CHC51115 Diploma of Financial Counselling

Overview

This qualification is for people who have a committed interest in providing one-to-one counselling, support and advocacy for people who find themselves in financial difficulties usually of a serious nature and have a poor financial health for recovery without assistance and are at risk of homelessness, bankruptcy, suicide, and disenfranchisement. Students who enrol in this course are committed to serving their community in the provision of Financial Counselling in a financial counselling agency that has met the requirements for the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC).

This program meets the industry need to provide national accredited training and education in the field of Financial Counselling within the community sector.

Duration

The duration of the course is 18 months. While the volume of learning for a Diploma is typically 1– 2 years, our duration of 18 months is based on learners bringing existing skills and knowledge to attain this qualification. Variation of duration will occur depending on the availability of a suitable work placement and the time per week, a student is able to commit. We recommend a minimum of 20 hours per week.

Participation

This qualification is delivered online and requires students to participate in scheduled synchronous online meetings with facilitators and other students. Access to a secure and stable internet connection, web camera, headset and microphone are essential requirements to participate in this course.

A work placement of 220 hours is a requirement of this qualification. This work placement must be under the direct supervision of an accredited financial counsellor.

Entry Requirements

To gain entry into CHC51115 Diploma of Financial Counselling it is recommended that candidates have sufficient relevant work experience to indicate likely success at this level of qualification in a job role involving:

- The self-directed application of knowledge with substantial depth in some areas
- The exercise of independent judgement and decision-making
- The application of relevant technical and other skills

All applicants are required to have completed a language literacy and numeracy assessment prior to beginning the course. Where there are concerns, the Course Coordinator will make contact with the learner and negotiate a learning and support plan.

Employment Opportunities

- Financial counsellor
- Senior financial counsellor
- Rural financial counsellor
- Emergency Relief Workers

Work Placement

To achieve this qualification, the candidate must have completed 220 hours of mandatory supervised work placement.

Qualification Pathways

Entry point: **CHC51115 Diploma of Financial Counselling** may lead toward employment as:		For further study and career advancement in the area of Training and Education the following qualifications apply: • **CHC51015 Diploma of Counselling** • **CHCSS00111 Problem Gambling Skill Set**
• Financial Counsellor • Financial Literacy facilitator		• Counsellor • Problem Gambling Counsellor

Cost

Full Fee: $500 Application Fee (Non-Refundable), $7000 Tuition Fee (Payment Plans Available)

Modules and Units of Competency

This qualification is made up of 17 units of competency: 14 core units and 3 elective units (e)

Module	Duration	Code	Unit
Counselling Skills and Knowledge	8 weeks	**CHCCSL001** **CHCCSL002**	Establish and confirm the counselling relationship Apply specialist interpersonal and counselling interview skills
Technical skills, knowledge and attributes in Financial Counselling*	15 weeks	**CHCFIN001** **CHCFIN002** **CHCFIN003** **CHCLEG002**	Facilitate the financial counselling process Identify and apply technical information to assist clients with financial issues Develop and use financial counselling tools and techniques Interpret and use legal information
Working for clients interests rights and needs	22 weeks	**CHCADV001** **CHCADV005** **CHCCDE002**	Facilitate the interests and rights of clients Provide systems advocacy services Develop and implement community programs
Responding to individual and community issues	16 weeks	**CHCCCS019** **CHCDIV001** **CHCCCS004(e)** **CHCCSM005(e)** **CHCDFV001(e)**	Recognise and respond to crisis situations Work with diverse people Assess co-existing needs Develop, facilitate and review all aspects of case management Recognise and respond appropriately to domestic and family violence
Applying theory to practice	16 weeks	**CHCCSL003** **CHCCSL007** **CHCPRP003**	Facilitate the counselling relationship and process Support counselling clients in decision-making processes Reflect on and improve own professional practice

******this module must be completed prior to commencing work placement*

Enrolments and Further Information

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