

➤ Bachelor of Community Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drugs

CRICOS 075248M, Course BCH001

COURSE DETAILS

Duration

3 years

Intake

February

Campus

Berwick

Cost (2012 intake)

\$15,500 per year

Entry requirements

- Academic IELTS 7.0 with no band score less than 6.5 or equivalent
- Equivalent Year 12
- Submission of a resume outlining work/life experience or voluntary work
- Phone interview

COURSE OVERVIEW

Gain specialist knowledge and skills to work across a wide spectrum of community-based mental health, alcohol and other drug (AOD) treatment services. This qualification will give you options to work alongside clinical specialists or go on to a post-graduate qualifications.

The course is structured into 4 key areas:

Contextual Studies – build an appreciation of the broader historical, social, cultural, political, legal and economic contexts in which mental health and AOD services are delivered.

Mental Health and AOD Theory – develop a crucial understanding of the theoretical underpinnings that inform mental health and AOD practice and policy frameworks and constitute the discipline knowledge of this field.

Mental Health and AOD Support Interventions – gain experience and proficiency in professional practices and techniques.

Personal Development and Reflective Practice – develop the personal and professional attributes required of compassionate, inquiring, reflective and resilient practitioners who are able to apply their skills and knowledge competently in a professional context.

This new degree has been developed in close consultation with practitioners, academics, professional bodies, employer groups and policy makers at state and national level. Designed to meet the growing demand for highly trained practitioners in the field of mental health, alcohol and other drugs (AOD), this unique degree is the first undergraduate qualification in Australia specifically dedicated to delivering a practical, applied approach geared towards the demands of today's mental health services workplace. A graduate of this degree will have a broad set of specialised, non-clinical skills that complement the more clinical orientation of their colleagues such as psychiatrists, nurses, social workers and other professionals with focused skill sets.

PATHWAYS INTO THE DEGREE

Chisholm Course	Admission	Duration
Certificate IV in Mental Health or Certificate IV in Alcohol and other drugs	Equivalent Year 12 and IELTS 5.5 equivalent	1 year
Diploma of Community Services (Alcohol, Other Drugs and Mental Health)	Completion of either Certificate IV	1 year
Enter 3rd year of the Bachelor of Community Mental Health, Alcohol and Other Drugs	Completion of Diploma	1 year
Pathway total duration		3 years



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- Dual diagnosis practitioner
- Youth support worker
- Social welfare worker
- Residential carer
- Family support worker
- Welfare coordinator
- Refugee liaison officer
- Psychosocial rehabilitation worker
- Alcohol and other drugs worker
- Mental health worker
- Youth justice worker

ASSESSMENT METHODS

Students will participate in the following assessment methods throughout their degree studies:

- Examinations
- Essays and case studies
- Investigative research
- Reflective journal
- Online discussions
- Literature reviews
- Live assessment in simulated environment
- Simulated work tasks
- Oral presentations
- Posters
- Practical placement
- Project plans
- Progressive reports
- Group projects

COURSE STRUCTURE

YEAR 1

Semester 1	Semester 2
Contexts of the Mental Health Industry A Policy, Politics and Law A Lifespan Development AOD Issues	AOD Support Intervention Mental Health Practice A Community Development Industry Project

YEAR 2

Semester 1	Semester 2
Policy, Politics and Law B Mental Health Practice B Working with Difference Year 2 Practicum	Contexts of Mental Health Industry B Comorbidity and Complex Care Structural Counselling Processes Exploring Research

YEAR 3

Semester 1	Semester 2
Applied Counselling Working with Families and Carers Year 3 Practicum Action Research Project A	Future Scenarios for the Mental Health Industry Change, Advocacy and Sustainability Action Research Project B Working with Children and Youth <u>OR</u> Working in Aged Care

MORE INFORMATION

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