CERTIFICATE III IN AGED CARE - CHC30212

OVERVIEW OF COURSE
The Certificate III in Aged Care is made up of 10 core units, and 4 electives. It is a nationally recognised qualification, and is designed for those students who are interested in becoming a community support worker, field officer, care worker, or disability service officer. The Certificate III in Aged Care will give students the skills and knowledge that are required to work effectively with older people, meet their particular care needs, and deliver the care services that will support their health and well-being.

OUTCOMES
On successful completion of this course, graduates will be qualified to work as a personal care attendant in home and community care or in shared supported accommodation.

TUITION FEES
Please refer to the ACU website for current tuition fees and charges and the refund policy.

CREDIT TRANSFER/RPL
Please refer to the ACU website/Student Handbook for information.

CAREER PATHS
Possible career roles include:
• Home and Community Care
• Personal Care Assistant – Aged Care
• Community Support Worker
• Accommodation Support Worker
• In House Respite Worker
• Disability Services Officer (in some jurisdictions)
• Care Service Employees

DURATION
6 months – 1 day per week
Or
3 months – 3 days per week
Commencing Feb 2015

PRACTICAL PLACEMENT
Students will be required to complete 120 hours of placement.

ARTICULATION
Certificate III in Aged Care graduates who proceed to study the Diploma of Nursing at ACU will receive credits in four units of this course.
This qualification may also lead to further study in the following areas:
• CHC40108 Certificate IV in Aged Care
• CHC40208 Certificate IV in Home and Community Care
• CHC40308 Certificate IV in Disability

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UNIT DESCRIPTIONS

Following is a summary of the units of the course:

CORE UNITS

CHCAC317A Support older people to maintain their independence
This unit provides students with the skills and knowledge that are needed to support older people to maintain their independence.

CHCAC318B Work effectively with older people
This unit will enable students to develop the skills and knowledge that are needed to show an understanding of the structure and profile of the residential aged care sector, the home and community sector and key issues facing older people in the community.

CHCAC319A Provide support to people living with dementia
When students have completed this unit they will have the skills and knowledge that are required to support clients with dementia in a variety of settings including family homes, community day settings and residential care.

CHCICS301B Provide support to meet personal care needs
This unit assists students to develop the skills and knowledge that is required within their designated role and responsibilities to assist a client with their personal care needs within the framework of an individualized care support plan.

CHCICS302B Participate in the implementation of individualised plans
This unit develops students’ skills and knowledge so they are able to provide support for people to sustain quality of life according to individualized plans.

CHCCS411C Work effectively in the community sector
This unit develops students’ skills to work effectively in a community.

CHCICS303A Support individual health and emotional wellbeing
From this unit students will gain the skills and knowledge to support a client’s health and emotional well being.

CHCWHS312A Follow WHS safety procedures for direct care work
Students who have completed this unit will be able to cater for safety aspects of work involving delivery of services in aged care, home and community care and disability services. This unit focuses on maintaining the safety of the worker, people being supported and other community members.

CHCPA301B Deliver care services using a palliative approach
From this unit students will gain the awareness, knowledge, skills and values required to care for clients with life-limiting illness and normal aging process within a palliative approach.

HLTAP301B Recognise healthy body systems in a health care context
This unit develops student’s knowledge of basic anatomy and physiology and gives them the skills required to recognize body systems and their components in the context of health care work.

ELECTIVE UNITS

HLTAID003 Provide first aid
Students who have completed this unit will have the skills and knowledge needed to provide first aid response, life support and the management of the casualty until the arrival of medical or other assistance.

HLTHIR403C Work effectively with culturally diverse clients & co-workers
This unit assists students to gain skills and knowledge of cultural awareness that are required for effective communication and cooperation with persons of diverse culture.

HLTHIR404C Work effectively with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people
This unit assists students to develop the communication and work practice skills and knowledge that are required to work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in a health industry context.

HLTIN301C Comply with Infection control policies and procedures
This unit develops the skills and knowledge required for health care workers to comply with all infection control policies and procedures. The unit acknowledges the importance of an effective infection control strategy that ensures the safety of the client, maintains personal protection and prevents the transmission of infection from person to person.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

The Australian Catholic University is a Public University open to all. Students need to have the Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) skills at the appropriate level for the course. Students will be asked to complete an LLN assessment prior to the commencement of the course. This assessment will provide Information to ascertain whether students have adequate skills to complete the course and to enable ACUcom to provide assistance where required. Students who are offered a place in the course will need to supply a current Police Check and Working with Children Check.

APPLYING FOR ADMISSION

The Australian Catholic University is a Public University open to all. There are no pre-requisites to join this course. A current Police Check will be required for placement.

Applications for this course are made directly to ACUcom and not through VTAC.

* Please note, this information is correct at time of publication but subject to change.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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