Providing professional, holistic care for elderly citizens in our community offers fulfilling and satisfying career options for those who wish to work with the aged.

Given the significant increase in the aging population in Australia, the demand for carers has increased employment opportunities.

If you have the maturity and the compassion to care for the elderly and wish to gain the fundamental skills and knowledge for this role, this is the course for you.

A career in aged care allows individuals the opportunity to satisfy their personal needs to nurture and to achieve a sense of fulfilment through the value of the work they perform.

Care workers also have the opportunity to progress to higher levels to become supervisors and managers of facilities within the industry.
The scope of aged care

Working in aged care presents unique challenges requiring a flexible and compassionate attitude to adapt to the needs of individual clients in particular situations. Providing emotional, personal and psychosocial care tailored to individual requirements is an integral part of the role and manifests itself through the daily tasks that care workers perform.

Assisting the elderly to retain their independence and maintain their personal care and grooming routines are an essential part of the role and an opportunity for the care worker to support the aged person undertaking these activities.

Arranging excursions and assisting the elderly who have restricted mobility ensuring their safety and well being at all times is another task that care workers regularly perform.

Care workers work as individuals within a team environment which provides both support for them and the clients with whom they work. In this environment it is essential that care workers are able to communicate appropriately as well as demonstrate a sensitivity to the culturally diverse backgrounds of both their clients and colleagues to establish a climate of mutual trust and understanding.

Care workers need to be particularly responsive to the needs of dealing with clients who exhibit signs of dementia and who require special support and care. In this, care workers have to be particularly mindful of the need to respond effectively to difficult and sometimes challenging behaviour to assist the client in adjusting to changing circumstances.

Personal attributes that will enhance your chances of success in this career include:

• compassionate attitude
• respect for others
• well developed communication skills
• patience
• ability to multi task
• flexibility to meet the needs of the elderly
• capacity to provide holistic care

What aged care qualifications offer you

Qualifications in aged care will provide you with the practical skills and knowledge to offer direct care to clients who are unable to care for themselves independently due to ill health or disability, in their own home, the community or in residential settings. You will learn about the aged care sector, effective communication skills, dementia and providing care for people with such a condition, safety procedures, and ethical behaviour required for work in the sector. You will also learn skills in providing direct care and support to meet the emotional, psychosocial and physical needs of the aged. As part of this qualification you will undertake a supervised work placement where you will be able to apply the skills and knowledge you have learned which will provide you with an introduction to the work force.

Employment opportunities

Successful completion of this qualification provides you with the opportunity to become a care worker of the aged in the home, the community or in residential care facilities.

Entry requirements

Certificate III in Aged Care Work

● Communication skills

A federal police clearance is required prior to work placement and employment in most community service agencies.

For more information of TAFEWA entrance requirements please visit www.tafe.wa.edu.au

Further study options.

Certificate IV in Aged Care Work

Certificate IV in Service Coordination (Ageing and Disability)

Diploma of Community Services Management

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