

Certificate III in Health Services Assistance – (VDSS)

COURSE CODE: HLT33115

Description:

Interested in working in a health care environment? This course provides you with the practical skills and knowledge needed to support healthcare professionals and care for patients in a range of health service settings.

It focuses on client care, communication, and practical skills to work in healthcare environments ideal for students passionate about health and community support. Supervision may be direct, indirect or remote, according to the individual Allied Health Assistant's scope of practice and experience.

To achieve this qualification, the candidate must have completed required hours of clinical placement.

You will learn things like:

- Take clinical measurements such as temperature, pulse, and blood pressure
- Assist patients with movement, transport, and personal care under supervision
- Prepare and maintain beds and client care environments
- Respond appropriately to behaviours of concern
- Apply basic infection control and food safety practices
- Communicate effectively with patients and healthcare teams
- Work with diverse people and within legal, ethical, and WHS guidelines
- Interpret and use medical terminology accurately
- Provide first aid and CPR in health emergencies
- Understand healthy body systems and support wellbeing
- Organise personal work priorities and contribute to a professional, team-based care environment

Does this sound like you?:

- Are caring, empathetic, and passionate about helping others
- Are reliable, responsible, and committed to professional conduct
- Have strong communication and teamwork skills
- Are comfortable working around people with diverse needs and in clinical environments
- Are able to follow instructions and work under supervision
- Can manage tasks safely and efficiently in fast paced or sensitive environments

INFORMATION PROVIDED AS A GUIDE ONLY.

Please check details with nominated RTO prior to enrolment.

Venue & RTO:

RTO	Location	Delivery
GOTAFE (RTO : 3094)	Shepparton, Wangaratta and Seymour	Wednesday face to face
Melbourne Polytechnic (RTO : 3075)	Greensborough	Wednesday face to face 1 - 4pm

Fees:

Your school VET Coordinator can advise on fees.

Course length:

1 to 2 years depending on provider and unit selection

How to apply:

Speak to your school's VET Coordinator and complete the VDSS application form. Placement is subject to availability and school approval.

Qualification and Recognition:

- This program provides recognition of VCE VET credit. Students undertaking HLT33115 Certificate III in Health Services Assistance are eligible for up to six VCE VET units on their VCE, VCE VM, or VPC statement of results: two Units at 1 and 2 level and two Unit 3–4 sequences. Students wishing to receive an ATAR contribution must opt in to undertake scored assessment.
- Entry into registered apprenticeships or TAFE programs

Career Opportunities:

- Allied Health Assistant
- Therapy Assistant (e.g., physiotherapy, occupational therapy)
- Pathways to Certificate IV or Diploma in Health, Community Services, or Nursing
- Entry-level roles in hospitals, aged care, disability support, and rehabilitation centres
- Community Rehabilitation Assistant
- Podiatry Assistant