



**Australian Government**

# **HLT43021 Certificate IV in Allied Health Assistance**

**Release 1**

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### Modification History

Not applicable.

### Qualification Description

This qualification reflects the role of allied health assistants who provide therapeutic and program related support to persons, in the health, aged care, disability and any other settings where Allied Health Professionals provide services. Allied Health Assistants work under the delegation and supervision of Allied Health Professionals and assist in identifying circumstances and risks and report issues.

Supervision may be direct, indirect or remote and must occur within organisational requirements, according to the individual allied health assistant's scope of practice and experience.

They may be engaged to work in single discipline or multidisciplinary roles not limited to health, aged care or disability services and other settings and may also have responsibility for other allied health assistance workers according to their scope of practice.

To achieve this qualification, the candidate must have completed at least 120 hours of clinical placement as detailed in the Assessment Requirements of the units of competency.

The skills in this qualification must be applied in accordance with Commonwealth and State/Territory legislation, Australian standards and industry codes of practice.

### Packaging Rules

18 units must be completed:

- 10 core units
- 8 elective units, consisting of:
  - at least 6 units from the electives listed below, at least 4 of these units must be coded HLTAHA
  - up to 2 unit from the electives listed below, any endorsed Training Package or accredited course – this unit must be relevant to the work outcome

Any combination of electives that meets the rules above can be selected for the award of the Certificate IV in Allied Health Assistance.

Where appropriate, electives may be packaged to provide a qualification with a specialisation.

Packaging for each specialisation:

- All units from group A electives must be selected for award of the Certificate IV in Allied Health Assistance (Movement and Mobility Support)
- All units from group B electives must be selected for award of the Certificate IV in Allied Health Assistance (Nutrition and Dietetic Support)

- All units from group C electives must be selected for award of the Certificate IV in Allied Health Assistance (Communication and Swallowing Support)
- All units from group D electives must be selected for award of the Certificate IV in Allied Health Assistance (Rehabilitation and Reablement Support)
- All units from group E electives must be selected for award of the Certificate IV in Allied Health Assistance (Medical Imaging Support)
- All units from group F electives must be selected for award of the Certificate IV in Allied Health Assistance (Psychosocial Support)
- All units from group G electives must be selected for award of the Certificate IV in Allied Health Assistance (Podiatry Support)

Where two or more specialisations are completed, this should be noted on the testamur or statement of attainment when awarding the qualification.

All electives chosen must contribute to a valid, industry-supported vocational outcome.

### Core units

BSBMED301	Interpret and apply medical terminology appropriate
CHCCCS020	Respond effectively to behaviours of concern
CHCCCS036	Support relationships with carer and family
CHCCCS038	Facilitate the empowerment of people receiving support
CHCDIV001	Work with diverse people
HLTAHA027	Assist with an allied health program
HLTAHA047	Engage with clinical supervision and delegation
HLTAHA049	Recognise impact of health conditions
HLTINF006	Apply basic principles and practices of infection prevention and control
HLTWHS002	Follow safe work practices for direct client care

### Elective units

#### Group A electives – MOVEMENT AND MOBILITY SUPPORT specialisation

CHCCCS002	Assist with movement
HLTAHA028	Deliver and monitor physical or manual therapy programs
HLTAHA032	Support maintenance of functional status
HLTAHA037	Deliver and monitor a hydrotherapy program

HLTAHA038 Support the use of orthoses or prostheses

**Group B electives – NUTRITION AND DIETETIC SUPPORT specialisation**

HLTAHA039 Assist in the development of meals and menus to meet dietary and cultural requirements

HLTAHA040 Assist with the monitoring and modification of meals and menus according to individualised plans

HLTAHA041 Support food services and dietetics in menu and meal order processing

HLTAHA042 Assist with screening and management of nutritional risk

HLTAHA043 Support the provision of basic nutritional advice and education

**Group C electives – COMMUNICATION AND SWALLOWING SUPPORT specialisation**

HLTAHA034 Support the development of speech and communication skills

HLTAHA035 Provide support in dysphagia management

HLTAHA036 Assist and support the use of augmentative and alternative communication systems

**Group D electives – REHABILITATION AND REABLEMENT SUPPORT specialisation**

HLTAHA029 Support independence and community participation

HLTAHA031 Assist in rehabilitation programs

HLTAHA033 Conduct group sessions for individual outcomes

HLTAHA038 Support the use of orthoses or prostheses

HLTAHA044 Work within a community rehabilitation environment

**Group E electives – MEDICAL IMAGING SUPPORT Specialisation**

HLTAHA045 Assist management of people in medical imaging

HLTAHA046 Support the medical imaging professional

HLTINF002 Process reusable medical devices and equipment

**Group F electives – PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT Specialisation**

CHCAGE011 Provide support to people living with dementia

CHCCCS040	Support independence and wellbeing
CHCMHS001	Work with people with mental health issues
HLTAHA052	Assist with social work

**Group G electives – PODIATRY SUPPORT Specialisation**

HLTAHA030	Assist with basic foot care
HLTAHA050	Assist with podiatry exercise
HLTAHA051	Assist with podiatric procedures
HLTINF002	Process reusable medical devices and equipment

**Other electives**

BSBMED303	Maintain patient records
CHCAGE007	Recognise and report risk of falls
CHCAGE008	Implement falls prevention strategies
CHCCCS001	Address the needs of people with chronic disease
CHCCCS037	Visit client residence
CHCDIV002	Promote Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural safety
CHCPRT003	Work collaboratively to maintain an environment safe for children and young people
HLTADM008	Administer and coordinate Telehealth services
HLTAHA048	Provide allied health assistance in remote or isolated settings
HLTAHA053	Support and deliver individual hearing rehabilitation program
HLTAUD001	Assess hearing
HLTHSS011	Maintain stock inventory
HLTOTH001	Apply casts
HLTOTH003	Remove casts
HLTWHS005	Conduct manual tasks safely

## Qualification Mapping Information

Supersedes and is not equivalent to HLT43015 Certificate IV in Allied Health Assistance.

## Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=ced1390f-48d9-4ab0-bd50-b015e5485705>