

# CHC33021 – Certificate III in Individual Support

## Frequently Asked Questions.

### How long is the course?

Our delivery options vary, and we have a range of full time and part time study options.

Check our website and course pages for course durations.

The full-time course is 27 weeks (includes 4 weeks of full-time work placement) Three days attendance on Campus and one online day. Also plan for additional study time to get assignments completed.

**Please note** – we deliver two specialisations in the CHC33021 Certificate III in Individual Support. and these are on separate pages.

[CHC33021 - Certificate III in Individual Support \(Ageing\) | TasTAFE](#)

[CHC33021 - Certificate III in Individual Support \(Disability\) | TasTAFE](#)

### Can I do the course fully online?

No – our course is not fully online. We provide a mixed mode of delivery and attendance is required at all our sessions. Virtual sessions are not recorded.

Students must engage and progress through the learning at the required rate to remain active in the course.

### How much Workplacement is involved?

You must successfully complete at least 120 hours of Workplacement. This is scheduled over four weeks (full time – Mon – Friday) & incorporates a range of shifts.

**Can I find my own work placement?** – No TasTAFE organise Workplacement for you.

**Can I use my place of work for placement hours?** This depends on a range of factors; we recommend speaking with one of our Course Teachers who can advise you about the assessment requirements.

### Is the course free?

Limited Fee Free places are currently available for this course. Places are limited & not guaranteed. See our website in relation to eligibility.

There is an additional \$50 materials fee that is payable and not part of Fee Free Tafe

There is a cost to getting the Police Check and WWVP Registration, NDS endorsement and Flu Vaccination.

### What if I already work in the sector?

It may be useful to talk to your employer about a traineeship.

## How do I apply?

You will need to apply online and set up a Tafe learner id in our Learner portal, have your USI available. [Home page | Unique Student Identifier](#) and you will be invited to attend a course conversation with a Teacher as part of the application process.

## What other checks do I need?

A current National Police Check free from serious offences.

Working with vulnerable persons registration (volunteer status)

Immunisation record

## Do I need a COVID vaccination to apply for the course?

No, due to changes in the health advice, it is no longer a requirement for you to provide a COVID Vaccination on application. We still highly recommend that you have the COVID vaccination, as some of our work placement hosts still require it and it provides good protection to yourself and the people you will be supporting on work placement.

You will be asked to provide your immunisation evidence /record when you apply to the course, to ensure we can match you with an appropriate host. [How to get immunisation history statements - Australian Immunisation Register - Services Australia](#)

## How demanding is the course?

The course can be physically demanding and on work placement you will expect to undertake the duties of a Support Worker / Residential Worker.

You will need to be able to stand for long periods of time, able to move and use lifting equipment.

You will need to allow additional time to the scheduled study days, we recommend allowing an extra 8 hours per week to complete assignments and assessments.

**Personal care** is a requirement of the course work, and you will be provided with the necessary training to equip you with the skills. Once employed you may be in a role that requires minimal personal care tasks, however, to complete the course you will need to do the tasks.