CHCAOD2A – Orientation to the alcohol and other drugs sector

Orientation to the Alcohol and Other Drugs Sector is part of the Certificates III and IV, Diploma and Advanced Diploma in Community Services (Alcohol and Other Drug Work). CHCAOD2A has the following elements of competency and performance criteria.

- Work within the context of the alcohol and other drugs sector.
  - All work in the sector reflects consideration of the historical context of the sector.
  - All work reflects consideration of the changing social, political and economic context.
  - All work reflects consideration of the interrelationship of issues affecting clients in the alcohol and other drugs sector.

- Develop knowledge of the alcohol and other drugs sector.
  - Work reflects knowledge of the current issues that impact on the work area/organisation and different models of work.
  - In collecting information about the work role and the organisation’s role, the views of key stakeholders and representatives from relevant target groups are sought and used in accordance with organisation policies and procedures.

- Demonstrate a commitment to the central philosophies of the alcohol and other drugs sector.
  - Work undertaken demonstrates consideration and understanding of the underpinning values and philosophies of the sector.
  - Work in the sector demonstrates a commitment to access and equity principles.
  - Personal values and attitudes regarding alcohol and other drugs use are identified and taken into account when implementing work activities.
Learning units that relate to this competency

The following learning units relate to CHCAOD1A – Introduction to the alcohol and other drugs sector:

- the sector, service provider, client and you
- models of treatment
- harm minimisation
- historical perspective
- drug ID1
- statutory frameworks.

What Learning Units Do I Do?

You can undertake the Learning Units for this competency in any order, but the suggested learning sequence for this competency is:

- the sector, service provider, client and you
- historical perspectives
- statutory frameworks
- drug ID1
- harm minimisation
- models of treatment.
## Assessment

Your tutor will discuss the requirements for the assessment with you.

You may be asked to demonstrate your skills and knowledge by satisfactorily completing the learning activities described below.

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• Craig  
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Activity 3 – Legislation and Policy

You may need to undertake part or all of your assessment on the job and your tutor will advise you on the requirements, if this is the case.
Qualifications and competencies

Units of competency – AOD Stream

The nine specialist alcohol and other drugs competencies in the Community Services Training Package are packaged into five qualifications:

- Certificate II in Community Services (Alcohol and Other Drugs Work)
- Certificate II in Community Services (Alcohol and Other Drugs Work)
- Certificate IV in Community Services (Alcohol and Other Drugs Work)
- Diploma of Community Services (Alcohol and Other Drugs Work)
- Advanced Diploma of Community Services (Alcohol and Other Drugs Work).

The nine specialist units of competence covered by this toolbox are:

- CHCAOD1A – Introduction to the Alcohol and other drugs sector
- CHCAOD2A – Orientation to the alcohol and other drugs sector
- CHCAOD3A – Provide first point of contact for potential clients
- CHCAOD4A – Support people with alcohol and other drugs issues
- CHCAOD5A – Provide services to clients with alcohol and other drugs issues
- CHCAOD6A – Work with clients who are intoxicated
- CHCAOD7A – Provide needle exchange services
- CHCAOD8A – Work with clients who have alcohol and other drugs issues
- CHCAOD9A – Provide alcohol and other drug withdrawal services.
The alcohol and other drug specialisations are combined with common competencies from the Community Services Training Package to form a qualification. Each alcohol and other drugs specialisation competency may be packaged into more that one qualification. The following table shows each specialist unit of competence relates to the AOD qualifications (C=compulsory, E=elective)

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Refer to the Community Services Training Package for more information on the competencies required for each qualification.