Aboriginal Health Council
of South Australia Ltd.

# HLT30121 – Certificate III in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care

AHCSA RTO National Code: 40142
220 Franklin Street, Adelaide, South Australia, 5000

## Course Description

The Certificate III in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care provides learners with the knowledge, skills, and practical experience required to work effectively within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander primary health care settings. The qualification develops the capabilities needed to support the delivery of culturally safe, holistic, and person-centred care while contributing to positive health outcomes for individuals, families, and communities.

This qualification offers a pathway to employment in a range of healthcare settings, including Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOs), primary health care services, community health organisations, hospitals, and other public and private health services. It is well suited to individuals seeking to commence or further their career in the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health workforce.

Throughout the program, learners will develop skills in areas such as providing primary health care services, health promotion, client support, communication, culturally safe practice, community engagement, and working effectively within multidisciplinary health teams.

AHCSA provides a supportive and culturally safe learning environment, with dedicated trainers, assessors, and Student Support Officers available to assist learners throughout their training journey. Successful completion of this qualification may provide pathways to further study, including Certificate IV in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care, specialised health qualifications, and a range of career opportunities within the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health sector.

## Entry Requirements

- AHCSA requires learners to be 18 years old.
- Entrants must be employed by a Member Service or SA Health.
- Acceptance into this Certificate III level course will be subject to the result of a Language, Literacy, Numeracy and Digital Skills Assessment.

## Work Placement

Students undertake supervised practice in a primary health care setting as part of their training, supplemented by theoretical and practical application and assessments. All students are expected to complete a minimum of 120hours (16 days full-time equivalent) of clinical practice within the scope of their role as an Aboriginal Health Practitioner Trainee/Student. Commitment to self-directed learning, workplace evidence, and practical workshops is essential for competency.

## Packaging Rules

Total number of units of competency = 15, including:

9 core units
6 elective units
Please note: All units and work placement hours must be completed to attain the full qualification.

## Delivery

HLT30121 – Certificate III in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care will be delivered at AHCSA RTO, Adelaide, over a period of up to 12 months which consists of 9, 3-days a week blocks per month of face to face, classroom delivery and 120 hours of work placement.

## Support Services

Each course is supported by a dedicated Student Support Officer, who will assist learners throughout their training journey. Student Support Officers are the primary point of contact for learners and are available to provide guidance, answer questions, academic support and help resolve any issues that may arise during the course.
AHCSA is committed to providing a supportive and culturally safe learning environment. Learners are encouraged to contact their Student Support Officer at any stage of their training if they require assistance, guidance, or additional support to successfully progress through their studies.

## Face to Face Delivery Blocks

| Unit of Competencies | | Workshop Numbers |
|---|---|---|
| **HLTAWOR001** | Work in an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander health support role | 1 |
| **CHCCOM005** | Communicate and work in health or community services | 1 |
| **HLTAADV001** | Support clients to access health services | 1 |
| **CHCLEG001** | Work legally and ethically | 2 |
| **HLTWHS001** | Participate in workplace health and safety | 2 |
| **HLTINF006** | Apply basic principles and practices of infection prevention and control | 2 |
| **BSBMED303** | Maintain patient records | 3 |
| **BSBMED305** | Apply the principles of confidentiality, privacy, and security within the medical environment | 3 |
| **BSBDAT201** | Collect and record data | 3 |
| **HLTAAP001** | Recognise healthy body systems | 4 +5 |
| **HLTAHCS002** | Assist with health assessments | 6 |
| **HLTAMED001** | Work under instructions to support the safe use of medications | 7+ 8 |
| **CHCCCS026** | Transport individuals | 8 |
| **CHCCCS037** | Visit client's residence | 8 |
| **HLTAID011** | Provide First Aid | as required |
| **Catch-up** | Catch Up Workshop | 9 |

*Note: Course schedule is subject to change. Delivery of this qualification may be cancelled if a minimum number of enrolments is not achieved*

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