



Aboriginal  
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HLT40213

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## Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/ or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care Practice

This qualification reflects the role of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people working to provide a range of clinical primary health care services to Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander clients and communities, including specific health care programs, advice and assistance with and administration of medication.

These workers can be expected to flexibly assume a variety of job roles and undertake a broad range of tasks either individually or as a member of a multidisciplinary team. Aboriginal Health Practitioners and other Aboriginal Health Workers are not authorised to possess, supply or administer medicines in NSW under the NSW Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Act 1966 and the Poisons and Therapeutic Goods Regulation 2008.

## Job Roles

On completion of this course, job roles may include

- ▶ Aboriginal Health Practitioners
- ▶ Child and Maternal Health Worker
- ▶ Chronic Disease Worker
- ▶ Regional Eye Health Worker
- ▶ Regional Ear Health Worker.

## Pre-requirements

On entry to the course students must supply evidence of the following mandatory checks:

- ▶ Australian Federal Police (AFP) National Criminal History Check
- ▶ Working With Children Check (WWCC)
- ▶ Immunisations and screening.

### Student Registration with AHPRA

Under the National Law, all students enrolled in an approved program of study, or who are undertaking clinical training, must be registered as a student with their respective National Board. Students must be registered prior to the commencement of their approved program of study or clinical training and will remain registered for the duration of study, or until they are no longer enrolled.

Students do not need to apply for registration. Under the National Law, AH&MRC of NSW RTO is responsible for ensuring that all students enrolled in an approved program of study or who are undertaking a period of clinical training are registered with AHPRA.

### Limitations on scope of practice

Students should be familiar with the limitations on scope of practice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners within their relevant jurisdiction. Although Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Practitioners may undertake training and simulated competency assessments in

medications as part of their training, they are only authorised to administer medications in line with current State/Territory legislation.

To find out the current limitations on scope of practice in your state or territory visit: [www.ahpra.gov.au/about-ahpra/what-we-do/legislation](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/about-ahpra/what-we-do/legislation)

## Entry Requirements

Enrolment within this course will focus on recruiting students from the following:

- ▶ Must be Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, as the course contains Aboriginal Health Worker units, and is designed for AHW roles, which are identified positions, open only to ATSI people
- ▶ Existing workers working in an Aboriginal community setting or with Aboriginal clients and communities without prior qualifications and needing to gain at least entry qualification or Aboriginal workers seeking a career transition with appropriate workplace access and life experience
- ▶ Completion of a Certificate III or above (or equivalent), **or**  
Completion of a senior secondary certificate of education (or equivalent), **and**  
Be 18 years or above at the date of entry
- ▶ LLN Level 3 or above in all areas of the assessment at a level capable of reporting information
- ▶ Intermediate computer skills, including the ability to access and search the internet, use software (such as Microsoft Word) to create documents, upload and download documents, attach as use devices such as USB flash drives
- ▶ Access to a computer and high-speed internet access in order to access the materials on the Organisation's online learning platform (Moodle).

**Note:** for students in remote locations without consistent access to highspeed internet, arrangements can be made to submit assessments by email.

## Course Duration

The course has a **24 months duration** and consists of **12** blocks.

- ▶ Recommended course hours 2,033
- ▶ Mandatory work placement hours 800 (500 hours of which must be clinical work placement experience, to be eligible for registration by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia).

## Course Structure

Total number of units = 21, including:

- ▶ 14 core units
- ▶ 7 elective units.

### Core units

- ▶ CHCLEG001 Work legally and ethically
- ▶ HLTAHW005 Work in an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander primary health care context
- ▶ HLTAHW006 Facilitate and advocate for the rights and needs of clients and community members
- ▶ HLTAHW016 Assess client's physical wellbeing
- ▶ HLTAHW017 Assess and support client's social and emotional wellbeing
- ▶ HLTAHW018 Plan, implement and monitor health care in a primary health care context
- ▶ HLTAHW019 Deliver primary health care programs for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander communities
- ▶ HLTAHW020 Administer medications
- ▶ HLTAHW021 Provide nutrition guidance for specific health care
- ▶ HLTAHW022 Address social determinants of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander health

- ▶ HLTAHW037 Support the safe use of medications
- ▶ HLTAID003 Provide first aid
- ▶ HLTINF001 Comply with infection prevention and control policies and procedures
- ▶ HLTWHS001 Participate in workplace health and safety.

### Suggested elective units

- ▶ CHCPRP003 Reflect on and improve own professional practice
- ▶ CHCCCS003 Increase the safety of individuals at risk of suicide
- ▶ CHCAOD004 Assess needs of clients with alcohol and other drugs issues
- ▶ CHCMHS001 Work with people with mental health issues
- ▶ HLTAHW034 Provide healthy lifestyle programs and advice
- ▶ CHCCDE007 Develop and provide community projects
- ▶ HLTAHW028 Provide information and strategies in chronic condition care.

*If you have achieved other electives, relevant to the industry vocational outcome, it may be possible to course credit or RPL*

## Delivery Method

Course will be delivered via blended learning solution as follows:

- ▶ Students will be required to attend a total of twelve blocks which consists of:
  - Some blocks via face-to face classroom based learning at the Little Bay Campus in Sydney
  - Some blocks via Online live delivery via Zoom sessions
- ▶ The remainder of the course content will be provided via Moodle as pre and post learning activities.

## Assessment Tasks

- ▶ Written questions
- ▶ Written reports
- ▶ Self-assessment on performance criteria with third party (workplace supervisor) sign off
- ▶ Portfolios
- ▶ Practical assessment (observation) in a simulated clinical setting.

## Credit Transfers and Recognition of Prior Learning

Applicants are encouraged to apply for

- ▶ Credit Transfer (where they have already completed a unit(s) in another course of study)  
**or**
- ▶ Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), which recognises skills and knowledge that already meets the requirements of a unit of competency.

**Note:** Credit transfer and RPL reduces the workload in gaining recognition with a formal qualification. Students are encouraged to identify units they may be eligible to gain course credit/RPL and to contact the RTO Training Team Leader for further information.

## Resources

Students will be provided with via the AH&MRC's Moodle online learning platform

- ▶ Learner guides and other learning resources
- ▶ Assessments for each unit.

*Learners will submit completed course work through Moodle. If a learner does not have access to high speed internet arrangements can be made for submission via email. It is the responsibility of the learner to retain a copy of all submitted course work.*

## Course Fees

- ▶ Full course fee: \$10,110  
(This course is subsidised by the NSW government, and eligible NSW students may access fee support through Smart and Skilled Funding)
- ▶ Additional costs may be incurred in obtaining Occupational Health Clearances
- ▶ Travel and Accommodation may be subsidised for eligible students.

## Award

This is a nationally recognised course from the HLT Health Training Package. Students who successfully complete all the assessments will be awarded with

- ▶ HLT40213 Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care Practice.
- ▶ National registration with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia.

Students who complete some, but not all units of the qualification, will receive a statement of attainment for those units successfully completed.

## Educational Pathways

HLT40213 Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/ or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care Practice can be a pathway into further studies such as Diploma of Counselling or other Community Services or Health qualifications.

## Enrolments

To enrol, please submit an expression of interest via [www.ahmrc.org.au](http://www.ahmrc.org.au). Our RTO Administration Team will send you an enrolment pack which you will need to complete and submit with supporting documentation.

Further information can be found on [www.ahmrc.org.au/education-training/student-information/](http://www.ahmrc.org.au/education-training/student-information/)

Or you can contact the office:

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## Our History

The Aboriginal Health and Medical Research Council (AH&MRC) of NSW RTO is a result of a long-term vision of the AH&MRC to establish and maintain an Aboriginal community-controlled education institution to provide culturally appropriate, nationally recognised courses in the Aboriginal health.

In pursuit of this vision, the AH&MRC Board endorsed the establishment of the college in 2002 and the Registered Training Organisation (RTO) status was achieved in 2004.

We offer qualifications in a range of areas including:

- ▶ Alcohol and Other Drugs
- ▶ Primary Health Care.



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