



Aged Care

Why Study Aged Care?

Community services and health industries are among Western Australia's top growth industries. An ageing population, acute labour shortages, combined with employers demanding a flexible and qualified workforce, means your new career in health and community services is filled with diverse and interesting opportunities.

Aged Care graduates will find their typical workday is filled with enriching experiences as they contribute to the care and maintain the dignity of senior members of our community. The industry enjoys a supportive and team oriented work environment within a rewarding career.

Studying Aged Care can also open new pathways to nursing and further studies.

Why Study Aged Care at West Coast TAFE?

- Students can study the Certificate III Aged Care and Certificate III Home and Community Care concurrently and be qualified in both after just 10 weeks of full-time study. This concurrent study includes 120 hours of practical placement (100 hours practical placement if studying a single unit.)
- Study program incorporates both theory and practical training and all lessons teach current, quality and relevant workplace competencies.
- Lecturing staff have relevant industry experience within a range of settings including home and community care and within aged care facilities.
- Industry partnerships include a range of community service facilities where students are placed for work experience and/or visited on student excursions to gain a deeper understanding of theoretical teachings.
- Most students gain employment from their workplace practical placement.
- Many students choose to further their studies in Nursing and can financially support themselves by working in aged care while doing this.
- Those already working in community care may be eligible for a Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) package.
- Employers may be eligible for government incentive payments for training workers in a traineeship capacity.

Courses	Career Opportunities
Certificate III Aged Care	This certificate offers graduates the opportunity to work in hostels and nursing homes; opens a pathway to studying nursing; and through further study options graduates can progress to management positions.
Certificate III Home and Community Care	This certificate offers graduates the option of working in home and community care assisting people in their own homes or in adult day care centres. The certificate opens a pathway to studying nursing and through further study options graduates can progress to management positions.

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