



COURSE OUTLINE MARCH 2025 INTAKE

CHC43515 - CERTIFICATE IV IN MENTAL HEALTH PEER WORK (CONSUMER PEER WORK)

Developed by Orygen, a global leader in youth mental health, the Certificate IV in Mental Health Peer Work (Consumer Peer Work) prepares students for roles across many mental health programs, formally acknowledging a professional application of mental health lived experience.

Students will be trained by, and access resources prepared by, accomplished industry experts, supporting them to receive high quality education with the latest and most current industry knowledge.

This is a nationally approved vocational course that is recognised throughout Australia.

COURSE AIMS

Students will gain skills and knowledge in the following areas:

- providing consumer mental health peer work (including applying lived experience);
- evidence-based mental health frameworks, standards, and practices underpinning the role of a peer worker;
- working with people from diverse backgrounds, including First Nations peoples; and,
- work health and safety within the mental health sector.

Please see the units of competency for the specific units covered in the course.

COURSE STRUCTURE

The course will be approximately a year in duration and will include 42 interactive virtual workshops, every Wednesday 10am - 4.30pm, and self-paced learning approximately six hours per week.

- Course start date: 24 February 2025
- Class start date: 5 March 2025
- Semester break one: 16 - 23 April 2025
- Semester break two: 13 - 20 August 2025
- Semester break three: 3 December 2025 - 7 January 2026
- Class end date: 4 February 2026
- Course end date: 4 March 2026

PLACEMENT

Placement is an integral component of the course; it provides opportunity to apply knowledge into practice.

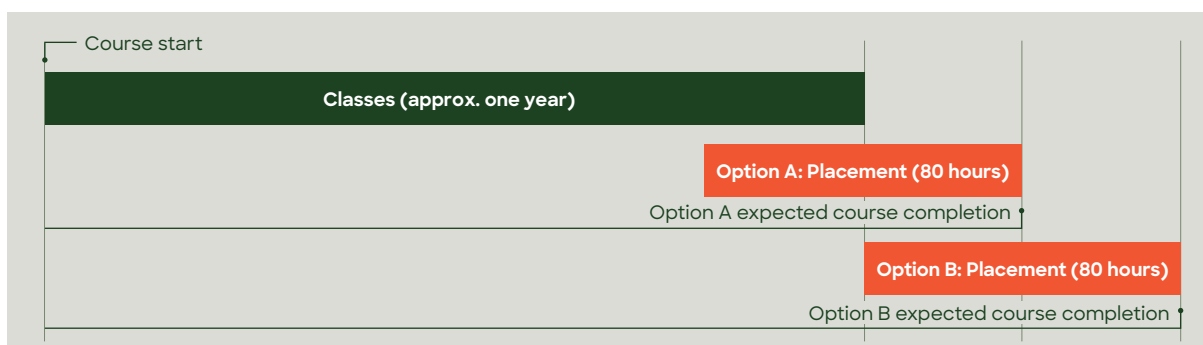
Successful completion of placement is required to obtain the Certificate IV in Mental Health Peer Work (Consumer Peer Work). Prior to attending placement, students must complete all the prerequisite classes and assessments. Please see the student handbook [here](#) for more information.

Students are required to arrange placement in an approved workplace. Students will be supported by Orygen before, during, and after placement.

Placement is required to be completed in person. The placement must be Orygen-approved and a peer worker must be available to provide direct supervision and support.



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ASSESSMENT TASKS

The assessments involved in this course have been carefully designed by industry experts to facilitate the student's development of key skills and knowledge. Assessments include written questions and reports, observational assessments, and placement.

INCLUDED MATERIALS AND RESOURCES

Students will be given access to the course materials via Orygen's online learning management system (LMS). Resources on the LMS will include learner guides, workshop recordings and slides, reading materials, and assessment templates.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

APPLICANTS MUST:

- be at least 18 years of age;
- have personal lived experience of mental ill-health and/or alcohol or other drug challenges;
- be an Australian or New Zealand citizen or permanent resident;
- have spoken and written English skills at a Year 10 or equivalent level;
- have access to a computer with an internet connection, a microphone and webcam;
- have experience using the above and navigating word processing software and internet platforms independently;
- have a valid Working with Children Check and Police Check (or be prepared to obtain both prior to placements).

No vocational experience is required. Students may need to show evidence of vaccination requirements for work placement.

GRADUATE OPPORTUNITIES-

Future possible work opportunities may include peer practitioner, mental health peer support worker, or consumer advocate, in a variety of mental health settings.



UNITS OF COMPETENCY

Listed below are the 15 units making up the course. 'Core' units are mandatory for all students, across all Certificate IV in Mental Health Peer Work (Consumer Peer Work) courses.

'Elective' units are units that are mandatory to successfully complete the course with Orygen RTO. All providers will have the same number of elective units, but the specific units may differ between course providers.

All units must be successfully completed to complete the certificate.

CORE UNITS - 8 units	
CHCDIV001	Work with diverse people
CHCMHS007	Work effectively in trauma informed care
CHCMHS008	Promote and facilitate self-advocacy
CHCMHS011	Assess and promote social, emotional, and physical wellbeing
CHCPWK001	Apply peer work practices in the mental health sector
CHCPWK002	Contribute to the continuous improvement of mental health services
CHCPWK003	Apply lived experience in mental health peer work
HLTWH001	Participate in workplace health and safety

ELECTIVE UNITS - 7 units	
CHCPWK004	Work effectively in consumer mental health peer work
CHCCCS019	Recognise and respond to crisis situations
CHCDIV002	Promote Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural safety
CHCGRP002	Plan and conduct group activities
CHCMHS002	Establish self-directed recovery relationships
CHCMHS003	Provide recovery oriented mental health services
CHCMHS005	Provide services to people with co-existing mental health and alcohol and other drugs issues

FURTHER INFORMATION

TUITION FEES

This course is fee for service: \$901 paid on enrolment and every 10 weeks thereafter, totalling \$4,505.

Week	Payment
0 (At enrolment)	\$901
10	\$901
20	\$901
30	\$901
40	\$901
44 (Last class)	-

Other payment plans are available upon request.

Please note we cannot accept more than \$1500 at the time of enrolment. Orygen is not associated with any government-funded subsidies or other financial support arrangements.

2025 SCHOLARSHIPS

Orygen is pleased to announce 15 scholarships worth \$5000 each are available to eligible applicants pursuing this qualification.

For more information, please see

[Orygen's website](#).

STUDENT PAYMENTS BY SERVICES AUSTRALIA

This course meets the requirements of an approved course of education and study from an approved education provider for the purpose of qualifying for a student payment.

Information about student payments can be found on the [Australian Government Services Australia website under 'Education'](#).



CREDIT TRANSFER (CT)

Credit Transfers (CT) is the procedure of granting credit to a student for studies successfully completed at another Registered Training Organisation. Students will be required to provide a formal transcript to demonstrate successful completion.

If a student already has academic credit for any of the course units, Orygen can award a credit transfer. To access this, the student must complete a credit transfer application. Please note that there are no additional costs associated with accessing credit transfers. Discounts off the total tuition cost is available per credit transfer accessed. For access to the credit transfer policy, including the discount structure, [click here](#).

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING (RPL)

Recognition of prior learning (RPL) is the transfer of skills and knowledge, through work and life experiences, to current training courses.

If a student wishes to have skills and experiences recognised as an academic credit, they can apply to have it assessed and considered when assessing their level of competency. Please note that there are additional costs associated with RPL. To access the RPL policy, which outlines the associated costs, please [click here](#).



Orygen acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the lands we are on and pays respect to their Elders past and present. Orygen recognises and respects their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationships to Country, which continue to be important to the First Nations people living today.

GET IN TOUCH

IF YOU'D LIKE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ORYGEN, PLEASE CALL +61 460 432 745 OR SEND AN EMAIL TO RTO.STUDENT@ORYGEN.ORG.AU

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SUPPORT SERVICES

Orygen will provide students with general technical and academic support throughout the entirety of their course, including reasonable accommodations should the student request it. This may include but is not limited to support sessions, paper assessments and extensions. If reasonable accommodations are needed, please let Orygen know on the enrolment application, or advise staff.

COMPLAINTS AND APPEALS

Orygen RTO is committed to responding to the students' needs and providing the service/s expected by students.

If students are dissatisfied with any aspect of the service received, Orygen will ensure students can access a fair and transparent process to raise and resolve complaints and/or appeals in a timely, professional, and equitable manner. Orygen is committed to the effective and efficient resolution of student/s complaints and appeals.

We encourage students to contact us with any concern or cause for dissatisfaction, or if students disagree with any decisions made by Orygen RTO, including outcomes and results of assessments, grades, and other learning matters.

Orygen will ensure this policy and procedure is publicly available and is easily accessible.

The policy, procedure and form are available via [this link](#).

CONTACT US

Reach out to our admin and training team by calling 0460 432 745 or emailing RTO.Student@orygen.org.au

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