

# CHC43215 Certificate IV in Alcohol and Other Drugs

## DESCRIPTION

This qualification reflects the role of entry level workers who provide services and interventions to clients with alcohol and other drugs issues and/or implement health promotion and community interventions. Work is undertaken in contexts such as community-based organisations, withdrawal services, residential rehabilitation services and outreach services under the guidance of other practitioners and professionals, with limited responsibility and within established parameters.

No licensing, legislative, regulatory or certification requirements apply to this qualification at the time of publication.

## ELIGIBILITY/ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

There are no mandatory requirements however candidates who wish to commence this course need to have the required skills and knowledge to undertake the qualification at this level, e.g. completion of Year 10 or equivalent and a general command of spoken and written English to be able to meet industry standards for communication. A pre-assessment may be required.

To ensure you have the right skills and support to succeed in your course, a Language, Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Literacy (LLND) evaluation helps identify any areas where you may need additional support to help you achieve your goals.

## DELIVERY DETAILS

Location(s)	Duration*	Study mode
Casuarina Alice Springs	1 year full time 2 years part time	Delivery method includes face to face, online classes and blended delivery

\* Duration will vary depending on how long a student takes to reach the required competency level.

Students have access to all resources on LearnLine, CDU 24/7 online learning system.

## FEES

Fee Type	2025 Course Fees
Fee Free TAFE*	Free
Full Fee	\$15,066.98

\*This course is part of the Fee Free TAFE initiative. Fee Free TAFE and vocational education and training is a joint initiative of the Northern Territory Government and Australian Governments providing tuition-free training places to students wanting to train, retain or upskill.

Fee-free places are available for eligible domestic students who are NT residents; limited places are available, so secure your place now.

Fees shown are indicative and subject to change annually. Actual course fees may vary depending on the units chosen. International non-student visa-holders; study eligibility needs to be verified before enrolment. Fees may vary depending on the visa type. The course fee rates will vary for commercial contract arrangements.

For further clarification and information on fees, payment options, instalment plans, and refunds, contact CDU on 1800 061 963 or refer to [TAFE Fees and Payments](#).

## ASSESSMENT

Assessments vary with each unit, but include written assignments, case-studies and role plays, structured projects and reports. You will receive a detailed assessment guide for each unit studied within the qualification, including due dates for submission of assessments.

## RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL)

RPL is a process that determines whether the skills, knowledge and experience you have gained through your previous study, work or life experience can count towards a vocational training qualification at CDU. For more information, visit [VET RPL](#).

## RESOURCES

Learning material and activities are provided online through Learnline. Students must access this material and engage with the activities to complete the requirements of the unit; Students must log into Learnline on the first day of the teaching period. Computer and internet access is required to source information and complete assessments.

There may be costs if the student is not employed and is required to undertake work placement:

- Working With Children Clearance – Standard Fee (Employment)\* \$84.00
- Working with Children Clearance – Concession Fee (Volunteer)\* \$8.00
- National Police Check \$84.00
- National Police Check – Concession Fee (Volunteer) \$16.00
- NDIS Worker Screening Check \$141.00
- NDIS Worker Screening Check – Concession Fee (Volunteer) \$14.00

## STUDY AND CAREER PATHWAYS

Further training pathways from this qualification include but are not limited to CHC53215 Diploma of Alcohol and Other Drugs. On completion of this qualification, credit(s) may be available into Higher Education courses.

Possible occupations relevant to this qualification include:

- Detoxification Worker
- Drug and Alcohol Community Support Worker
- Case Worker (Community Services)
- Community Rehabilitation and Support Worker
- Family Support Worker
- Mental Health Outreach Worker
- Support Worker (Community Services)
- Drug and Alcohol Worker

## QUALIFICATION CONTENT

To achieve a Certificate IV in Alcohol and Other Drugs a total of seventeen (17) units of competency must be completed comprising twelve (12) core and five (5) elective units as detailed in the packaging rules and listed below.

### CORE UNITS

CHCAOD001	Work in an alcohol and other drugs context
CHCAOD004	Assess needs of clients with alcohol and other drugs issues
CHCAOD006	Provide interventions for people with alcohol and other drugs issues
CHCAOD009	Develop and review individual alcohol and other drugs treatment plans
CHCCCS004	Assess co-existing needs
CHCCCS014	Provide brief interventions
CHCCOM002	Use communication to build relationships
CHCDIV001	Work with diverse people
CHCLEG001	Work legally and ethically
CHCMHS001	Work with people with mental health issues
CHCPRP001	Develop and maintain networks and collaborative partnerships
HLTAID011	Provide first aid

### ELECTIVE UNITS

CHCDIV002	Promote aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural safety
CHCDFV001	Recognise and respond appropriately to domestic and family violence
HLTWHS006	Manage personal stressors in the work environment
CHCCCS016	Respond to client needs (unnamed elective)
CHCADV001	Facilitate the interests and rights of clients

## WITHDRAWING FROM A QUALIFICATION

You may withdraw from this qualification and receive, where relevant, a Statement of Attainment for all units of competency you have successfully completed.

### SUPPORT SERVICES

The University supplies support for students in many areas, including Accommodation, Careers and Employability, Counselling, Disability Services, Student Advocacy, Indigenous Tutorial Support Services, International Student Support Services, Library Services, and VET Learner Support Services.

More information is available at [Student Support](#).

### CONTACT DETAILS

Health and Community Services

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W. <https://www.cdu.edu.au/study/essentials>

For further information regarding student life at CDU, please refer to <https://www.cdu.edu.au/study/student-life>.