

# DIPLOMA OF COMMUNITY SERVICES (ALCOHOL, OTHER DRUGS AND MENTAL HEALTH)

Are you passionate about helping your community?  
Help others make a change for the better.



This advanced course will equip you with specialist skills and knowledge including counselling, advocacy and education/health promotion as they relate to working with clients with alcohol, drug and mental health issues.

You will be equipped to further your career and apply for more challenging roles such as Alcohol and Drug Counsellor in a variety of settings. Our teaching staff have extensive experience in their field, allowing them to provide knowledge and practical advice in the classroom. A focus on developing work related skills means successful employment outcomes for graduating students.

#### **COURSE DURATION**

Part-Time: 1 year

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Successful completion of this course can also lead to further study at University.

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## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Applicants will be required to have completed the Certificate IV in Alcohol and Other Drugs and/or Certificate IV in Mental Health, have sufficient current or previous work experience in the Health and/or Community Services industry and other relevant professional/formal training.

Applicants will be required to have completed or demonstrate competency in the following unit:

| Unit Code  | Unit Name  |
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| CHCICS305A | Provide behaviour support in the context of individualised plans |

## COURSE STRUCTURE

19 units of competency are required for this qualification

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| Unit Code   | Unit Name   |
| <b>Core Units</b>   |   |
| CHCAD504A   | Provide advocacy and representation services  |
| CHCAOD402B  | Work effectively in the alcohol and other drugs sector  |
| CHCAOD510A  | Work effectively with clients with complex alcohol and/or other drug issues                       |
| CHCAOD511B  | Provide advanced interventions to meet the needs of clients with alcohol and/or other drug issues |
| CHCAOD512A  | Develop and implement a behaviour response plan (Note - prerequisite CHCICS305A)                  |
| CHCAOD513A  | Provide relapse prevention strategies   |
| CHCCOM403A  | Use targeted communication skills to build relationships  |
| CHCCS504A   | Provide services to clients with complex needs  |
| CHCCW503A   | Work intensively with clients   |
| CHCMH401A   | Work effectively in mental health settings  |
| CHCMH402A   | Apply understanding of mental health issues and recovery processes                                |
| CHCMH404A   | Conduct assessment and planning as part of the recovery process                                   |
| CHCMH409A   | Facilitate consumer, family and carer participation in the recovery process                       |
| CHCMH501A   | Provide advanced supports to facilitate recovery  |
| CHCMH504DA  | Provide a range of services to people with mental health issues                                   |
| CHCORG428A  | Reflect on and improve own professional practice  |
| CHCPOL501A  | Access evidence and apply in practice   |
| CHCPROM503A   | Provide community focused promotion and prevention strategies                                     |
| HLTOHS401A  | Maintain OHS processes  |

## ASSESSMENT

Assessment for this course will include a combination of competency based assessment methods including classroom testing, observation of training presentations, discussions, written work or workplace observations.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR FURTHER STUDY

**Bachelor of Community Welfare and Councillng** – Monash University Gippsland

On successful completion of the Diploma of Community Services (Alcohol, Other Drugs and Mental Health) at GippsTAFE graduates are guaranteed 8 units credit toward the above Monash University qualification.



**MONASH** University

## FURTHER INFORMATION

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