

Growing stronger living longer: AH&MRC Chronic Disease Conference 2014



*Presentation on new revised Aboriginal Primary
Health Care qualifications and Chronic Disease
Skills Set*

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Acknowledging the traditional custodians of the land on which we are meeting and acknowledging and respecting all Elders past and present





Background to the new qualifications

- ❑ 11 July 2013 the new qualifications came into being
- ❑ Old qualifications still recognised
- ❑ Qualifications and the units connected to them can be viewed by visiting www.training.gov.au and searching the title and/or the code



Background to the new qualifications

- ☐ Now no pre-requisites for entry to any course up to RTO and employers to determine
- ☐ However more bridging (cross-over) between Certificate II, III, IV, Diploma and Advanced Diploma
- ☐ Now effectively the first part of the course at one level includes key component of the course at the level immediately below (e.g. Diploma includes key Certificate IV units and Certificate IV including key components of Certificate III)



The process

Significant national consultation process by the Community Services and Health Industry Skills Council (CSHISC) – our industry peak Training Advisory Body with funding from Health Workforce Australia (HWA) led to revised qualifications for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Workforce with a view to consistency for national registration and pathways



The new qualifications

- HLT20113 Certificate II in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care
- HLT30113 Certificate III in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care
- HLT40113 Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care
- HLT40213 Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care Practice
- HLT50113 Diploma of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care
- HLT50213 Diploma of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care Practice
- HLT60113 Advanced Diploma of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care



Overview of levels

- ☐ Certificate II is for both school students on a pathway and for community members assisting with health promotion and care in a community
- ☐ Certificate III in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care – entry level working under supervision
- ☐ Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care Primary Health Care – non clinical role
- ☐ Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care Primary Health Care Practice – clinical role



Overview of levels

- ☐ Diploma in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care – Senior Health Worker
- ☐ Diploma in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care Practice – Senior Health Worker Clinical role
- ☐ Advanced Diploma in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care – for Senior Health Workers with a team under their supervision CEOs etc.



The clinical –Registration context

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker roles exist in metropolitan, regional and remote.

Practitioners in a clinical role - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioners must be registered with the Australian Health Practitioners Registration Agency (AHPRA).

They may perform clinical roles within community controlled and mainstream health organisations.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner is a protected title under section 113 of the National Law.

The Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Health Care (Practice) is the qualification for registration as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner.



What are the major changes?

- More streamlined
- Clearer link between Certificate II- III – IV and Diploma
- Much clearer pathway between Certificate IV Primary Health Care and Certificate IV Primary Health Care Practice
- Certificate IV Primary Health Care covers around 70% of the Certificate IV Primary Health Care Practice



Extra units – the other “30%”

3 key large units to gain Practice after/ on top of Certificate IV Primary Health Care

HLTAHW020 Administer Medications

HLTAHW018 Plan implement and Monitor Health Care in a primary health care context

HLTAHW016 Assess clients physical well-being

These are a major focus as they are “big units” in terms of skills and knowledge requirements



Other changes to note

Certificate IV Primary Health Care –
Community Care dropped from title

between Certificate IV Primary Health Care
Practice - Practice no longer in brackets



New medication units

- ☐ Safe use of medicines starts at Certificate III has a new unit
- ☐ HLTAHW015 Work under instructions to support the safe use of medication
- ☐ at Certificate IV Primary Health Care there is a HLTAHW037 Support the safe use of Medications unit
- ☐ In Practice there is then an HLTAHW020 Administer Medications
- ☐ At the Diploma Primary Health Care Practice level there is a new unit HLTAHW071 Manage medicines in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander health care



Changes for us in delivery – key points

Ensure transportability of skills across borders for national Registration in a context of state “Scope of Practice” – using simulation where needed

Greater emphasis on clinical hours (500 clinical 800 all up) and workplace observations of a range of clinical procedures

Clinical logbook - 5 observations of a range of procedures by a current Registered Health Provider) and one summative assessment by an assessor



Short course

Now importantly for participants at this conference

there is now also a short course covering a nationally recognised Skills Set in Chronic Disease (CHCSS00007)

Depending on funding this can be delivered by the AH&MRC Aboriginal Health College



CHCSS00007 Chronic Disease Skills Set

- ☐ CHCICS406B Support client self management
- ☐ CHCICS407B Support positive lifestyle
- ☐ CHCICS408B Provide support to people with chronic disease

These units are not specifically Aboriginal Health Worker units but can form the electives within a full qualification

Would also offer the core HLTAHW021 Provide nutrition guidance for specific health care



What we offer

A range of short courses and qualifications are offered by the AH&MRC Aboriginal Health College throughout the year with various starting times

Our nationally recognised courses are listed at <https://training.gov.au/Organisation/Details/91020>

and www.ahc.edu.au



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