



Diploma of Hearing Device Prescription and Evaluation

Details

TAFE NSW Course No: **18273**

National Code: **HLT51307**

Description

This course is for people who work or want to work as a hearing aid audiometrist.

You will learn to screen for and assess hearing impairment, and to take appropriate action based on the results of your testing. Such actions could include referral for further audiological or medical assessment, and the prescribing and dispensing of hearing aids and other assistive devices that can assist in hearing rehabilitation excluding cochlear implants and bone anchored hearing aids. Actions could also include working with clients and their carers in hearing health education programs to maximise the participation of hearing impaired people in aspects of personal and community activities that are part of their personal need or aspiration.

You will also learn how to contribute to work effectiveness in health care settings by acquiring skills in infection control, occupational health and safety, and how to work independently, and as part of a broader hearing health team. In your preparation for work you will also develop awareness of the need to maintain confidentiality, and in other ways work within ethical frameworks that underpin audiometry practice.

The Health Training Package (HLT07) identifies six (6) units of competency from HLT41307 Certificate IV in Audiometric Assessment as prerequisite for entry to this qualification. If you have not already successfully completed these units of competency prior to enrolment in this course, you must complete these units, before commencing other units that are part of this course. Contact the campus prior to enrolment for more information.

The nominal duration for this course is 975 hours. Depending on the electives chosen and the need to complete the six (6) prerequisite units of competency required by the Training Package, you will participate for between 630 and 1035 hours.

To complete this course, you will need to complete audiometry training in audiometry practice settings where you will engage with a wide range of people, including the young, the elderly, and people with communication difficulties.

Before you can commence this aspect of the course you must successfully complete specified units to demonstrate your capacity to engage appropriately with people who are paying for service in the practice you are visiting. Before seeking enrolment, interested people are advised to speak with relevant campus staff about audiometry placement requirements.

You should be aware that if your clinical placement is in a public or private hospital or medical facility you may need to undergo occupational screening and be vaccinated against infectious diseases. Your teachers will give you further advice.



It is your responsibility to meet the requirements of compulsory work placement in terms of cost, travel, accommodation and duration, as well as other work placement requirements such as criminal record check, prohibited employment declaration and immunisation.

Career Opportunities

Hearing aid audiometrist.

Articulation

Learners who successfully complete this program are able to articulate with and receive credits for relevant units of competency from other qualifications in the Health Training Package (HLT07). Negotiations with the higher education sector for articulation from HLT51307 Diploma of Hearing Device Prescription and Evaluation have been initiated.

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Entry requirements

NSW Higher School Certificate (or equivalent)

Early Exit Points

Depending on your choice of electives, you may be eligible to receive:
HLT41307 Certificate IV in Audiometric Assessment (18272).

TAFE NSW fee information

The TAFE NSW fee for 2009 for this course is \$1214, or if the course only runs for one semester, the TAFE NSW fee is \$607.

The TAFE NSW fee is based on the level of qualification, however other fee arrangements apply for commercial courses (TAFE PLUS), international students, temporary visa holders, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, students with a disability, apprentices, trainees and government benefit/allowance recipients. Other course related costs may apply.

If your course runs for more than one semester you may have the option to pay your TAFE NSW fee in two equal half-yearly payments - the first payment when you enrol.

For more information on TAFE NSW fees, fee exemptions, fee concessions and other fee arrangements that may apply, contact your local campus.



Course Locations

The course offering status below is current at the time of viewing. A course offering status may change at any time based on demand or additional places becoming available.

| Location | Attendance modes * | Starting | Status ** | Info Session |
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| OTEN | Flexible Delivery | Jul-Dec 2009 | Proposed | - |

*Key to Attendance modes

Full Time- A weekly study attendance of between 12 and 30 hours.

Flexible Delivery- This attendance allows for learning and assessment in a variety of modes. This may include on campus, off campus, distance learning, online learning and combinations of any of these.

Part Time Day- A weekly daytime study attendance of less than 12 hours. This study pattern may include attendance on weekends.

Part Time Evening- A weekly study attendance of less than 12 hours. This study pattern may include classes starting from midday through to the evening.

**Key to Status

Available- There may be places available in this course offering. Contact the campus.

Proposed- This course offering will run only if there are enough resources and demand.

Full- This course offering is running, but there are no places available.

Withdrawn- All TAFE NSW courses run only if there are enough resources or demand. This course offering has been withdrawn at the location and in the specified attendance mode.

***Key to Info Session

Y- For this campus you may have to attend an information session prior to enrolment. Contact the campus for more details.

Course contents

Each course is made up of different core or elective units/modules - for listings see www.tafensw.edu.au. The availability of elective units/modules varies from campus to campus.

Contact information

For more information contact your local campus or the TAFE NSW Information Centre on 131 601 or make an online enquiry at www.tafensw.edu.au/contact/online.htm.

Visit our website at www.tafensw.edu.au.