

Start working in childcare services...

Aged Care Workers provide direct care and support to elderly people usually in a residential or aged care facility. The quality of care and support you provide to your client critically affects their quality of life, wellbeing and safety.

The Certificate III in Aged Care provides you with the skills to carry out activities related to the maintenance of an individual's personal care and other life activities in accordance with their individualised care plan. Some of the core units of the Certificate III in Aged Care are required to gain entry into the Certificate IV in Aged Care (CHC40108) program.

What you will learn

During the course you'll learn how to work effectively with the elderly including:

- ✔ Providing quality and effective care in a residential or aged care setting
- ✔ Interacting with and caring effectively for the elderly
- ✔ Supporting the independence and personal care needs of the elderly, and
- ✔ An appreciation of diversity, especially in relation to culture and ability.

Roles you can perform with this qualification

After finishing your qualification, you have a sufficient level of skill and knowledge to perform the following roles in a aged care environment:

- ✔ Aged Care Worker
- ✔ Accommodation Support Worker
- ✔ Aged Care Assistant
- ✔ Home Care Assistant
- ✔ Community Care Worker
- ✔ Community Support Worker
- ✔ In-home Respite Worker
- ✔ Personal Care Worker

Units covered in the course

The following units are completed during the course:

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Course Code: CHC30208 Internal Code: AC3A	
Unit Code	Unit Title
CHCCS411A #	Work effectively in the community sector
CHCAC318A #	Work effectively with older people
CHCICS303A #	Support individual health and emotional well being
CHCHC311A # *	Work effectively in a home and community care environment
CHCOHS312A # *	Participate in safety procedures for direct client work
CHCICS304A #	Work effectively with carers
HLTAP301A #	Recognise healthy body systems in a health care setting
CHCICS301A *	Provide support to meet personal care needs
CHCAC317A #	Support the older person to maintain their independence
CHCICS302A *	Participate in the implementation of individualised plans
CHCAC319A *	Provide support to people living with dementia
CHCDIS302A	Maintain an environment designed to empower people with disabilities
CHCPA301B #	Deliver care services using a palliative approach
HLTHIR403B #	Work effectively with culturally diverse clients and co-workers

Units marked with an * require assessment in a workplace environment during a work placement. Units marked with a # require completion of a practical component in a simulated work environment.

The information included in this Course Outline is indicative of the final curriculum but may not necessarily contain all units necessary for completion of the course. All assessment you complete throughout your studies will contribute to your final award. The Institute periodically revises its curriculum to comply with industry changes and any changes, upgrades or expansions will be instigated in such a way that your studies are affected as little as possible.

How you will complete the Certificate III in Aged Care

After enrolling into your course with the Institute, you are progressively provided with a workbook for each of the units of the course. You complete the workbooks in the order shown in the table above. The workbooks cover the theoretical information you need to know before moving onto demonstrating your competency in a simulated setting and the workplace.

Some units of the Certificate III in Aged Care require you to demonstrate various skills in a simulated setting, either at a seminar, private assessment or by sending in a video recording of your skills demonstration. The following practicals need to be completed during the course:

Practical Name	When to Complete	Duration (if completed via seminar)
Working in the Community Sector **	Complete after workbook for Unit CHCCS411A is competent	1 day
Health in Aged Care	Complete after workbook for Unit HLTAP310A is competent	1 day
Supporting Wellbeing **	Complete after workbook for Unit CHCICS303A is competent	1 day
Aged and Community Care I **	Complete after workbook for Unit CHCAC317A is competent	2 days
Palliative Care **	Complete after workbook for Unit CHCPA301B is competent	1 day
Working with Diversity I **	Complete after workbook for Unit HLTHIR403B is competent	1 day

** These practicals are also included in other qualifications offered by AICS.

To assist with transitioning your knowledge and skills into the workplace, the course also requires the completion of a work placement. If you have not worked in a caring role previously, we recommend you start your placement once you have successfully completed **all workbooks up to unit CHCAC319A** and the following practicals: **Working in the Community Sector, Health in Aged Care, Supporting Wellbeing, and Aged and Community Care I.**

Mutual Recognition

If you have completed another nationally recognised training program that contains any of the units in the Certificate III in Aged Care, you will receive recognition for the relevant units. To apply for mutual recognition, simply download a copy of the Credit Transfer and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) Kit from the Institute's website at www.aics.net.au.

How long will my course take?

You are able to study at a pace that suits you. Students progressing steadily through their course complete the qualification in approximately 6 months, however, students are able to progress faster through their course if they choose.

If your course is funded by Centrelink or another funding program, you'll need to progress through your course in accordance with the timeframes indicated on your Course Planner provided with your first Study Pack. On a full time study workload you will complete the course in 6 months.

