CHC43015
CERTIFICATE IV IN AGEING SUPPORT
This nationally recognised qualification will enhance your existing skills as an aged care worker.

Community Services and Health is Australia’s largest industry grouping employing 9% of the workforce (ABS 2012a). An ageing population, a decline in births and an increasing lifespan all contribute to this growth.

This growth rate means there is a need for qualified care workers who have great skills to work with the elderly.

With this certificate you combine both classroom-based theory studies with practical training in a simulation lab where industry specific skills are taught and developed before undertaking a compulsory work placement in an aged care facility.

You need to be able to:

› Carry out daily activities to maintain an individual’s wellbeing through personal care.
› Provide services to individuals with complex needs.
› Promote independence and community.

Is the career path right for you?

You need compassion and a genuine desire to help the elderly, high energy, enthusiasm and an ability to connect with people.

It is recommended that you complete the Certificate III in Individual Support before undertaking the Certificate IV in Ageing Support as the Certificate III is entry level qualification.

An aged care employee - level 4 must hold a Certificate III qualification. Aged Care Award (June 2015).
Entry Requirements

**English language requirements:** This course requires you to read learner guides, articles, handouts and assessments. You require a level of English proficiency to undertake in-class discussions and simulations with your trainer and fellow learners, and also whilst on work placement.

**Age:** 18 years and over.

**Education requirements:** Year 11 or equivalent.

**Fitness:** Work in this industry can be physically demanding and learners need to be reasonably fit. Bending, reaching, stretching and kneeling are common movements required by disability workers.

**Duration**

38 weeks, includes 120 hours of compulsory work placement. If students have completed Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing) the duration will be less.

**I.T. Requirements**

This course requires learners to have the ability to access a reliable internet connection to be able to use our student portal for on-line activities. You will need Microsoft Office or similar and be able to use basic Word and Excel programs. Our on-line portal can be accessed through computer and mobile devices. It is recommended that you have your own laptop.

SA & NSW INTAKE DATES

Rolling student intake. Please ring 1300 245 433 for next available start date.

**Articulation Pathways**

Students may elect to undertake HLT54115 Diploma of Nursing or enrol in a Bachelor of Nursing degree at University.

Others may decide to broaden their community services skills and study CHC52015 Diploma of Community Services, CHC51015 Diploma of Counselling or CHC50315 Diploma of Mental Health.

**RPL:** RPL kit available on request.

**Learning Materials**

Textbook:

› ‘The Experienced Carer’: Frontline Leaders in Australia’s Aged Care Workers’ Helen Croft
› McGraw Hill Educator Connect Master
› Learner guides
› Additional readings
› Web links to articles
› DVD’s and Youtubes
› Work placement guide
Your Course

Your trainers have many years’ experience in working in aged care. All have current industry experience and related qualifications. They are passionate about preparing students to work in with the elderly.

“Aged care workers make a valuable contribution to the daily lives of the elderly and deliver high-quality services to the aged.”

4Life staff are here to help you succeed and we want nothing more than to help you graduate.

Some of the ways we can assist you are by:

› Providing on-going contact and personalised support.
› Making a wide range of personal and academic support available to assist you to succeed.

4Life offers a framework of positive education while you develop the skills to become an effective aged care worker. Your days will be filled with group discussions, written activities, role plays, interactive class activities and practical skill development, all expertly designed to assist you to understand and work as an aged care worker.
Course Structure: This qualification has 18 units of competency, which includes 15 core units and 5 elective units.

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Please note that delivery may vary slightly.
**Work Placement**

Most units in this qualification require assessment to be undertaken in the workplace. There are 120 hours of work placement in this course.

4Life will arrange and coordinate your work placement, however many students find work placement themselves near where they live.

Workplace assessment involves evaluation of the student, over a range of practical skills, under actual workplace conditions and over several occasions. Students will be well prepared for their placement as they will have practised these skills under the supervision of their 4Life trainer.

Students currently employed in an appropriate workplace may complete their assessment requirements within their own workplace and do not require finding a host employer.

Workplace assessments consist of three individual parts:

a) Logbook, which requires the learner to document the hours worked including a range of practical tasks observed by their buddy or supervisor.

b) Observation by their trainer carrying out a variety of tasks while working with their clients and or other team members.

c) Related written assessment tasks that vary from reflection to writing case notes and understanding policies, procedures and operations.

**Please note work placement is not paid work.**

**Additional Requirements**

Prior to commencing work placement there are a range of requirements that you may need to meet. These include:

**National Criminal Record Check**

Students will be required to undertake a Criminal Record Check (CRC) to obtain a National Police Check. Students need to apply at least 6 weeks prior to undertaking work placement.

**Please note that the above costs are the responsibility of the student and not included in course fees.**

**Uniform:** 4Life College provides students on work placement with two (2) polo shirts.

Whilst on work placement students are required to wear navy or black slacks/trousers/skirts and enclosed flat soled shoes (not sport runners). These costs are the responsibility of the student.

**Insurance**

4Life College provides insurance cover for the compulsory work placement and will provide an insurance certificate to your host employer.
GETTING HERE IS EASY

SYDNEY – AUSTRALIA IN THE HEART OF SYDNEY CBD

4Life College Sydney is close to many transport options including buses and trains. In the heart of the CBD you are near to Darling Harbour, restaurants, cafes and shops galore.

ADELAIDE – SOUTH AUSTRALIA 10 MINUTES FROM ADELAIDE CBD

4Life College Adelaide is surrounded by eateries and shops, just minutes from the Adelaide city centre. There are many bus links you can access to get you here quickly and easily.