

CHC33015 CERTIFICATE III IN INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT (AGEING)

Personal Carer and Assistant in Nursing

Personal Care Workers assist in caring for patients in nursing homes, hospitals or clinics. The job role requires a person who is patient, has good communication skills, is physically fit, and has a commitment to the rights of elderly and disabled people to live dignified lives.

Entry requirements

- Good English Language, Literacy and Numeracy skills (or completion of English to Year 10)
- Access to a computer, the internet and basic computer proficiency
- Police check / clearance
- Employment in an appropriate aged care role OR 120 hours vocational placement in an approved residential or home and community organisation
- Students will be required to complete a student survey

FUNCTIONS

Workers will be expected to perform a range of functions and may be required to perform the following tasks:

- Help with personal care, showering, bathing, shaving, toileting, oral hygiene, dressing
- Assist to lift and turn clients who are immobile or confined to bed
- Assist with meals and feeding
- Help clients to move around
- Follow care plans and direction from nurses to provide care to clients
- Document activities of daily living and changes to clients in workplace documents
- Work in a team to provide care
- Communicate with families especially during difficult times

Workers are usually required to carry out rostered shift work that may include night and weekend work. This makes it a great occupation for people seeking part-time income, or those who would like flexible work hours. Some positions may be casual. With experience and further training, personal care workers can become Enrolled or Registered Nurses.

COURSE DURATION

This course is delivered through a blended model combining face-to-face classes and monthly webinars.

Our program is part-time and flexible to support existing workers in the aged care industry. The course can take up to 12 months to complete. This will be based on your prior knowledge and experience and the amount of time you can commit to your studies.

Our trainers will make two (2) scheduled visits to your workplace (if required), depending on your location. Further unlimited support will be provided via telephone, email support and GoToMeeting (virtual classroom via web cam) to provide students with tuition, learning support, assessment completion and conduct workplace observations.



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ONGOING TRAINING AND LEARNING SUPPORT

Extra learning support is also available by our Study Assistance Service. For more information, please refer to the Study Assistance Support flyer available on the Education Institute website.

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL)

Recognition of Prior Learning is offered to all students on commencement. RPL provides an opportunity for a range of skills relevant to this qualification and the job role to be recognised before formal training commences.

RPL will require you to discuss your experience with our Course Coordinator, gather evidence to support the RPL, and participate in a workplace observation visit with one of our trainers.

All aged care workers should have a current Senior First Aid and CPR certification.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Students and employers are to make individual arrangements regarding release time/shift scheduling, or leave to attend training or vocational placement (if required). Resources will be provided for each unit of competency.

COURSE COSTS

This program is funded under the Queensland Government Certificate 3 Guarantee Program.

Student co-contribution fee:

Non-concessional \$975 (\$75.00 per unit of competency)

Concessional \$780 (\$60.00 per unit of competency)

To be eligible for a concession you must provide proof at the time of application you are a card holder of a commonwealth health card, pensioner concession card or veterans gold card to pay a lesser fee.

To be eligible for the Certificate 3 Guarantee program students must:

- provide a copy of their green Medicare Card and Driver's Licence
- be 15 years or over, and no longer at school
- permanently reside in Queensland
- be an Australian citizen, Australian permanent resident, temporary resident with the necessary visa and work permits on the pathway to permanent residency or a New Zealand Citizen
- not hold, and not be enrolled in, a Certificate III or higher-level qualification, not including qualifications completed at school and foundation skills training.

QUALIFICATIONS

This qualification is nationally recognised and is based on curriculum developed by the aged care industry. Thirteen (13) units of competency are required to complete the full qualification made up of core and elective units as listed below:

UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE
CORE	
CHCCCS015	Provide individualised support
CHCCCS023	Support independence & well being
CHCCOM005	Communicate & work in health or community services
CHCDIV001	Work with diverse people
CHCLEG001	Work legally & ethically
HLTAAP001	Recognise healthy body systems
HLTWH002	Follow safe work practices for direct client care
COMPULSORY ELECTIVES	
CHCAGE001	Facilitate the empowerment of older people
CHCAGE005	Provide support to people living with dementia
CHCCCS011	Meet personal support needs
ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES Three (3) to be chosen from the list below	
CHCDIS007	Facilitate the empowerment of people with disability
CHCADV001	Facilitate the interests & rights of clients
CHCLAH001	Work effectively in the leisure & health industries
CHCPAL001	Deliver care services using a palliative approach
CHCMHS001	Work with people with mental illness



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