About this course

Strengthen the voices of vulnerable people

You will learn about current approaches to mental health that **focus on the person not the illness**. The Diploma of Mental Health will enable you to undertake community service work that includes mental health.

Working in the community services industry you will provide services to clients in relation to mental health issues that may include case management, referral, advocacy, individual support, and education/health promotion services.

Gain these skills

- Advance communication skills
- Complex problem solving
- Critical thinking
- Understanding the complexity of issues facing people with mental health issues
- Advanced teamwork
- Research and project development skills

Is this course right for me?

I have the following attributes:

- 18+ years of age
- Able to undertake research and self directed learning
- Proactive, positive, enthusiastic, energetic
- Build and maintain professional relationships
- Problem solving

Delivery mode information

Part-time
With part time study you will be completing your course on-campus with face to face contact with your lecturers and fellow students during every-day class activities.

**Qualifications are broken down into stages to try and suit your availability.**
If you are planning on completing a Certificate III or IV level course we will recommend that the course be broken into 2 or 3 stages over 12 - 18 months
If you are planning on completing a Diploma level course we will recommend that the course be broken into 3 or 4 stages over 18 - 24 months

A Work Placement is compulsory for students undertaking a Certificate IV or Diploma as some units in these qualifications require you to demonstrate your skills in a work place setting. These units will be highlighted on your study plan. **You will need to be enrolled in the appropriate units to be offered a work placement - it is not a standard for all enrolments.**

**To enquire or enrol please fill out the Course Enquiry Form**

**Work-based**
Workplace training offers a flexible, self-paced study program which combines workplace recognition of prior learning and individualised ‘gap’ training to attain your qualification.

Workplace training means every time you go to work you are learning and demonstrating competence whilst working towards your qualification. The flexibility of workplace training allows you to structure and perform learning and assessment in a way that fits into your professional and personal life.

Learning and assessment plans are created on an individual level in consultation with you and/or your employer. Workplace training assessment is conducted using numerous methods including practical demonstration and observation, question and answer interviews, written tasks, supervisor reports and workshops.

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**Details**

During your course of study, NMTAFE may use a variety of learning practices to ensure you get the best outcome for your learning journey. This may include online learning, face-to-face classroom, laboratory/workshop delivery, work placement or a combination of these, depending on which is most appropriate.

**Entrance requirements**

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**Please note entry into this course is competitive.** All applicants will need to attend a mandatory interview with the Course Coordinator and complete a short Literacy assessment. The interview and assessment will take approximately 1 hour. The interview is an opportunity to discuss what you can expect from the course and what will be expected of you should you be offered a position. Interviews will be conducted at Joondalup, Leederville and Midland campuses in the week commencing 22 June. You’ll receive further information when you apply, including how
to book your interview.

**It is recommended that you are over the age of 18 before enrolling in this course as the work placement and employment outcomes are very limited for students under the age of 18.**

### Further study
Graduates may be eligible for university entry into Social Science courses.

### Job opportunities

- Welfare Support Worker | Community Worker | Community Support Worker

Other job titles may include:

- Mental Health Worker | Mental Health Support Worker
- Mental Health Outreach Worker
- Case Worker
- Recovery Partner

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

### Important information

Please note eligibility for supervised work placement is subject to obtaining a satisfactory **Police Clearance**. You will also need a **Working with Children Check** if your placement involves contact with children. **Additional costs** will include $65 National Police Clearance, through Australia Post (it is best to apply for this first) and $11 Working With Children Check (WWCC).

### Fees and charges

#### 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](http://TAFE International WA) to confirm this course is available to international students. You will pay your tuition fees to TIWA.

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