



CERTIFICATE IV IN MENTAL HEALTH PEER WORK

OVERVIEW

In collaboration with Mental Health Victoria, Wodonga TAFE is offering enrolment into the Certificate IV in Mental Health Peer Work. This specialist, nationally-recognised course is specifically designed for workers who have lived experience as either a consumer or carer, and who work in mental health services in roles that support, mentor or advocate for consumers or carers, or people with lived experience who have a career goal to work as a Mental Health Peer Worker.

Wodonga TAFE teachers, in partnership with Mental Health Victoria trainers, deliver the training in this course.

Please refer your interest to Mental Health Victoria via the EOI form located on their website:

<https://www.mhvic.org.au/training-development/peer-workforce-development>

Please note submitting an EOI is the only way to get your details into the Mental Health Victoria system. They will contact you once the next intake date is set, at which stage you can submit an application to study the qualification.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Through this course you will draw on your lived experience of mental illness as either a consumer or carer to further understand and support peers in the mental health sector. You will develop skills and knowledge to work with diverse people to promote social, emotional and physical wellbeing through a nationally accepted model of peer work framed by empowerment and trauma informed practice.

COMPULSORY UNITS

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 for consumers and carers
CHCPWK003 Apply lived experience in mental health peer work
HLTWHS001 Participate in workplace health and safety
CHCLEG001 Work legally and ethically
CHCPRP003 Reflect on and improve own professional practice
CHCMHS003 Provide recovery oriented mental health services
CHCGRP002 Plan and conduct group activities
CHCADV002 Provide advocacy and representation services
CHCMHS010 Implement recovery oriented approaches to complexity
CHCMHS007 Work effectively in trauma informed care
CHCDIV001 Work with diverse people

ASSESSMENT

Materials for this course have been developed in partnership with Mental Health Victoria, drawing heavily on work produced by the Mental Health Coordinating Council on behalf of Community Mental Health Australia, funded and distributed by the National Mental Health Commission.

CERTIFICATION

By successfully completing this course you will receive a nationally recognised AQF qualification.

CAREERS

Work in Mental Health Services as a Mental Health Peer Worker.

DELIVERY METHODS

- Blended – Teaching and assessment will be conducted on-campus and online.

LOCATIONS

- Online Delivery and In The Workplace

DURATION

Full-time: 12 months.

DELIVERY SCHEDULE

Course delivery is face-to-face via Zoom weekly sessions. All workshops will be held on the same day and time of the week to ensure consistency. Enrolled students will receive a detailed schedule.

FIELD PLACEMENT

This course requires 160 hours of work placement.

REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to apply for this qualification, participants must be currently working in a peer work role (paid or unpaid) at least one day per week for the duration of the course, or be in a position to be placed in a workplace one day per week. If you are not eligible for this course, but are considering a future career in peer work, you may wish to read the information brochure 'So you want to be a peer worker?' available at <https://www.mhvic.org.au>

FEES

From 1 January 2019, Free TAFE for Priority Courses is a Victorian Government program that will pay your tuition fees to study in this selected course at Wodonga TAFE, if you're eligible, subject to minimum numbers.

Government Funded \$3,480.00 (Tuition \$3,480.00, Materials \$0.00)

Concession \$696.00 (Tuition \$696.00, Materials \$0.00)

Fee For Service \$5,220.00 (Tuition \$5,220.00, Materials \$0.00)

FEES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The student tuition fees published are indicative only and can be subject to change given individual circumstances at the time of enrolment. Funding made available to eligible individuals by State and Commonwealth Governments. If funding is utilised, this may affect opportunities to access additional funding in the future. For more information see 'Fee information and eligibility' under the 'How to Apply' tab on the Wodonga TAFE website.

MATERIALS FEES

Materials fees may apply for course enrolments.

HOW TO APPLY

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Once you submit an application for this course you will receive a separate email from LLN Robot to complete both a Digital Assessment and a Learning, Reading, Writing, Oral and Numeracy Assessment (LLN Assessment) online.

Please check your junk mail if this does not come to your inbox. All students are asked to complete the Digital and LLN assessments to determine any support requirements and to ensure the course and mode of delivery is suitable for the student.

Please allow one hour to complete the Digital and LLN assessments. You will need a computer with speakers or headphones as there is an audio section in the LLN assessment.

Your LLN and Digital assessments will need to be completed one week after receiving it to progress your application to the next stage, or your application may be withdrawn due to inactivity.

If you are unable to access the LLN assessment or the Digital assessment links please contact our Customer Experience team as soon possible.

Note: Completion of the LLN and Digital assessments does not guarantee a place in the course at Wodonga TAFE. Numbers are limited and selected applicants will be contacted to attend an interview. If an applicant is not accepted into their preferred course they will be contacted and provided information on alternate pathways and/or courses.

Please note: We reserve the right to close course intakes early. Many courses have limited places and high demand. Early applications are recommended. We reserve the right to cancel intakes and courses if there are insufficient student numbers.

PATHWAYS

Further study opportunities may include the Diploma of Community Services.

WHEN YOU CAN ENROL

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OTHER RELEVANT COURSES

Certificate IV in Community Services, Diploma of Community Services