Certificate IV in Allied Health Assistance (Physiotherapy, Occupational Therapy)
State ID: AB52

About this course

Do you want to make a difference in other people’s lives? Allied health assistants work with a range of clients to improve quality of life.

After completing this course you could be employed as an allied health assistant (AHA), or with the growing need for specialised care you could find a role as a physiotherapy assistant (PTA) or occupational therapy assistant (OTA) supporting rehabilitation and developmental therapy programs. You may find employment in both public and private health settings such as hospitals and community rehabilitation, aged care facilities, schools, mental health clinics, private practices and not for profit organisations.

You will learn how to work with children, adults and older people with a range of physical disabilities, mental health conditions, developmental delays, communication difficulties and/or social disadvantage, all done with the knowledge of safe work practices, legal and ethical considerations and current industry standards.

You will gain the required knowledge and skills through classroom discussions, simulation activities and workplace learning. Then you will undertake six weeks of full-time placement which North Metropolitan TAFE organises for you via our range of industry partners. Online learning makes up a small part of the course delivery but you will also have access to online resources to reinforce classroom learning.

You will have access to a team of allied health professionals who are able to share their experiences and support your learning throughout the course.

Some students have gone on to study allied health degrees at university after this course has ignited their passion.

Gain these skills

- Specific therapeutic interventions
- Effective communication with clients and team
- Supporting individual client needs
• Managing therapy groups
• Use of assistive equipment

Is this course right for me?

I have the following attributes:

• Enjoy working with people
• Have strong communication and interpersonal skills
• Energetic, positive attitude and passion for helping others
• Caring, understanding, patient and calm

Details

Entrance requirements

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Job opportunities

Therapy Assistant

Other job titles may include:

• Physiotherapy Assistant
• Allied Health Assistant
• Occupational Therapy Assistant

Please note this list should be used as a guide only as job titles and qualification requirements may vary between organisations.

Important information

You do not need to have completed a Certificate III in Allied Health Assistance first but some students may find this beneficial especially if you are returning to study after a long break or upon leaving high school. If you enjoy working with people, have strong communication/interpersonal skills and believe you have the ability to study at a certificate IV level it may be possible for you to enter this course.

Fees and charges

View our Indicative Fees list
Local full time students

Course fees are made up of two components, tuition fees and resource fees.

**Tuition fees** are determined by multiplying the course fee rate by the nominal hours, which is the number of hours in which an average student could be expected to complete each unit. They are not the hours of training or instruction.

**Resource fees** are charges for material that are essential to a course or unit, and are purchased by NMT to be used by students during the course.

Fees may vary depending on the units you are enrolled in so an approximate amount has been shown. You will be given the exact amount of your fees at enrolment. Part time student fees will vary depending on the number of units you are enrolled in.

Please note, you may also need to buy textbooks or equipment for your course.

**International Students**

Check [TAFE International WA](https://www.tafeinternational.wa.edu.au) to confirm this course is available to international students. You will pay your tuition fees to TIWA.

**Please note, fees are subject to change.**