COMMUNITY SERVICES AND MENTAL HEALTH

A day spent working in community services means supporting people to make positive changes in their lives. If you are driven to help others, while also being passionate about your own career progression and future job prospects, TAFE NSW has a range of courses that can help you to achieve your goals.

**Job opportunities**

The need for professional support services in metropolitan and rural areas has created a surge in demand for qualified community service professionals, with an expected annual industry growth rate of 8.4% to 2024.

**Industry partnerships**

Grow your industry skills through work experience opportunities with leading community services providers.

**Annual growth +8.4%**

The Community Services and Health Industries are the largest and fastest growing in Australia. Job prospects in the major cities are excellent and the same is true in rural and regional areas where there is high demand for community workers.

**Earning Potential**

The median weekly salary for a community worker is $1,328.

**QUALIFICATIONS YOU CAN EARN AT TAFE NSW**

A fulfilling and rewarding career in Community Services and Mental Health awaits. Gain professional skills and knowledge in a course designed and delivered by industry experts when you study at TAFE NSW. Not only can you earn an industry-recognised qualification, but you'll build the hands-on skills and professional connections needed to ensure your career gets off to the best start.

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<td>Bachelor of Community Services</td>
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**FEES FOR YOUR COURSE**

A range of criteria apply for course fees, access to government subsidised training, student loans, payment by instalment, fee concessions and fee exemptions that are available to eligible students. The training for all or some of the courses listed is subsidised by the NSW Government under Smart and Skilled funding. Visit tafensw.edu.au/enrol/fees.

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SHORT COURSES YOU CAN STUDY AT TAFE NSW

If you’re looking to get a taste of the Community Services industry or want to expand your existing skills, TAFE NSW has a community services and mental health short course to suit your needs.

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<td>Statement of Attainment in First Aid</td>
<td>900-81000</td>
<td>1 day</td>
<td>HLTAI003 Provide first aid This course will provide you with up to date first aid procedures. You will learn how to respond in an emergency situation, communicate details of the incident and evaluate your own performance.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Statement of Attainment in Mental Health</td>
<td>SG00001254</td>
<td>12 weeks</td>
<td>CHCMH5001 Work with people with mental health issues The nationally accredited course prepares you to work effectively with those experiencing mental health issues.</td>
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<td>TAFE Statement in Accidental Counselling</td>
<td>800-000408</td>
<td>1 day</td>
<td>Non-Nationally Recognised. This is a practical mental health training workshop that provides non-counsellors with a range of skills to work effectively with people who may be distressed, agitated or in crisis. It gives participants a practical framework, with skills in reflective listening, dealing with crisis, setting boundaries and self-care.</td>
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<td>TAFE Statement in Trauma Informed Care</td>
<td>800-000403</td>
<td>1 day</td>
<td>Non-Nationally Recognised. This workshop is aimed at individuals currently working in the health and community services sector and other similar areas. Trauma refers to extreme stress that can overwhelm a person's ability to cope. This training will offer an understanding on how trauma affects the lives of individuals and communities and provides a framework in which to respond with sensitivity and a strength base.</td>
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<td>TAFE Statement in Understanding the Impacts of Alcohol and Other Drugs</td>
<td>800-000410</td>
<td>1 day</td>
<td>Non-Nationally Recognised. This short course training is suitable for people who are currently employed in areas of work where they may need to increase their understanding of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs and their impact on people's lives.</td>
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Visit our website for more short courses.

*This course is superseded. You can still enrol in this course, and you will be contacted if you need to transition into the next version when it is available.

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HOW YOU CAN GROW YOUR CAREER

When you study with TAFE NSW, there are any number of courses that lead to an even greater number of career opportunities. However, before you can earn certain qualifications, you may have to complete some pre-requisite courses. Below are some examples of career progression pathways you could follow.

TVET (SCHOOL)

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CONDITIONAL ENTRY

- TAFE NSW Bachelor of Community Services (HE20528)
- Pathways to higher education include TAFE NSW degrees as well as other discipline related pathways with university partners to degrees. Additional information about articulation and credit transfer agreement can be located on the TAFE NSW Credit transfer website and the specific partner website.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT 131 601

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