CHC43315 Certificate IV in Mental Health

DESCRIPTION

This qualification reflects the role of workers who provide self-directed recovery-oriented support for people affected by mental illness and psychiatric disability. Work involves implementing community-based programs and activities focusing on mental health, mental illness, and psychiatric disability.

Work is undertaken in a range of community contexts such as community-based non-government organisations, home-based outreach, centre-based programs, respite care, residential services, rehabilitation programs, clinical settings, or supporting people in employment.

Work is carried out autonomously under the broad guidance of other practitioners and professionals. To achieve this qualification, the candidate must have completed at least 80 hours of work as detailed in the Assessment Requirements of units of competency.

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

This course can be undertaken as a traineeship. Visit TAFE Apprenticeships and Traineeships for more information.

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 skills and support needed to study this course, all applicants are required to complete a Language, Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Literacy (LLND) evaluation.

To be eligible to undertake a mandatory work placement in a mental health care setting, students may be required to obtain the following specific vocational clearances:

- A Working with Children Clearance (Ochre Card)
- A National Police Check
- Students may also require occupational health screening, including vaccinations.

Students must hold these clearances or be willing to obtain them if required by host work placement organisations.

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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.
Start Date/s ^	Term 1, 2027 (1/02/2027) 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, 5-6pm. 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.

** 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 2027 TAFE Student Guide

FEES

Fee Type	2027 Course Fees
NT Government Supported*	Free
Full Fee	$12,168.00

*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

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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) $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:

- Community Rehabilitation Worker
- Community Rehabilitation and Support Worker
- Outreach Officer
- Mental Health Outreach Worker
- Assistant Community Services Worker

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QUALIFICATION CONTENT

To achieve CHC43315 Certificate IV in Mental Health, a total of fifteen (15) units of competency must be completed, comprising eleven (11) core units and four (4) elective units as detailed in the packaging rules and listed below. The electives offered may vary between campuses.

CORE UNITS

CHCDIV001	Work with diverse people
CHCDIV002	Promote Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural safety
CHCLEG001	Work legally and ethically
CHCMHS002	Establish self-directed recovery relationships
CHCMHS003	Provide recovery oriented mental health services
CHCMHS004	Work collaboratively with the care network and other services
CHCMHS005	Provide services to people with co-existing mental health and alcohol and other drugs issues
CHCMHS007	Work effectively in trauma informed care
CHCMHS008	Promote and facilitate self-advocacy
CHCMHS011	Assess and promote social, emotional and physical wellbeing
HLTWHS001	Participate in workplace health and safety

ELECTIVE UNITS

CHCCCS019	Recognise and respond to crisis situations
CHCAOD001	Work in an alcohol and other drugs context
HLTWHS006	Manage personal stressors in the work environment
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

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

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