

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.

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)	Casuarina, Alice Springs, online
Duration*	12 months full-time; 2 years part-time
Study mode ^^	Blended, face-to-face, online, and workplace learning.
Dates ^	Term 1, 2026 (2/02/2026) Students can enrol up to the end of the first week after the identified commencement date.
Attendance	For students enrolled in mainstream delivery mode, students attend face to face classes in 4 x 3 hour blocks per week , per term. Classes are scheduled to coincide with routine school calendar dates. Students complete the qualification in 40 weeks delivered over 4 terms, dependent of student progress and prior knowledge/training. Students will be issued a timetable with the required attendance days and times prior to the commencement of each term.

	For students enrolled in self-directed online delivery mode, students attend 1-hour online classes weekly on Tuesday evening, 5.00 – 6.00 pm . Students are also required to participate in practical assessments during week 7 of each term, with specific attendance dates and times to be provided at the commencement of each teaching period.
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* Duration may vary depending on how long a student takes to reach the required competency level.

^ Course timetable will be provided on application for the course.

^^ Information relating to study modes can be found in the 2026 TAFE Student Guide

FEES

Fee Type	2026 Course Fees
NT Government Supported*	\$4,246.55
Full Fee	\$15,232.43

*This course is supported by the NT Government for domestic eligible students who are NT residents. A limited number of NT Government supported 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. For 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, fee exemptions, payment options, instalment plans, and refunds, contact CDU on 1800 061 963 or refer to [TAFE Fees and Payments](#)

ASSESSMENT

Skills and knowledge assessments are an essential step in progressing through your course. You may be assessed in a number of ways including written assessment, questioning, portfolios, work samples, direct observation, practical assessments and third-party feedback.

Throughout your course you will receive information about assessments including how, when and where assessments will be conducted.

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL)

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

CREDIT TRANSFER (CT)

Charles Darwin University as a Registered Training Organisation recognises the Australian Qualifications Framework qualifications and Statement of Attainments issued by any other Australian Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

Students are encouraged to submit any requests for credit from previous studies at the time of enrolment, to ensure they are not enrolling in units they may not need to undertake.

RESOURCES

Students will have 24/7 access to assessments and learning resources on Learnline, CDU's online learning platform. Before you can start using Learnline, you'll need to make sure that your computer has the correct setup. For more details: <https://www.cdu.edu.au/current-students/services/learnline>

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) \$87.00
- Working with Children Clearance – Concession Fee (Volunteer) \$8.00
- National Police Check – Standard Fee (Employment) \$89.00
- National Police Check – Concession Fee (Volunteer) \$17.00
- NDIS Worker Screening Check – Standard Fee (Employment) \$87.00
- NDIS Worker Screening Check – Concession Fee (Volunteer) \$8.00

Apply through [SAFE NT Online Applications](#).

STUDY AND CAREER PATHWAYS

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 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 provides support for students in many areas, including Accommodation, Careers and Employability, Counselling, Disability Services, Financial Support 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 - Life, Health and Wellbeing](#)

CONTACT DETAILS

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