will provide you with valuable real life industry experience, and allow you to build upon the skills and knowledge learnt throughout the course.

You'll learn to:

- Communicate effectively and advocate on behalf of clients
- Employ counselling techniques
- Work one-on-one and in groups
- Apply all aspects of case management, including complex assessment and referral
- Implement community development strategies
- Understand the impacts of sociological factors on clients

Accreditation

This Diploma is nationally recognised under the Australian Qualification Framework (AQF).

Entry Requirements

To gain entry into CHC50612 Diploma of Community Services Work, candidates must:

1. Be recognised as competent, through a recognised training program or recognition process, against the following core units of competency from CHC40708 Certificate IV in Community Services Work:
 - CHCCS411C Work effectively in the community sector
 - HLTHIR403C Work effectively with culturally diverse clients and co-workers

OR

2. Have sufficient relevant experience and knowledge of community work and/or community services to indicate likely success at this level of qualification in a job role involving:
 - The application of knowledge with depth in some areas and demonstration of a broad range of technical and other skills
 - A wide range of tasks and roles in a variety of contexts, with complexity in the range and choices of actions required and including work with culturally diverse clients and co-workers
 - The exercise of discretionary judgement and decision making under general guidance.

Practical Placement

To be assessed as competent in this qualification, individual students are required to undertake 150 hours of supervised work placements in a relevant community service delivery setting, involving, for example, direct client work or community education or development.

Evidence provided by the supervisor will contribute to assessment of the candidate's ability to work at this level.

Duration & Cost

This is an 18 Month (Full time) to 24 Month (Part time) course, with a cost of \$13,500.

Subject list for CHC50612 Diploma of Community Services Work

This course contains the following two streams:

- Working with families and youth.
- Working with people with a disability.

Over an 18-24 month period, students at Australis College must complete 18 units of competency for this qualification. This is made of the 11 core units as below, the 2 group elective units, and the 5 units from their chosen stream.

Core Units

Unit of Competency	Unit of Competency Code
Develop, implement and promote effective workplace communication	CHCCOM504B
Work within a structured counselling framework	CHCCSL501A
Plan and conduct group activities	CHCGROUP403D
Confirm client developmental status	CHCLD415A
Contribute to WHS processes	HLTWHS300A
Work intensively with clients	CHCCW503A
Implement community development strategies	CHCCD514B
Conduct complex assessment and referral	CHCCS500B
Develop, facilitate and monitor all aspects of case management	CHCCM503C
Reflect on and improve own professional practice	CHCORG428A
Analyse impacts of sociological factors on clients in community work and services	CHCLD514B

Students must complete both of the following group elective units of competency.

Unit of Competency	Unit of Competency Code
Develop, implement and promote effective workplace communication	CHCCOM504B
Analyse impacts of sociological factors on clients in community work and services	CHCLD514B

Students must choose from one of the following streams and complete all 5 units within.

Working with Families and Youth Stream Units

Unit of Competency	Unit of Competency Code
Manage own professional development in responding to domestic and family violence	CHCDFV402C
Counsel clients affected by domestic and family violence	CHCDFV505C
Identify and respond to children and young people at risk	CHCCHILD401B
Assess and respond to individuals at risk of suicide	CHCCS521B
Provide services for young people appropriate to their needs and circumstances	CHCYTH506B

Working with People with a Disability Stream Units

Unit of Competency	Unit of Competency Code
Work effectively with people with a disability	CHCDIS301C
Support community participation and inclusion	CHCDIS322A
Design and adapt surrounding to group requirements	CHCDIS507C
Maintain an environment to empower people with disabilities	CHCDIS302A
Coordinate services for people with disabilities	CHCDIS511A

Update to Training Packages

Recent changes to the CHC50612 Diploma of Community Services Work qualification package will mean a change to the training provided in this qualification. Students are permitted to enrol into the 2012 version (CHC50612 Diploma of Community Services), but must be aware that they will be transitioned to the 2015 version (CHC50615 Diploma of Community Services) before 6th of August 2016, unless they complete the course prior to that date. The effect of this change to their studies will be minimal, and the resulting qualification will meet all requirements for accredited training so the same level of qualification will be achieved. If you have any questions regarding this topic please contact our course consultants for further information.