

CHC43315 Certificate IV in Mental Health (CRICOS Course Code : 114061F)

Qualification 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.

Career pathways may include, but are not limited to:

- Coordinator - Mental Health (Carer Peer Work)
- Coordinator – Mental Health (Consumer Peer Work)
- Community Rehabilitation Worker
- Community Rehabilitation and Support Worker
- Outreach officer
- Mental Health outreach worker
- Assistant community services worker
- Family support worker

Employment pathways from the Qualification

Graduates of the *CHC43315 Certificate IV in Mental Health* are most often employed as:

- 58.9% Community and Personal Services Workers.
- 16.0% Professionals.
- 9.7% Clerical and Administrative Workers.

84.6% graduates of this course are most often employed in the Health Care and Social Assistance industry area. (<https://www.myskills.gov.au/courses/details?Code=CHC43315> , accessed 07/03/2023)

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

Course Entry Requirements

Whilst there are no entry requirements specified in the training package, the RTO requires prospective learners to meet the following course entry criteria:

- Applicants must be minimum 18 years of age at the time of commencement
- Applicants must demonstrate that they have attained at least ACSF level 3 by successful completion of Australian Year 12 qualification, or equivalent
- Have obtained an IELTS band score of at least 6.0 - or equivalent; or 5.5 where the test score is combined with at least 10 weeks ELICOS or 5.0 where the test score is combined with at least 20 weeks ELICOS; or,
Reference - (Subclass 500 Student visa (homeaffairs.gov.au)
- Have completed a Certificate III, IV, Diploma or Advanced Diploma level Qualification in Australia; or,
- Have completed Certificate III or Certificate IV in ESL or EAL from the ESL/EAL or,
- Have completed the ELICOS Course: General English – Intermediate Level.

Alternatively, students may demonstrate the required ACSF and LLN levels by undertaking Howland Academy of Australia's ASCF LLN assessments.

Resources & Facilities

In addition, Howland Academy of Australia requires that the learners:

- have a Children Check and/or Police Check (In Australia) prior to the work placement if request by the host employer(s);
- must be able to work with various types of clients such as different age group from 18 years and above, different religious believes, different nationalities.
- should have basic computer skills including using MS Office software or other spreadsheet, and word processing software; and,
- have a personal computer, laptop, tablet or any device, with access to MS Office application packages (At least MS Excel, MS Word and MS Power Point).

Course Duration and Fees

Full-time (20 hours per week) 52 Weeks, including 4 weeks work placement and 6 weeks for breaks.

Enrolment Application Fee: \$AUD250.00 (non-refundable)

Student Tuition Fee: \$AUD10,200.00

Materials Fee: \$AUD1,000.00

Sample Course Structure*

Total number of units: 15 Units, 11 Core and 4 Electives

Unit of Competency
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
CHCCCS004 Assess co-existing needs
CHCPRP003 Reflect on and improve own professional practice
CHCAOD004 Assess needs of clients with alcohol and other drugs issues
CHCCCS003 Increase the safety of individuals at risk of suicide

* Please refer to Howland Academy of Australia website for latest version of course structure

Work Placement

Work placement is a requirement for this course. students will be offered the opportunity to undertake one or more placements in industry during their course. A placement will enable students to apply their knowledge and skills in a real work setting. Student will develop skills and competencies related to the below units-

CHCMHS002	Establish self-directed recovery relationships
CHCMHS003	Provide recovery oriented mental health services
CHCMHS004	Work collaboratively with the care network and other services

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Training Pathways from the qualification

After achieving *CHC43315 Certificate IV in Mental Health*, graduates could progress to the *CHC53315 Diploma of Mental Health* or higher from within the Community Services training package.

Graduate Employment Pathways

Students are provided with advice on employment and training options throughout the delivery of the program (but no guarantees are implied or given).

Enrolment Applications

Please contact our administration office for an Enrolment Application Form info@howlandacademy.edu.au