



Australian Government

HLT43021 Certificate IV in Allied Health Assistance

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Modification History

Release	Comments
2	Minor change to replace superseded units of competency in the general elective bank.
1	This qualification was first released in HLT Health Release 8.0.

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.

Licensing/Regulatory Information

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this qualification at the time of publication.

Entry Requirements

This qualification has no entry requirements.

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 appropriately
CHCCCS020	Respond effectively to behaviours of concern
CHCCCS036	Support relationships with carer and family
CHCCCS038	Facilitate the empowerment of people receiving support

CHCDIV00 1	Work with diverse people
HLTAHA02 7	<i>Assist with an allied health program</i>
HLTAHA04 7	<i>Engage with clinical supervision and delegation</i>
HLTAHA04 9	<i>Recognise impact of health conditions</i>
HLTINF00 6	Apply basic principles and practices of infection prevention and control
HLTWHS0 02	Follow safe work practices for direct client care
Elective units	
Group A electives – movement and mobility support specialisation	
CHCCCS00 2	Assist with movement
HLTAHA02 8	<i>Deliver and monitor physical or manual therapy programs</i>
HLTAHA03 2	<i>Support maintenance of functional status</i>
HLTAHA03 7	<i>Deliver and monitor a hydrotherapy program</i>
HLTAHA03 8	<i>Support the use of orthoses or prostheses</i>
Group B electives – nutrition and dietetic support specialisation	
HLTAHA03 9	<i>Assist in the development of meals and menus to meet dietary and cultural requirements</i>
HLTAHA04 0	<i>Assist with the monitoring and modification of meals and menus according to individualised plans</i>
HLTAHA04 1	<i>Support food services and dietetics in menu and meal order processing</i>

HLTAHA04 2	<i>Assist with screening and management of nutritional risk</i>
HLTAHA04 3	<i>Support the provision of basic nutritional advice and education</i>
Group C electives – communication and swallowing support specialisation	
HLTAHA03 4	<i>Support the development of speech and communication skills</i>
HLTAHA03 5	<i>Provide support in dysphagia management</i>
HLTAHA03 6	<i>Assist and support the use of augmentative and alternative communication system</i>
Group D electives – rehabilitation and reablement support specialisation	
HLTAHA02 9	<i>Support independence and community participation</i>
HLTAHA03 1	<i>Assist in rehabilitation programs</i>
HLTAHA03 3	<i>Conduct group sessions for individual outcomes</i>
HLTAHA03 8	<i>Support the use of orthoses or prostheses</i>
HLTAHA04 4	<i>Work within a community rehabilitation environment</i>
Group E electives – medical imaging support specialisation	
HLTAHA0 45	Assist people management in medical imaging
HLTAHA0 46	Support the medical imaging professional
HLTINF00 2	Process reusable medical devices and equipment
Group F electives – psychosocial support specialisation	
CHCAGE0 11	Provide support to people living with dementia

CHCCCS04 0	<i>Support independence and wellbeing</i>
CHCMHS0 01	Work with people with mental health issues
HLTAHA05 2	<i>Assist with social work</i>
Group G electives – podiatry support specialisation	
HLTAHA03 0	<i>Assist with basic foot care</i>
HLTAHA05 0	<i>Assist with podiatry exercise</i>
HLTAHA05 1	<i>Assist with podiatric procedures</i>
HLTINF00 2	Process reusable medical devices and equipment
Other electives	
BSBMED3 03	Maintain patient records
CHCAGE0 07	Recognise and report risk of falls
CHCAGE0 08*	Implement falls prevention strategies
CHCCCS00 1	Address the needs of people with chronic disease
CHCCCS03 7	Visit client residence
CHCDIV00 2	Promote Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural safety
CHCPRT02 7	Work collaboratively to maintain an environment safe for children and young people
HLTADM0 08	Administer and coordinate Telehealth services

HLTAHA0 48	Provide allied health assistance in remote or isolated settings
HLTAHA0 53	Support and deliver individual hearing rehabilitation program
HLTAUD0 07	Conduct basic audiometric testing
HLTAUD0 08	Conduct audiometric testing
HLTHSS01 1	Maintain stock inventory
HLTOTH00 1	Apply casts
HLTOTH00 3	Remove casts
HLTWHS0 05	Conduct manual tasks safely

* Units listed with an asterisk have a prerequisite unit of competency, *which is also included in the appropriate group.*

Units listed in italics include a mandatory workplace requirement

Pre-requisite Requirements

Unit of competency	Prerequisite requirement
CHCAGE008 Implement falls prevention strategies	CHCAGE007 Recognise and report risk of falls

Qualification Mapping Information

Current Code and Title	Previous Code and Title	Comments	Equivalence
HLT43021 Certificate IV in Allied Health Assistance	HLT43015 Certificate IV in Allied Health Assistance	Non equivalent. Core has been updated, Specialisations have been renamed and revised to better reflect industries needs and expectations.	Not-Equivalent

		Qualification and Unit Codes have been updated	
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Links

Companion volumes, including implementation guides, are found on the national training register - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=ced1390f-48d9-4ab0-bd50-b015e5485705>.