

## 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/>

### Work Placement Requirements

To achieve this qualification, students must have completed at least 120 hours of work as detailed in the Assessment Requirements of units of competency.

- All placements must be approved by the Institute prior to commencement to ensure the required work-based learning and assessment can be completed.
- Wherever possible, a work placement within a program of Relationships Australia SA will be organised, but this is not guaranteed, and students need to seek placements at other organisations.
- Students on placement within RASA must meet the mandatory requirements for working with children checks, National police clearance, and COVID-19 vaccinations.

### 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: \$5,000

Participants eligible for SA Government subsidies: \$1,000 (Tuition Gap Fee)

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

### Duration

10 months

### Delivery Mode

Blended learning – Online and compulsory classroom sessions

### Study Requirements

This program has 17 face to face classroom contact days. This program is equivalent to 15 to 20 hours of study per week.

This program includes 120 hour student placement / 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
5 February to 1 April 2024	<b>Foundations of Peer Work</b>	CHCPWK001 Apply peer work practices in the mental health sector CHCPWK003 Apply lived experience in mental health per work (includes 80 hours of placement) CHCLEG001 Work legally and ethically
5 April to 20 May 2024	<b>Promote Wellbeing</b>	CHCADV001 Facilitate interests and rights of clients CHCMHS007 Work effectively in trauma informed care CHCDIV002 Promote Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander safety
24 May to 22 July 2024	<b>Working for Change</b>	CHCMHS008 Promote and facilitate self-advocacy CHCMHS011 Assess and promote social, emotional and physical wellbeing CHCPWK002 Contribute to the continuous improvement of mental health services for consumers and carers CHCDIV001 Work with diverse people
26 July to 7 October 2024	<b>The Complexity of Peer Work</b>	CHCCCS019 Recognise and respond to crisis situations CHCMHS004 Work collaboratively with the care network and other services CHCMHS002 Establish self-directed recovery relationships
11 October to 29 November 2024	<b>Staying Safe at Work</b>	HLTWHS001 Participate in workplace health and safety HLTWHS006 Manage personal stressors in the work environment

Please note you have 12 months to complete your Work Placement from the completion date of your final Unit of Study (please refer to your timetable).

## Enquiries

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## Enrolments

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