



# Health and Community Services

## What is Health and Community Services?

The Health and Community Services sector encompasses many different areas including childcare, aged care, disability care, nursing and public health. This gives you the opportunity to work in a wide range of areas depending on your education and qualifications.

## What is a Package of Learning in Health and Community Services?

A Package of Learning allows you to complete your subjects while learning about the Health and Community Services sector. Learning will not be separated into English, Maths, Science, HAAS, Technologies and Work Studies.

Instead it will be integrated into topics and big questions such as:

- Who works within the Health and Community Services Sector?
- How do we support the physical, developmental and emotional needs of those being cared for?
- What skills and knowledge is needed to be a great employee?

You will learn how the healthcare system, medical care, child care, aged care, disability care, mental health care and public health all work towards a better standard of living for all Australians.

## How much of my timetable will be focusing on the Health and Community Services Package of Learning?

Your timetable will look a little different but you will still be studying all of your Australian Curriculum subjects and will be assessed on these. The Package will take up about 60% of your learning per week. The rest of your week will focus on your optional subjects, Health and Physical Education, and other programs offered by your school.

## Why would I choose to learn through a Package of Learning?

- If you enjoy a hands-on approach to learning where you will learn about real world applications of the subjects you are studying, this package of learning may be for you.
- If you would like to learn more about, the opportunities that exist, and how the world of Health and Community Services works, this might be for you.
- Research suggests when you apply learning you gain a deeper understanding.

## Opportunities you may have during your study

You will have an opportunity to:

- solve some real-world problems
- take part in competitions or events
- undertake learning at a workplace; and
- study some nationally recognised training, as part of this Package of Learning.

You may have an opportunity for an Australian School-based Apprenticeship for years 10 - 12 as part of your Package of Learning (see the back page for possible ASbA Qualification Advancement).

## Can I study this Package of Learning for one year, or do I need to select it for both years 9 and 10?

You can study a Package of Learning in year 9 and then go back to your previous timetable for year 10, or you may wish to study it for both years 9 and 10, or just year 10. The material taught in a Package of Learning and in Australian Curriculum classes is similar, to allow you to move between the two.

You may also be able to take part in the subject Learning Through Internship.





## What careers will the Health and Community Services Package possibly lead to?

- Registered Nurse
- Receptionist
- Medical Imaging Professional
- Midwife
- Child Carer
- Physiotherapist
- Medical Technician
- Psychologist
- Aged Care and Disability Support Worker
- Welfare Support Worker
- Social Worker
- Dental Practitioner
- Nursing Support and Personal Care Worker
- Dental Assistant
- Ambulance Officer and Paramedic
- General Clerk
- Enrolled and Mothercraft nurse
- Occupational Therapist
- Massage Therapist

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To find more careers in Community Services visit myfuture career bullseye - Community Services <https://myfuture.edu.au/bullseyes/details/6--community-services>

## Does it matter if I decide I don't want to work in Health and Community Services anymore?

It's okay, you will have developed an understanding of what you need to do to be successful in work and your Australian Curriculum courses.

You'll have grown your skills in communication and time management, that you can use in many other industries.

## Why was Health and Community Services chosen to be one of the Packages of Learning?

Currently, one of the highest industry growth sectors in Tasmania is the Health and Community Services Sector. There is a 11% projected increase in the need for workers in the Health and Community Services sector towards 2024. (Dept. Of Jobs and Small Businesses, "2019 Employment Projections by Industry to May 2024")

Over the last decade jobs in the service industries, which includes Health and Community Services grew by 24%. Health, aged and disability care are the largest employers, by industry, across Australia (ABS Labour Force Survey – Employment Region – Employment by Industry, August 2020) and it is likely this trend will continue post-pandemic ("ABS Labour Force Strategy", quarterly data, May 2020).



## What will this lead to in years 11 and 12?

To support you to choose your pathway in Health and Community Services, the possible courses are listed for you below.\*

At present subjects and courses identified for future study are:

### YEAR 11/12 TASC COURSES

English Applied 2  
English Foundation 2  
English General 3 +  
General Mathematics Foundation 2  
General Mathematics 3+  
Mathematics Methods Foundation 3+  
Mathematics Methods 4+  
Introduction to Sociology and Psychology 2  
Sociology 3+  
Psychology 3+  
Life Sciences 2  
Physical Science Foundation 2  
Physical Science 3+  
Biology 3+  
Chemistry 4+  
Transdisciplinary Science 2  
Transdisciplinary Science 3

Health Studies 3+  
Food, Cooking and Nutrition 2  
Food and Nutrition 3+  
Working with Children 2  
Enterprise at Work 2

### YEAR 11/12 VET COURSES

Certificate II in Community Pharmacy  
Certificate II in Community Services\*\*  
Certificate III in Community Services  
Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care\*\*  
Certificate III in Health Services Assistance  
Certificate III in Fitness\*\*

#### Note:

Students undertaking a school-based apprenticeship or traineeship access VET Level II and III courses in line with the training plan, signed with their employers and a Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

\* Please note (subject to change) not all subjects and outcomes are available in all regions, or all year 11 and 12 schools and colleges. Check with specific school/college for more details.

+ May have recommended prior Australian Curriculum or TASC achievements, check the "online Student Guide for year 11 and 12".

\*\* N.B. Certificate courses may be offered by schools and colleges in years 11 and 12 or by TasTAFE and/or private registered training organisations.

## Beyond Year 11 & 12

### POSSIBLE UNIVERSITY PATHWAYS:

- Associate Degree in Applied Health and Community Support
- Diploma of Ageing Studies and Services
- Diploma of Dementia Care
- Bachelor of Dementia Care
- Bachelor of Health Science
- Bachelor of Laboratory Medicine
- Bachelor of Nursing
- Bachelor of Paramedic Practice
- Bachelor Pharmacy
- Bachelor of Psychological Science
- Bachelor of Social Work
- Bachelor of Education - Early Childhood

### POSSIBLE VET PATHWAYS:

- Certificate II in Community Services
- Certificate III in Community Services
- Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing and Community)
- Certificate III in Individual Support (Disability)
- Certificate III in Dental Assisting
- Certificate III in Education Support
- Certificate IV in Allied Health Assistance
- Certificate IV in Community Services
- Diploma of Nursing
- Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care
- Diploma of Community Service
- Diploma of Pharmacy Studies

Job Outlook is also very useful to look at the range of opportunities that exist: <https://joboutlook.gov.au/industries/industry-profiles/?industryCode=Q>