About this course

Are you interested in working in acute care settings?

Health Services Assistance is a physically demanding career which provides assistance to professional healthcare staff for the care of clients.

You will have direct contact with clients and assist them with personal care, communication, mobility and rehabilitation. You will be required to implement programs and procedures to maximise client well being. Acting as an assistant to a nurse or medical practitioner, your working environment can be varied. You may need to work shift hours and will need to use equipment designed for manual handling. This course has a focus on mental health and includes Department of Health units for acute care settings.

- Delivered on campus two days per week Tuesday and Thursday classes scheduled from 0800-1430
- Includes a compulsory practical placement at a mental health facility in 2nd term of program for 2 week blocks.
- Includes a compulsory text purchase prior to class start date.
  - Enter the number into the search bar
At South Metropolitan TAFE, the "Acute Care" stream of Certificate III in Health Services Assistance, is only available at Murdoch Campus.

You will be required to have the following checks prior to work placement. All forms and information will be emailed to you on enrolment, by the Health placement team:

- National Police Clearance (Form available at the post office. Needs to be completed and submitted to post office asap)
- Working With Children Check
- Medical screening and immunisations
- Uniform is a requirement for this course (This requirement will be discussed on the first day. Uniform is navy blue scrub top and pants, with closed in shoes.)

Core Skills Required

Overview

All year round, 2019

Murdoch - Part Time-Self Paced-RPL

- Duration: 6 Months
- When: All year round
- How: Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

Semester 1, 2020

Murdoch - Full Time-Classroom

- Duration: 1 Semester
Semester 2, 2019

Murdoch - Full Time-Classroom

Duration: 1 Semester

When: Semester 2, 2019

How: Full Time

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Entrance requirements

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Study pathway
Certificate III in Health Services Assistance

Certificate III in Health Services Assistance (Assisting in Nursing Work in Acute Care)

Certificate IV in Preparation for Health and Nursing Studies

Certificate III in Sterilisation Services

Diploma of Nursing

Job opportunities

Nursing Support Worker Orderly Person Care Assistant Therapy Aide

Fees and charges

Indicative fees and charges

2020 general admission fees list
2020 apprenticeship/traineeship fees list

Fees and charges published on our website are indicative. Your fees will depend on your eligibility for government funding or a concession rate, and the units you choose to study or seek to be recognised under Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). Our Indicative fees lists show fees that are:

- Based on the full possible study plan of units, including the recommended electives
- Based on full time study in 2019
- Charged at the government funded rate for over 18 years of age students
- Based on unit electives designed to meet localised industry demand for skills
- Made up of course fees and resource fees, or RPL fees. Course fees are the cost of your tuition, while resource fees pay for consumables provided to you to aid your study (such as printing and paper). You may also be required to purchase text books or equipment that are not part of our tuition or resource fees.
Fees may vary between students and between educational providers. Other charges may apply. Visit our [Fees and payment options](#) page for more information.

Call 1800 001 001 to get a more accurate fee indication based on your eligibility and study plan before applying.

**VET Student Loans**

Selected courses are VET Student Loan eligible courses.

A VET Student Loan creates a debt that must be repaid to the Commonwealth and is only available to students who are eligible.

To find out if you are eligible or to see the list of eligible courses visit our [Student Loans](#) page.

**International students**

Selected courses are available to International students for full time study only.

Fees, charges, available locations, applications and enrolment procedures for International students are different to those for students who have Australian permanent residency.

For more information or to find a course visit the [TAFE International WA](#) website.

**Apprenticeships and traineeships**

Fees for apprenticeships and traineeships are charged at a rate per nominal hour of study.

This means that your fees will vary depending on the units you study as part of your training plan.

Apprentices and trainees are liable to pay for their own fees but some industrial agreements (awards) dictate that employers are required to reimburse their apprentice upon receipt of satisfactory progress. An employer may also opt to pay on behalf of the apprentice or trainee.

For more information visit our [Apprenticeships and traineeships](#) page.

**Recognition of Prior Learning**

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) enrolments are charged at $3.25 per nominal hour of study.

No concession fees apply to RPL enrolments. Refer to the institutional or apprenticeship/traineeship fee lists for an indicative RPL course fee.

Please note, fees are subject to change.