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# **HLT41607 Certificate IV in Mortuary Theatre Practice**

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### **Modification History**

Not Applicable

### **Description**

This qualification covers workers who undertake a senior mortuary assistant or technician role in a hospital mortuary or who maintain a forensic mortuary. Some workers may also be involved in receiving, tracking and storing tissues as part of a Tissue Bank role.

This qualification is suited to Australian Apprenticeship pathways.

Occupational titles for these workers may include:

- Mortuary technician
- Pathology technician
- Post mortem assistant
- Mortuary assistant
- Mortuary attendant

### **Pathways Information**

Not Applicable

### **Licensing/Regulatory Information**

Not Applicable

## Entry Requirements

To gain entry into HLT41607 Certificate IV in Mortuary Theatre Practice a candidate must demonstrate competence through a recognised training program or recognition process, in the following units of competency from the HLT32007 Certificate III in Mortuary Practice:

BSBFLM303C      Contribute to effective workplace relationships  
HLTAMBPD401C    Manage personal stressors in the work environment  
HLTAP301B    Recognise healthy body systems in a health care context  
HLTHIR301C    Communicate and work effectively in health  
HLTHIR403C    Work effectively with culturally diverse clients and co-workers  
HLTHIR404D    Work effectively with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people  
HLTIN301C    Comply with infection control policies and procedures  
HLTMS208D    Handle waste in a health care environment  
HLTMT303D    Maintain a mortuary service  
HLTMT304D    Assist with autopsy  
HLTMT306D    Maintain, clean and store autopsy equipment  
HLTMT307B    Clean location to achieve low bacteria status  
HLTMT310D    Collect, preserve and store post mortem samples  
HLTWHS300A      Contribute to WHS processes

## Employability Skills Summary

Refer to the Topic: Introduction to the Employability Skills Qualification Summaries

## Packaging Rules

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12 units of competency are required for award of this qualification, including:

- 8 core units
- 4 elective units

A wide range of elective units is available, including:

- Group A elective which is required for work in mortuary theatre practice at this level
- Group B electives which are recommended for culturally aware and respectful practice
- Other relevant electives listed below
- Units of competency to address workplace requirements and packaged at the level of this qualification or higher in Health and/or Community Services Training Packages
- Where appropriate, to address workplace requirements, up to 2 units of competency packaged at the level of this qualification or higher in other relevant Training Packages or accredited courses where the details of those courses are available on the TGA or other public listing

**Core units**

HLTAP401B Confirm physical health status

HLTHIR506C Implement and monitor compliance with legal and ethical requirements

HLTMT407D Assist with special autopsy techniques

(Note pre-requ: HLTMT304D)

HLTMT408D Assist with forensic autopsy techniques

(Note pre-requ: HLTMT304D)

HLTMT409D Assist in the development of procedures for mortuary services

(Note pre-requ: HLTMT303D)

HLTMT416C Collect pathology specimens

HLTPAT302D Assist with microbiology testing

MSL934002A Apply quality system and continuous improvement processes

**Group A elective - required for work in mortuary theatre practice at this level**

The following unit or a unit with equivalent competency outcomes is required to work in mortuary theatre practice.

HLTHIR402D Contribute to organisational effectiveness in the health industry

**The importance of culturally aware and respectful practice**

All workers undertaking work in health need foundation knowledge to inform their work with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander clients and co-workers and with clients and co-workers from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. This foundation must be provided and assessed as part of a holistic approach to delivery and assessment of this qualification. Specific guidelines for assessment of this aspect of competency are provided in the Assessment Guidelines for the Health Training Package.

**Group B electives - recommended for culturally aware and respectful practice**

Where work involves a specific focus on Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander and/or culturally diverse clients or communities, one or both of the following electives is recommended:

HLTHIR403C Work effectively with culturally diverse clients and co-workers

HLTHIR404D Work effectively with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people

**Other relevant electives**

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BSBRES401A Analyse and present research information

BSBWOR402A Promote team effectiveness

CHCCS427A Facilitate adult learning and development

HLTMT411C Screen tissue donors

HLTMT412B Receive, store and track evidence

HLTMT514C Procure and store tissues

TAEDEL301A Provide work skill instruction