Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community.

Give something back and reap the rewards!
Are you passionate about people and your community?

With a Diploma in Community Services Work you will develop the skills and knowledge to work with people and communities to assist them through a range of personal and social issues. You will also have the opportunity to complete 200 hours of vocational placement within the community sector to practice your skills.

Course details:

The Diploma of Community Services Work is a 18 month course consisting of 20 units of study that are broken up into 4 major clusters of learning.

You’ll learn to:*  
• Work with people and communities to resolve issues  
• Support people in crisis  
• Work intensively with clients  
• Case manage and counsel clients  
• Implement community development strategies  
• Work within an ethical framework

* Refer to Evocca College website for full list of units

Career opportunities:

• Community Worker  
• Program Coordinator  
• Group Facilitator  
• Case Manager  
• Family Support Worker

Eligibility requirements:

The Community & Health sectors are highly regulated to protect both clients and workers. Students need to be eligible to apply for a Suitability for Working with Children Check and/or a Criminal History Check, depending on the state in which they live/work. If you are ineligible to obtain these checks, you will need to provide a letter of support from a community-based organisation who will commit to giving you 200 hours of vocational placement. Refer back to the relevant state agency website for more information. Students completing Diplomas in Community Services or Youth Work must complete two blocks of 100 hours of vocational placement in a local youth or community organisation. This placement is usually unpaid work as a volunteer. Activities completed in the placement form part of student assessments for the course.

To gain entry into CHC50612 Diploma of Community Services Work candidates must:

1. Be recognised as competent, through a recognised training program or recognition process, against the following core units of competency from CHC40708 Certificate IV in Community Services Work:
   - CHCCS411C Work effectively in the community sector  
   - HLTHIR403C Work effectively with culturally diverse clients and co-workers

   These units can be completed as part of your course.

OR 2. Have sufficient relevant experience and knowledge of community work and/or community services to indicate likely success at this level of qualification in a job role involving:

• The application of knowledge with depth in some areas and demonstration of a broad range of technical and other skills  
• A wide range of tasks and roles in a variety of contexts, with complexity in the range and choices of actions required and including work with culturally diverse clients and co-workers  
• The exercise of discretionary judgement and decision making under general guidance.

Work application requirements

To be assessed as competent in this qualification, individual workers are required to undertake supervised work placements in a relevant community service delivery setting, involving, for example, direct client work or community education or development. Evidence provided by the supervisor will contribute to assessment of the candidate’s ability to work at this level.