

CHC43515 Certificate IV in Mental Health Peer Work

This course is delivered in Adelaide only.

Overview

This qualification reflects the role of workers who have lived experience of mental illness as either a consumer or carer and who work in mental health services that support consumer peers or carer peers. Workers are employed in the mental health sector in government, public, private or community managed services.

A Lived Experience (Peer) Worker is “a person who is employed in a role that requires them to identify as being, or having been a mental health consumer or carer. Peer work requires that Lived Experience of mental illness is an essential criterion of job descriptions, although job titles and related tasks vary.”

Source: <http://www.mhcsa.org.au/lived-experience/>

Practicum Requirements

To achieve this qualification, students must have completed 80 hours of practicum in a simulated work environment as detailed in the Assessment Requirements of units of competency. This component will be undertaken within Relationships Australia South Australia.

Entry Requirements

Learners in this program must have a lived experience of mental health either as direct personal experience or as a carer of someone with mental health lived experience.

Language, Literacy and Numeracy (LLN) Assessment

All applicants will be assessed for suitability and are required to undertake an online language, literacy and numeracy (LLN) assessment.

Employment Opportunities

Peer work, peer workers and peer workforce include all workers in mainstream or alternative mental health services or initiatives who are employed to openly identify and use their lived experience of mental distress or as a carer supporting someone with mental illness as part of their work. Roles and positions could include:

- Consumer peer worker
- Carer peer worker
- Peer support
- Peer advocate
- Peer educator
- Peer consultant

Tuition Fee

Full fee: \$6,000

Participants eligible for SA Government subsidies: \$1,200 (Tuition Gap Fee)

Participants eligible for SA Government subsidies with valid concession card: \$500.00 (Tuition Gap Fee)

Duration

12 months

Delivery Mode

Blended learning – Online and compulsory classroom sessions

Study Requirements

This program has 22 face to face classroom contact days and 16 Online tutorials. This program is equivalent to 15 to 20 hours of study per week. This program includes 80 hour work based practicum.

Students will be required to undertake self-directed learning outside of classroom delivery.

Prior Recognition of Learning (RPL)

You may be eligible for recognition of prior learning (RPL) for this qualification. Please see our website for more details.

Qualification Pathways

Eligible to undertake a Diploma qualification.

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Dates	Unit of study	Units of competency
10 Feb to 18 April 2025	Foundations of Mental Health Practice	CHCDIV001 Work with diverse people HLTWHS001 Participate in workplace health and safety CHCMHS007 Work effectively in trauma informed care CHCLEG001 Work legally and ethically
28 April to 18 July 2025	Client-centred Care and Diversity	CHCCCS020 Respond effectively to behaviours of concern CHCCCS003 Increase the safety of individuals at risk of suicide CHCCCS019 Recognise and respond to crisis situations CHCDIV002 Promote Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural safety
28 July to 3 October 2025	Peer Work Principles and Practice	CHCPWK001 Apply peer work practices in the mental health sector - 80 hour work based practicum CHCPWK003 Apply lived experience in mental health peer work CHCPWK002 Contribute to the continuous improvement of mental health services
13 October to 19 December 2025	Advanced Mental Health Support and Advocacy	CHCMHS005 Provide services to people with co-existing mental health and alcohol and other drugs issues CHCMHS011 Assess and promote social, emotional and physical wellbeing CHCMHS008 Promote and facilitate self-advocacy CHCADV001 Facilitate the interests and rights of clients

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Enrolments

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