

Certificate III in Individual Support

COURSE CODE	CHC33015
LOCATIONS	Warrnambool, Portland, Hamilton, Colac
STUDY MODE	Full-time, On Campus, Workplace
Length	Nine months
Commencement	February 2022, July 2022
Timetable	Two days a week

Course Overview

This section gives you an introduction to what you will be learning in this course, plus course outcomes, career opportunities, and student support.

Study from home during COVID-19 restrictions

Whilst we pride ourselves on our hands-on training, we have had to adjust most of our courses for study from home and remote learning during the COVID-19 restrictions. This means courses will be delivered using a range of methods including online learning, virtual classrooms, workbooks and direct contact with your teacher.

Given the government restrictions that are now in place to reduce the spread of coronavirus in Australia, we expect this new model of study will continue until the government makes changes to these restrictions.

Introduction

This qualification reflects the role of workers in the community and/or residential setting who follow an individualised plan to provide person-centred support to people who may require support due to ageing, disability or some other reason. Work involves using discretion and judgement in relation to individual support as well as taking responsibility for own outputs. Workers have a range of factual, technical and procedural knowledge, as well as some theoretical knowledge of the concepts and practices required to provide person-centred support.

What will I Learn?

The learner will gain a wonderful hands-on learning experience covering all of the necessary aspects of being a successful worker in the Aged Care, Home and Community Care and disability sectors. You will enjoy a 120 work placement that is completely supported and set up by SWTAFE.

Course Outcomes and Career Opportunities

This course will enable you to work as an individual support worker in an aged care, home and community care and disability setting.

- over the past 10 years jobs in Healthcare and Social Assistance have grown by 26% with Residential Care the biggest driver of growth, growing by 10%
- In 2012 – 350,000 workers in aged care sector, by 2050 there will need to be 1.3m workers in the aged care sector
- 2013 - 2018 – 1 in 4 new jobs created will be in our industry or an additional 229,400 new workers

Locally we are seeing unprecedented growth in the industry with over 90% of our students gained employment or going onto further study within a month of completing the course.

Pathways

This course is a pathway to a number of other qualifications. Courses you may choose to continue study include:

- [Certificate IV in Disability](#)
- [Diploma of Nursing](#)

Placement

Students will be required to complete 120 hours of placement which will consist of high and low care areas, rehabilitation and allied health areas, respite and community.

You must be 18 years of age to complete the placement component of this course. If you are under the age of 18, you can study the course work but won't be able to complete the qualification until you turn 18 years of age and can successfully complete the work placement requirements.

Pre-Placement requirements

- Evidence of your COVID-19 and Influenza vaccination status
- A current police check is required prior to all students starting placement
- It is recommended that students have HLTAID003 Provide First Aid before the commencement of the placement
- Students may be required to obtain a Working with Children Check, depending on their placement organisation

Information Session

Why don't you come along to our next course info session to find out everything you need to start your learning journey? You can chat with our teachers, tour our facilities, learn more about the course, find out about the application process and get your questions answered by our course experts.

[Find the next info session near you](#)

Course Requirements

This section gives you an overview of entry requirements, course units and electives, skills recognition, and assessment criteria.

Entrance requirements & pre-requisites

You must be 17 years of age at the commencement of the course and have turned 18 years of age at the time work placement is scheduled. If you are under the age of 18, you can study the course work but won't be able to complete the qualification until you turn 18 years of age and can successfully complete the work placement requirements. You must be able to produce a current police check and working with children check prior to placement

In accordance with Department of Health directives, all residential aged care workers must be vaccinated against COVID-19 as a condition of employment. This includes volunteers and students on placement. Therefore as part of the enrolment process for this course you must provide evidence of your COVID-19 and Influenza vaccination status. South West TAFE will be required to retain a copy of this evidence on your student file.

Course requirements

To be eligible for this qualification you must successfully complete 13 units: 7 core and 6 elective.

Units offered

Core Units

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Unit Code	Unit Name	Unit Hours	Unit Consumables
CHCCCS015	Provide individualised support	30	\$0.00
CHCCCS023	Support independence and wellbeing	80	\$0.00
CHCCOM005	Communicate and work in health or community services	30	\$0.00
CHCDIV001	Work with diverse people	40	\$0.00
CHCLEG001	Work legally and ethically	55	\$0.00
HLTAAP001	Recognise healthy body systems	70	\$0.00
HLTWHS002	Follow safe work practices for direct client care	25	\$0.00

Elective Units

Unit Code	Unit Name	Unit Hours	Unit Consumables
CHCAGE001	Facilitate the empowerment of older people	50	\$0.00
CHCAGE005	Provide support to people living with dementia	65	\$0.00
CHCCCS011	Meet personal support needs	60	\$0.00
CHCDIS007	Facilitate the empowerment of people with disability	100	\$0.00
HLTHPS006	Assist clients with medication	80	\$0.00
HLTINF001	Comply with infection prevention and control policies and procedures	25	\$0.00

Assessment

This course involves accredited units. You will be required to complete assessment tasks to demonstrate your underpinning knowledge, skills and attributes to meet the course outcomes. A combination of written, oral and practical assessment strategies will be used in either a classroom, online or workplace environment.

Where units require demonstration of skills in a workplace environment, you will have the opportunity to do this either in your own workplace (where appropriate), through a practical placement, or by using one of the Institute's simulated workshops/classrooms. Detailed information about the types, conduct and dates of assessments will be provided in advance. You will also be provided with information about the opportunity for reassessment and appeal.

After applying

Once you have applied for your chosen course, you will receive a thank you email from South West TAFE with a few steps to help process your enrolment.

Complete a Pre-Training Review

You will receive an email to complete a Pre-Training Review online evaluation. This evaluation helps us tailor your training to suit your needs.

Create or provide a Unique Student Identifier (USI)

A USI is a nationally recognised reference number that provides an online record of your training qualifications gained in Australia.

[Create your USI](#)

Already have a USI but can't remember it? [Find your USI](#)

Skills recognition

If you have experience or prior qualifications, you may be eligible to apply for [recognition of prior learning](#) and gain credits. You will be asked to provide any relevant Statement of Attainment to support identified credits.

Fees

This section gives you an overview of course fees, subsidies, and how they can be paid.

Course Fees

Here's an outline of fees and costs associated with your course.

Your fees each year can be made up of 3 different elements. Everyone has different circumstances that can affect what you pay and how much you pay. :

1. Tuition fees - charged as an hourly rate that varies from course to course. A large portion of the tuition is subsidised by the Victorian Government for eligible students.
2. Resource and/or materials costs - covers the cost of materials and other incidentals. This fee will vary according to the course being undertaken.
3. Booklist items - such as textbooks, equipment and stationery recommended for your course

Tuition fees

There are 4 different rates of tuition fees. Only one will apply to you (depending on your eligibility and circumstances).

1. Government Subsidised Fee - you could be eligible for a government-subsidised rate under the Skills First funding depending on your age, educational history, and citizenship or residency status. If you are eligible, the government will contribute to the cost of your training.
[Find out more about subsidised training](#)
2. Government Subsidised Concession Fee - If you are eligible for a Skills First government-subsidised place and hold a current healthcare or pension card, that you can provide at enrolment, you may be eligible for the concession rate. Note, the concession rate is not applicable to Diploma level courses.
[Find out more about concession rates](#)
3. Free TAFE - Students who are eligible for Victorian government-subsidised training will not pay course tuition fees for the duration of their enrolment in this course, however, there may be some consumable/material fees for the course (find out more below). Any resource or material costs, or booklist items for this course are listed in the table below.
[Find out more about Free TAFE](#)
4. Full fee - If you are not eligible for a Skills First government-subsidised place, exemption, concession or are enrolling in a course that isn't government-subsidised, you may be required to pay the full fee rate.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT FEES AND ELIGIBILITY

The fees listed below are indicative only. The student tuition fees as published are subject to change given individual circumstances at enrolment. Funding made available to eligible individuals by State and Commonwealth Governments. If funding is utilised, this may affect future opportunities to access additional funding in the future.

Course fees by student type	Indicative Course Fee
Government subsidised rate (if eligible)	\$2,595.00
Concession rate	\$520.00
Full fee rate (if not eligible for govt subsidy)	\$8,925.00

Additional course fees	Indicative Course Fee
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Course consumable/materials (approximate)

\$85.00

This is a Free TAFE course

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[Find out more](#) or chat with our Customer Service team on [1300 648 911](tel:1300648911), or visit a [SWTAFE Campus](#).

Resource and/or materials costs

Some courses require specific resources or materials necessary for your study eg: tools of the trade, excursions, etc. Final costs will be determined upon enrolment.

How do I pay my fees?

Once we have processed your enrolment form, you will receive an email with your invoice.

You have [three options when organising your payment](#):

1. [Upfront payment](#) - can be made over the phone with EFTPOS
2. [Payment plan](#) - can be directly debited from your bank account, debited from your Centrelink payments or via a [VET Student Loan](#) (for diploma or advanced diploma courses only)
3. [Paid by employer, school or job network agency](#) - if your fees are being paid by your employer, school or job network agency, you will need to complete an Authority to Invoice form.

Payments will need to be arranged within five(5) business days of receiving the email containing your invoice.

We also offer a range of [scholarships](#) each year which you may be eligible to apply for to assist with course fees.

Next Steps

Ready to take the next step? Here you can [make an enquiry](#), [attend an information session](#) or [begin the application process](#).

How to apply

There are [five simple steps to apply for a course](#) with us.

1. **Apply** - [complete a short online application form](#). Once this form is submitted we'll send you a thank you email.
2. **Get ready** - your thank-you email will contain links to a pre-training review, to a unique student identifier and to government-subsidised training eligibility.
3. **Chat with your teacher** - your teacher or course specialist will contact you about your Pre-Training Review outcomes and additional course information.
4. **Enrol** - after chatting with your teacher, you will receive an email with your enrolment form and a link to verify your identity.
5. **Sign** - once you've completed your enrolment, you will receive a declaration form to review and sign.

If need any assistance with applying, [contact our Customer Service team](#) on 1300 648 911 or [visit your nearest campus](#).

Careers and Course Advice

Not sure which course is right for you? South West TAFE will help you find your way.

Our Careers Coaches at the [Skills and Jobs Centre](#) is here to support you. Whether you're exploring career options, transitioning from school to

the workforce or looking to study after school we're here to help you.

Student Support

As a SWTAFE student, you can access a variety of support services that will enhance your study experience and help you complete your studies successfully. For more information about any of these services, [visit our student page](#).