HUMAN SERVICES – HEALTH SERVICES ASSISTANCE (ASSISTING IN NURSING WORK)

**Qualification**

| HLT33115 Certificate III in Health Services Assistance |

**RTO**

| TAFE NSW Illawarra RTO 90006 | [http://www.tafeillawarra.edu.au/](http://www.tafeillawarra.edu.au/) |

**Brief course description**

This course is accredited for the Higher School Certificate (HSC) and provides students with the opportunity to obtain nationally recognised vocational qualifications. This is known as dual accreditation. This qualification reflects the role of a variety of workers who use a range of factual, technical and procedural knowledge to provide assistance to health professional staff for the care of clients. Health services assistance involves the worker in direct client contact under supervision.

**Occupations**

Nurse’s aide, operating theatre technician, orderly, patient support assistant, ward assistant, ward clerk. Employment in public and private acute health care facilities.

**Pathways**

The Diploma of Nursing and Bachelor of Nursing.

**Recognition**

All students enrolled in TAFE NSW may apply for Credit Transfer, Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) or Articulation arrangements. For more information visit the [NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) website](http://www.tafeillawarra.edu.au/).

**Course Type**

Industry Curriculum Framework

**Indicative hours**

300 hours over 2 years

**HSC units and category**

4 Preliminary and/or HSC units in total - Category B status for Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR). For more information on understanding HSC results visit the [NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) website](http://www.tafeillawarra.edu.au/).

**Qualification Packaging Rules**

To achieve this qualification, students must demonstrate competency in 15 units of competency – 7 core units and 8 elective units.

**Core/HSC Mandatory Units of Competency**

- CHCCOM005 Communicate and work in health or community services - core
- CHCDIV001 Work with diverse people - core
- HLTAAP001 Recognise healthy body systems - core
- HLTAID003 Provide first aid – HSC mandatory
- HLTINF001 Comply with infection prevention and control policies and procedures - core
- HLTWHS001 Participate in workplace health and safety - core
- HLTA001 Assist with nursing care in an acute care environment – HSC mandatory
- BSBMED301 Interpret and apply medical terminology appropriately - core
- BSBWOR301 Organise personal work priorities and development - core

**Elective Units of Competency**

- CHCCCS002 Assist with movement
- CHCCCS020 Respond effectively to behaviours of concern
- CHCCCS026 Transport individuals
- HLTA002 Provide non-client contact support in an acute care environment
- CHCAGE001 Facilitate the empowerment of older people
- CHCAGE005 Provide support to people living with dementia

*Electives may vary between delivery sites to meet local demand*
| **Work Placement** | Students must complete a minimum of 80 hours industry [work placement](#) to meet HSC requirements. Under some circumstances, students’ part-time work in an appropriate workplace may be used to fulfil work placement requirements. Work placement will be arranged through a Work placement Service Provider. |
| **Delivery** | The course will be delivered in general purpose classrooms, simulated health learning environments, library and computer rooms. The mode of delivery will include blended delivery, class self-paced learning and on the job training. Proposed delivery at TAFE NSW Cooma, Shellharbour and Wollongong. Schools will be advised when timetables are available. |
| **Exclusions** | Refer to the [NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) website](#) for information on [VET course exclusions](#). |
| **Employability Skills** | Information on employability skills in Human Services is available on the [NESA website](#). |
| **Competency Based Assessment** | Students in this course work to develop the competencies, skills and knowledge described by each unit of competency above. To be assessed as competent a student must demonstrate to a qualified assessor that they can effectively carry out tasks to industry standards. Students will be progressively assessed as ‘competent’ or ‘not yet competent’ in individual units of competency. |
| **N Determinations** | Where a student has not met NESA course completion criteria, including meeting the mandatory work placement requirement, they will receive an “N” determination (course not satisfactorily completed). The course will not count towards the HSC although units of competency achieved will still count towards an AQF qualification. |
| **External Assessment (optional HSC examination)** | Students completing this course are eligible to sit a written HSC examination, which may be used in the calculation of an ATAR. The examination is independent of the competency-based assessment undertaken during the course and has no impact on the eligibility of a student to receive an AQF VET Statement of Attainment. |
| **Appeals** | Students may lodge an appeal about assessment decisions through their VET teacher. |
| **Enrolment and Funding** | Enrolment and funding arrangements for externally delivered VET courses is provided to students via the school VET Coordinator or Careers Adviser. |
| **SBATs** | A school-based traineeship is available in this course, for more information visit the: [School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships in NSW website](#). |
| **Support Services** | TAFE NSW is committed to helping students reach their goals by providing a wide range of support and services. VET courses are available to all students including those with special education needs. More information is available on the [NESA website](#). For more information on all of our Support Services visit the [TAFE NSW Support for Students Website](#) or call 1300 766 123. |
| **Additional Information** | Students will be provided with a [Student Guide](#) and participate in a campus/course induction process prior to course commencement. |