Aboriginal Health Council
of South Australia Ltd.

HLT40221 – Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care Practice

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

Course Description

The HLT40221 Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care Practice is a nationally recognized qualification designed for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people working in multidisciplinary health care teams. It is designed for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people seeking to work in primary health care roles. Graduates are equipped to deliver culturally safe, holistic health care, support the wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and provide clinical services as part of a multidisciplinary team. This qualification prepares students to work under limited supervision, contributing meaningfully to the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander clients and communities.

Graduates are eligible to apply for registration the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia (ATSIHPBA) – a requirement to use the protected title of Aboriginal Health Practitioner.

Graduates are equipped with skills and knowledge to work in Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOs), public or private health services – and in urban, rural, or remote areas across Australia.

This qualification provides a pathway to work in a variety of health care settings, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community organisations, as well as the public and private health sectors. The qualification is delivered as full-time study over 18 months, with face-to-face workshops, self-directed study, and workplace-based learning. Students must complete supervised practice in a primary health care setting and demonstrate competency through applied skills and assessments.

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 IV level course will be subject to the results 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 500 hours (14 weeks 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 = 19, including:

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

Delivery

HLT40221 – Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care Practice will be delivered at AHCSA RTO, Adelaide, over a period of up to 18 months which consists of 15, 4-days a week blocks per month of face to face, classroom delivery and 500 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
HLTAWOR002	Work in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander primary health care	1
HLTAADV002	Support the rights and needs of clients	1
CHCLEG001	Work legally and ethically	1
HLTINF006	Apply basic principles and practices of infection prevention and control	2
HLTWHS001	Participate in workplace health and safety	2
CHCCOM002	Use communication to build relationships	3
HLTAWOR003	Use and promote reflective practice in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander primary health care	3
HLTAWOR004	Provide support to address social and cultural determinants of client and community health	4
HLTAHPR007	Promote lifestyle change	4
HLTAHCS004	Complete comprehensive physical health assessments	5, 6, 7
HLTASEW002	Assess and support the social and emotional wellbeing of clients	8
HLTAHCS006	Implement complex health care plans	9
HLTAMED002	Support the safe use of medications	9
HLTAMED003	Administer medications	10, 11, 12
CHCAOD004	Assess needs of clients with alcohol and other drugs issues	13
CHCAOD005	Provide alcohol and other drugs withdrawal services	13
HLTAHPR003	Promote awareness and early detection of cancer to women (cohort Split - gender)	13
HLTAHPR002	Promote awareness and early detection of cancer to men (cohort Split - gender)	13
HLTASXH002	Promote women's sexual health (cohort Split - gender)	14
HLTASXH001	Promote men's sexual health (cohort Split - gender)	14
HLTAID011	Provide First Aid	as required

Catch up	catch up	15

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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