



Why Study Allied Health Assistance?

Allied Health Assistants work in a variety of settings to promote participation and functional independence in every day activities for people affected by illness, injury or social disadvantage. Employment as an Allied Health Assistant offers diversity, challenge and opportunity to work in interesting fields such as private or public hospitals, community rehabilitation including in the client's home, aged care facilities, schools, prisons, mental health clinics, private practice clinics and community health centres.

Allied Health Assistants work under the supervision of qualified Allied Health practitioners such as Occupational Therapists, Speech Therapists and Physiotherapists. Allied Health Assistants frequently enjoy the flexibility of part-time or full time work arrangements with high employment demand for Assistants across industry.

Examples of Assistant activity responding to the Therapy Care Plan outlined by the Allied Health Practitioner include; retraining people in self care skills such as showering and dressing, retraining walking perhaps with use of aids such as a walking frame or walking stick, delivering opportunity for participation in meaningful and orientating activities for someone with mental health problems or dementia such as outings, modifying environments or equipment for improved client access and independence, supporting a child with learning difficulties to develop independence in life skills, assisting feeding retraining, running (under direction) individual one-on-one or group therapy sessions etc.

Allied Health Assistants have options in studying at Certificate III and Certificate IV level with enhanced pathways to university study if desired.

Why Study Allied Health Assistance at West Coast TAFE?

- Competitive study costs
- Solid industry partnerships mean a variety of interesting student placements and job placements are offered in major public and private hospitals, aged care facilities, mental health clinics, schools and community health facilities
- Lecturing staff are highly qualified and have relevant, current industry experience in backgrounds such as Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, Speech Therapy and Nursing.
- Course pathways from Cert III to Cert IV and beyond offer you opportunity to optimise knowledge and skills towards increased employment potential in the future

Courses	Career Opportunities
Certificate III in Allied Health Assistance	This certificate gives students a foundation in allied health service and graduates can find employment as an Allied Health Assistant or Therapy Assistant working with professionals in Speech Pathology, Physiotherapy or Occupational Therapy or all of the above.
Certificate III in Allied Health Assistance Rural & Remote	Accessible only to persons in rural and remote locations, this program offered under trainee arrangements with the WA Country Health Service (WACHS) offers all of the Certificate III attributes outlined above though necessitates the student being employed/supervised by Allied Health Practitioners employed by WACHS in rural and remote locations. Other forms of supervision are subject to negotiation with West Coast TAFE.



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Certificate IV Allied Health Assistance	Offering the generic qualification, this certificate enhances the capacity of the Certificate III trained Allied Health Assistant to enable that person to work more independently under the Therapy Care Plan and across disciplines, enabling contribution to the day to day implementation of therapy programs, departmental procedures and supervision of other Assistants involved in delivery.
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