

HLT33021 Certificate III in Allied Health Assistance

DESCRIPTION

This qualification reflects the role of a new worker wanting to become an Allied Health Assistant and gain entry to the aged care, disability and other health sectors. They may provide assistance, under the delegation and supervision of Allied Health Professionals (AHP).

Supervision may be direct, indirect or remote, according to the individual Allied Health Assistant's scope of practice and experience.

To achieve this qualification, the candidate must have completed at least 120 hours of clinical placement as detailed in the Assessment Requirements of the units of competency.

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

ELIGIBILITY/ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants who wish to commence this course need to have a general command of spoken and written English to be able to meet industry standards for communication.

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.

To be eligible to gain a placement in an allied health service, students may be required to attain an Ochre Card to work with children or a police clearance.

DELIVERY DETAILS

Location(s)	Casuarina
Duration*	12 months full time, 24 months part time
Study mode ^^	Face to face, blended
Dates ^	Term 3: 13/07/2026 – 11/09/2026 Term 4: 5/10/2026- 4/12/2026
Attendance	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.

* 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

Students are required to undertake 120hrs of mandatory work placement to complete the qualification. For students already employed in the sector, there may be the opportunity to complete this at their current workplace, however this is subject to approval.

Whilst the TAFE Placement Officer will endeavour to place students in a work placement close to their residence, travel may be required.

In addition, you may be required to obtain specific vocational clearances prior to work placement, such as a National Police Check, Working with Children Clearance (Ochre Card), and Immunisations. Students must hold these clearances, or be willing to obtain them as required by host work placement organisations.

FEES

Fee Type	2026 Course Fees
NT Government Supported*	\$2,013.55
Full Fee	\$7,222.63

*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>

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) \$145.00
- NDIS Worker Screening Check – Concession Fee (Volunteer) \$14.00

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

STUDY AND CAREER PATHWAYS

Possible occupations relevant to this qualification include:

- Allied health assistant
- Physiotherapy assistant
- Podiatry assistant
- Speech pathology assistant
- Therapy Assistant

QUALIFICATION CONTENT

To achieve HLT33021 Certificate III in Allied Health Assistance, a total of twelve (12) units of competency must be completed comprising seven (7) core and five (5) elective units as detailed in the packaging rules and listed below. The electives offered may vary between campuses.

CORE UNITS

BSBMED301	Interpret and apply medical terminology appropriately
CHCCOM005	Communicate and work in health or community services
CHCDIV001	Work with diverse people
HLTAHA027	Assist with an allied health program
HLTAHA049	Recognise impact of health conditions
HLTINF006	Apply basic principles and practices of infection prevention and control
HLTWHS001	Participate in workplace health and safety

ELECTIVE UNITS

CHCDIV002	Promote Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural safety
CHCCCS002	Assist with movement
CHCCCS020	Respond effectively to behaviours of concern
HLTAID011	Provide First Aid
HLTAAP001	Recognise healthy body systems

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>.