

TAFE QUEENSLAND

CERTIFICATE IV IN MENTAL HEALTH PEER WORK CHC43515

STUDENT INFORMATION FACT SHEET

This qualification reflects the role of workers who have lived experience of mental illness as either a consumer or carer and who work in mental health services in roles that support consumer peers or carer peers.

ABOUT THE COURSE

This course is for people who have a lived experience of mental health challenges who wish to support others. The Certificate IV in Mental Health Peer Work (CHC43515) will provide you with a knowledge base and evidence-based practices that will enable you to work alongside and be of support to people who are on their recovery journey.

Recognition of the value of your own lived experience of mental health challenges or your experience as a carer, are the cornerstones of peer work practice. As you progress through the course, you will learn the concepts and theory of peer work. You will use the knowledge and skills you have learnt to develop your craft to become a truly effective mental health peer worker.

LEARNING REQUIREMENTS

1. In order to complete your Certificate IV in Mental Health Peer Work (CHC43515), you will have sound literacy skills, and a computer with up-to-date software including Microsoft Office, Adobe Acrobat Reader and Adobe Flash Player (we provide this now as part of Microsoft 365 package, plus TAFE Queensland email). You will need access to the internet as all course content, learning materials and assessments are available to students only through the student portal on TAFE Queensland's Learning Management System (LMS), Connect.
2. All potential students will have an appointment with a course teacher and also be provided with a video outlining key details. This Student Information Fact Sheet is also handed out at the student appointment.
3. Classes - TAFE Queensland East Coast region: Weekly classes are conducted face-to-face two days per week starting at 9.00am and finishing at 3.30pm. It is expected that you will be in class over these two days and spend one additional day per week studying and/or completing your assessment work.
4. Classes – TAFE Queensland Gold Coast region: conduct a mixed mode delivery with online learning and two days per week, Wednesday 1.00pm–4.00pm and Thursday 9.00am–12.00pm. Additionally, your educator will schedule online learning sessions on a Friday. These times will be advertised.
5. Placement is an essential component of the Certificate IV in Mental Health Peer Work (CHC43515), and you will be required to complete a minimum of 80 to a maximum of 160 unpaid hours in an approved workplace. This placement experience will provide you with the opportunity to work alongside current lived experience peer workers, to start practicing your new skills while being supervised in an industry workplace which will provide you with valuable real-world experience.

STUDY STREAMS AVAILABLE

(each stream has entry requirements specific to the course)

1 Consumer Stream - you have a lived experience of your own mental health challenges, have accessed mental health support and you are well into your own recovery journey.

2 Carer Stream – you have a lived experience of being the carer of someone living with their own mental health challenges and you want to focus on working with other carers to improve how they are supported.

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LEARNING REQUIREMENTS (cont.)

- 6. There are minimum clearances that TAFE Queensland requires students to complete and these are listed below in points (a) and (b):
- 7. **a.** COVID-19 vaccination clearance (as per the current Queensland Health requirements). Note: As part of the COVID-19 requirements, some organisations will required a specific number of mandatory vaccinations
- b.** NDIS National Worker Screening Clearance

Additionally, some organisations will require further clearances. Examples are provided below:

- c.** A national police check is required by students on placement at Queensland Health facilities (NOTE: there is fee attached to this check which the student will pay)
- d.** The minimum requirements around vaccination may vary between services
- e.** Working with Children (Blue Card if the student will be undertaking placement with people under the age of 18 years old in vocational placement)

NOTE: if both the NDIS worker screening card and blue card are required these can be applied for together in one application.

POTENTIAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Peer work is an emerging practice, the benefits of which are being widely recognised in the public, private and non-government sectors. It is a minimum requirement of many services that Peer Workers hold or are studying toward their Certificate IV in Mental Health Peer Work (CHC43515).

ABOUT YOUR EDUCATORS

Our passionate teaching team have their own lived experience of mental illness and recovery as well as years of public, private and non-governmental organisation (NGO) sector industry experience. They are committed to seeing you succeed in your studies and TAFE Queensland’s commitment to you is that you’ll be taught by people who have industry experience, know what employers are looking for and where the sector is headed.

UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE
CHCDIV001	Work with diverse people
CHCMHS007	Work effectively in trauma informed care
CHCMHS008	Promote and facilitate self-advocacy
CHCMHS011	Assess and promote social, emotional and physical wellbeing
CHCPWK001	Apply peer work practices in the mental health sector
CHCPWK002	Contribute to the continuous improvement of mental health services
CHCPWK003	Apply lived experience in mental health peer work
HLTWHS001	Participate in workplace health and safety

MOOLOOLABA ELECTIVES (EAST COAST REGION)	SOUTHPORT ELECTIVES (GOLD COAST REGION)
CHCCS017 Provide Grief and loss support	CHCCS017 Provide Grief & loss support
CHCMHS002 Establish self-directed recovery relationships	CHCMHS002 Establish self-directed recovery relationships
CHCMHS003 Provide Recovery oriented mental health services	CHCMHS003 Provide Recovery oriented mental health services
CHCMHS005 Provide services to people with co-existing mental health and alcohol and other drug issues	CHCMHS005 Provide services to people with co-existing mental health and alcohol and other drug issues
CHCPWK004 Work effectively in consumer mental health peer work (Consumer Stream)	CHCPWK004 Work effectively in consumer mental health peer work (Consumer Stream)
CHCPWK005 Work effectively with carers as a mental health peer worker	CHCPWK005 Work effectively with carers as a mental health peer worker
CHCLEG001 Work legally and ethically	CHCPRP001 Develop and maintain collaborative partnerships

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