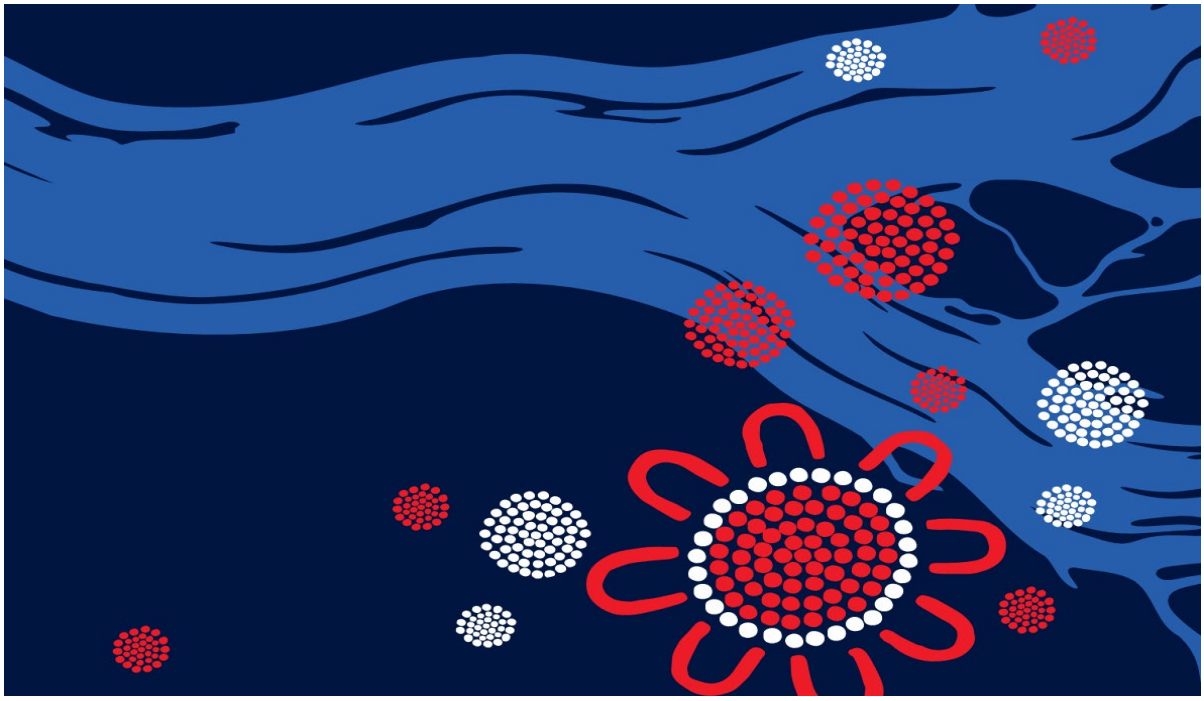
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HLT40221 Certificate IV Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care Practice

(Release 2)



Course Outline

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1. Course description

The HLT40221 Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care Practice prepares students for a rewarding career supporting the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as part of the primary health care workforce.

This nationally recognised qualification equips students with the knowledge, skills and practical experience to deliver culturally safe health promotion, preventative health care, clinical support services, and social and emotional wellbeing support to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander individuals, families and communities. Students learn to work collaboratively as members of multidisciplinary healthcare teams across a range of health settings.

At UOW College Australia (UOWCA), students will develop the skills required to provide safe, effective and person-centred care in accordance with care plans, organisational policies, legislation and industry standards. The course includes mandatory work placement, providing valuable opportunities to apply learning in real-world healthcare environments and build practical workplace experience.

Graduates may be eligible to apply for registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) as an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practitioner, subject to AHPRA requirements being met by the trainee and registered training organisation.

Employment opportunities exist within Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOs), government health services, and non-government organisations delivering primary health care and wellbeing services to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

This qualification also provides pathways to further study, including the UOW Bachelor of Nursing and the Graduate Certificate in Indigenous Trauma and Recovery Practice.

The course is designed for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students who wish to study on Country in the Bega Valley region while developing the skills to make a meaningful difference in the health and wellbeing of their communities.

2. How you will learn

The HLT40221 Certificate IV in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care Practice will be delivered in a traineeship model meaning you will earn and learn in the workplace (available in Bega, NSW). You will study with UOW College one day per week on the UOW Bega campus and complete additional days each week in the workplace.

While on campus you will learn the theory component through a range of activities such as

- PowerPoint delivery
- Yarning
- Guest Speakers
- Research activities
- Group Work
- Interactive activities

The basis for your practical skills development will occur with a range of activities both within the classroom and simulation labs on campus, while your workplace component allows you to further practice and develop these skills.

In addition to scheduled classes, and work hours you'll need to dedicate up to 2 hours of additional study per week. This includes time for reading, completing assessment tasks, and viewing online content. Be sure to plan out your weekly schedule.

3. Course and Units of Competency

Students are required to study 19 Units of Competency, 14 Core and 5 Elective, throughout the duration of this course and complete a minimum two days per week in their traineeship role in the workplace.

Code	Subject Name
Core	
CHCCOM002	Use communication to build relationships
CHCLEG001	Work legally and ethically
HLTAADV002.	Support the rights and needs of clients.
HLTAHCS004	Complete comprehensive physical health assessments
HLTAHCS006	Implement complex health care plans
HLTAHPR007	Promote lifestyle change
HLTAMED002	Support the safe use of medications

Code	Subject Name
HLTAMED003	Administer medications
HLTASEW002	Assess and support the social and emotional wellbeing of clients
HLTAWOR002	Work in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander primary health care
HLTAWOR003	Use and promote reflective practice in Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander primary health care
HLTAWOR004	Provide support to address social and cultural determinants of client and community health
HLTINF006	Apply basic principles and practices of infection prevention and control
HLTWHS001	Participate in workplace health and safety
Electives	
HLTAID011	Provide first aid
CHCCCS014	Provide brief interventions
CHCCCS019	Recognise and respond to crisis situations
HLTAHCS010	Provide support to clients with chronic disease
HLTWHS006	Manage personal stressors in the work environment

* Electives subject to change at UOW College discretion in accordance with training package rules and industry requirements.

4. Delivery and class attendance

UOW College offers a traineeship model for students to access this qualification.

Traineeship

- Face to Face classes at the UOW Bega Campus each Thursday 9am – 4pm.
- Remainder of days in the workplace – hours as set by employer.
- Your competency will be assessed through written and on campus simulation assessments, as well as workplace assessment tasks.
- Duration 2 years.

To ensure students have sufficient class time to learn and understand course requirements, UOW College requires a minimum of 80% class attendance. Students who do not meet this minimum will be identified as 'at risk' and measures put in place to assist course progression.

5. Workplace Component

You will be employed as a trainee Aboriginal Health Practitioner within your workplace.

As part of the employment process, you will be required to provide mandatory checks & clearances. These may vary between employers

- Confirmation of Aboriginality

  - Required by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) for registration as an Aboriginal Health Practitioner on completion of course

- National Police Check
  – Must be current and meet host employer requirements
- Working With Children Check (WWCC)
  – Required where placement involves interaction with minors

6. What you will need

- Laptop (and charger) with Microsoft Office installed (available to download for free as a student of UOW College)
- Enclosed leather or synthetic upper shoes and appropriate clothing for practical simulation labs
- Notepad and pens for notes

7. Assessment

- Each assessment task will be marked either Satisfactory OR Unsatisfactory.
- You are required to get each question correct or perform each task correctly to be Satisfactory in an assessment task – the is NO grading You have 2 attempts at each assessment task.
- It is important to get all assessment in by the due date. Talk to your trainer as soon as you are aware of a genuine situation where you may require an extension – note extensions will not be granted within three days of the due date.
- You need to be awarded Satisfactory (S) in all assessment tasks to be deemed Competent (C) in a Unit of Competency

8. Student Supports

There will be multiple supports available to students as they progress through this qualification including:

- Weekly face to face classes in a group setting with highly experienced trainer
- Sign up and traineeship management from Bamara Training Services
- Learning Skills support with UOW Learning Skills Advisor
- UOW Accessibility and Counselling services
- Scholarships and support through Woolyungah Indigenous Centre

- Weekly Indigenous mentoring support face to face via Barranggirra program Illawarra Aboriginal Corporation – Bega Office
- Drivers training and transport support from Campbell Page Eden

9. Student expectations, conduct and academic integrity

- UOWC has standards, codes, policies, guidelines, procedures and other requirements which specify acceptable and unacceptable student conduct, to provide a safe learning environment for all.
- Academic integrity is a core value at UOW. It involves acting with honesty, fairness, trust and responsibility and requires respect for knowledge and its development. All work submitted for this course must be your own.
- You will need to notify the Trainer if you are running late or not attending via email or Webex platforms.
- Missed practical assessments must have a medical certificate or statutory declaration.
- It is a mandatory requirement of this course that students participate in all practical learning experiences to develop required industry knowledge and skills.
- Demonstrate professionalism; punctuality, effective communication skills, active listening, role modelling, leadership and respect for all staff and peers.