



Program Guide

Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing and Disability)

Diploma of Community Services

First Aid

INTRODUCTION

ABOUT EQUINOX COLLEGE

Equinox College is a registered training organisation (RTO No. 45040), with our head office in Brisbane Queensland.

We have been operating in Australia since 2017, delivering Healthcare and Community Services training programs.

Equinox College Honiara Campus provides high-quality Australian vocational education designed to prepare students for careers in aged care, community services, and first response. Our training combines internationally recognised Australian qualifications with practical placement opportunities at the National Referral Hospital and other local facilities. Students graduate with the skills, confidence, and knowledge to succeed in Australia and the Pacific region.

In 2023, we became partners in the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility program, delivering aged care specific training under the Aged Care Expansion Program in Papua New Guinea, and then Solomon Islands in 2024.

So far, we have trained over 400 pacific islanders from Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands for Australian Aged Care, and we hope to continue to provide these opportunities for more in the future.

If you chose to embark on your learning journey with us, we could assure you an amazing experience with life-changing opportunities.

Welcome to Equinox College!



Zac Hitchcock

Owner / Director / Trainer and Assessor

CHC33021 CERTIFICATE III IN INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT (AGEING AND DISABILITY)



This qualification prepares students to work in the aged care sector, providing person-centred support to older people in residential, community, and home care settings.

The skills in this qualification must be applied in accordance with Commonwealth and State/Territory legislation, Australian standards and industry codes of practice.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Successful applicants will need to:

- Achieve a level of language, literacy, numeracy and digital (LLND) appropriate for a Certificate III course, through completion of an online LLND Assessment.
- Be able to handle physical aspects of the role.
- Be emotionally equipped to handle the role.
- Have a passion for caring for the elderly

LEARNING PATHWAYS

This qualification may be a good introductory qualification for further studies for those looking to advance their careers or widen their skills and knowledge. Further training opportunities might include:

- Certificate IV in Disability Support
- Certificate IV in Mental Health
- Diploma of Community Services
- Diploma of Leadership in Disability Services
- Advanced Diploma of Community Sector Management

COURSE STRUCTURE

UNITS OF COMPETENCY

On successful completion of your studies, you will receive a qualification in:

CHC33021 Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing and Disability)

There are 15 units of competency that are required to be completed, over 10 subject modules before a qualification can be awarded.

- 9 more units and
- 6 elective units

DELIVERY MODES

All delivery is completed face-to-face in a classroom setting. We have a mix of Australian-based and local trainers available to deliver this training.

Part-Time Evening Class	Part-Time Day Class
2 nights per week (400pm – 830pm)	2 days a week (1000am-230pm)
Duration: 26 weeks (23 weeks theory / 3 weeks practical)	Duration: 26 weeks (23 weeks theory / 3 weeks practical)

PRACTICAL PLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS

To achieve this qualification, the student must have completed at least 120 hours of work as detailed in the Assessment Requirements of the units of competency. This component is generally undertaken at the National Referral Hospital at the conclusion of the classroom-based theory.

Placement hours are generally split between 2 shifts:

- 0800am – 1600pm and
- 1100am – 1900pm

Your role within the hospital is to provide non-clinical, person-centred supports to patients throughout the designated wards. You will be under the supervision of a nurse.

CHC52025 DIPLOMA OF COMMUNITY SERVICES



This qualification prepares students for leadership roles in community organisations, delivering case management, program coordination, and advocacy services.

The skills in this qualification must be applied in accordance with Commonwealth and State/Territory legislation, Australian standards and industry codes of practice.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Completion of post-secondary study is a requirement for entry into this program

Successful applicants will need to:

- Achieve a level of language, literacy, numeracy and digital (LLND) appropriate for a Diploma course, through completion of an online LLND Assessment.

LEARNING PATHWAYS

This qualification may be a good introductory qualification for further studies for those looking to advance their careers or widen their skills and knowledge. Further training opportunities might include:

- Diploma of Leadership in Disability Services
- Advanced Diploma of Community Sector Management

COURSE STRUCTURE

UNITS OF COMPETENCY

On successful completion of your studies, you will receive a qualification in:

CHC52025 Diploma of Community Services

There are 20 units of competency that are required to be completed.

Students are able to choose a 'generalist' qualification or between the following specialisations:

- Case Management
- Child Youth and Family Welfare
- Disability Focus (not specialisation)

DELIVERY MODES

All delivery is completed face-to-face in a classroom setting

Part-Time Day Class
2 days per week 1000am – 1400pm
Duration: 40 weeks
Weekly classes (as per training schedule provided)

PRACTICAL PLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS

To achieve this qualification, the candidate must have completed at least 100 hours of work as detailed in the Assessment Requirements of the units of competency.

This component is taken place within a designated community service setting, throughout the duration of the classroom-based theory.

Placement hours will be:

- 0800am – 1600pm

Your role within the program, will be supporting people from various backgrounds who may be experiencing mental health issues, alcohol and other drug issue, homelessness or family and domestic violence. You will be under the supervision of a clinician.



This course equips participants with life-saving skills to respond to emergencies at home, in the workplace, or in the community.

The skills in this qualification must be applied in accordance with Commonwealth and State/Territory legislation, Australian standards and industry codes of practice.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

- Students must be over the age of 16 years old, and pass a Core Skills Assessment

Students are required to complete a theoretical exam consisting of 56 multiple choice questions, plus undertake a range of practical skills.

COURSE STRUCTURE

It is mandatory that students be able to complete 2 minutes of uninterrupted CPR on an adult mannequin placed on the floor.

UNITS OF COMPETENCY

On successful completion of your studies, you will receive a Statement of Attainment

HLTAID011 Provide First Aid

Topics:

- CPR on adults, children, and infants
- Managing unconscious casualties
- Treating bleeding, burns, and fractures
- Responding to asthma and anaphylaxis emergencies

DELIVERY MODES

All delivery for first aid is completed face-to-face in a classroom setting

1-day class
6 hour session

PRACTICAL PLACEMENT REQUIREMENTS

There are no placement requirements for this program

FEES AND PAYMENT PLANS

Program	Fee (SBD)
LLND Testing	\$50.00
CHC33021 Certificate III in Individual Support	\$20,000.00
CHC52025 Diploma of Community Services	\$30,000.00
HLTAID011 Provide First Aid	\$500.00

PAYMENT PLAN DETAILS

All Certificate and Diploma qualifications require a \$5,000.00 enrolment fee to secure a place in the program.

Qualification	Payment 1 (within 14 days of class commencement)	Payment 2 (within 90 days of class commencement)	Payment 3 (within 120 days of class commencement)
CHC33021 Certificate III in Individual Support	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
CHC52025 Diploma of Community Services	\$9,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
HLTAID011 Provide First Aid	Payment Plan not available		

We accept:

- Direct Deposit/Transfer
 - **BRED Bank** – Account Name: Equinox College Ltd – Account No. 201290911230019
 - **ANZ Bank** – Account Name: Equinox College Ltd – Account No. 5702119
- We do not accept cheques
- We accept cash payments only for:
 - First Aid Training (payable at the college upon enrolment)
 - LLND Testing (payable at the college upon registration)

IMPORTANT FEE INFORMATION

- Course Fees must be paid by due dates, enrolment will be cancelled with no refunds permitted if course fees become more than 7 days overdue.
- If enrolment fees are being paid by a third party (Honourable or Employers), \$5,000 due at time of enrolment and full balance payable within 14 days of course commencement
- **Please note:** it is the students responsibility to ensure their fees are paid by the due date, delays from third parties will not be given consideration
- **A 10% discount applies for payments made upfront:**
- *CHC33021 Certificate III in Individual Support (\$2,000) – Total fee - \$18,000.00*
- *CHC52025 Diploma of Community Services (\$3,000) – Total fee - \$28,000.00*
- A 7-day cooling off period applies from enrolment, a full refund of the enrolment fee will be given if you cancel within this period

COURSE DATES 2025/2026**CHC33021 CERTIFICATE III IN INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT (AGEING AND DISABILITY)**

Wednesdays-Thursdays	1600pm – 2030pm (NIGHTS)	22nd October 2025
Mondays – Tuesdays	1000am – 1430pm (DAYS)	17th November 2025
Wednesdays-Thursdays	1600pm – 2030pm (NIGHTS)	14th January 2026
Mondays – Tuesdays	1000am – 1430pm (DAYS)	9th February 2026
Wednesdays-Thursdays	1600pm – 2030pm (NIGHTS)	8th April 2026
Mondays – Tuesdays	1000am – 1430pm (DAYS)	4th May 2026
Wednesdays-Thursdays	1600pm – 2030pm (NIGHTS)	3rd June 2026
Mondays – Tuesdays	1000am – 1430pm (DAYS)	6th July 2026

DIPLOMA OF COMMUNITY SERVICES

THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS (as per training schedule)	1000am – 1400pm (DAYS)	16th January 2026
This program has 5 study periods throughout the year. Student may be required one or both days of the week depending on the chosen program		

FIRST AID

EVERY SECOND SATURDAY	1000am – 1600pm	Commencing 25th October
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GRADUATION DAYS

All graduates will be issued with an electronic copy of their certificates within 30 days of successfully completing their program. Equinox College will conduct 2 formal graduations each year, where students will be invited to attend to receive their parchment.

In 2026, these graduations will be held on:

- Friday 17th July
- Friday 4th December

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

You can access our student handbook on our website, prior to enrolment, and upon Expression of Interest and/or Enrolment, one will be emailed to you.

It is important to note that Equinox College has **NO** control over employer movements and decisions made by the Solomon Islands Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade, including changes to their policies regarding Labour Mobility.

This is part reason why we have modified the program to ensure that each program meets the Skills Assessment Criteria for alternative VISA pathways, such as the **Skills in Demand (482) VISA** and the **Designated Area Migration Agreement (DAMA) visa**.

For more information on VISA pathways and their requirements, please contact us for further information or visit our campus.

We highly recommend that all potential students undergo a preliminary medical examination prior to enrolment to ensure their visa medical eligibility prior to enrolling in our programs.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

We take responsibility and commitment to this program very seriously. If Equinox College is preparing you for employment and recommending you to Australian employers, we expect a high level of professionalism from our students.

Students will be required to sign a student code of conduct, which will outline our expectations, surrounding dress code, BetelNut, Smoking and Lateness and Absenteeism. Please ensure that you read the Student Handbook prior to enrolling.

THE LLND TESTING

You will be required to register for a Testing Session. This Testing is to be completed on your own device, at our Campus

The testing consists of Literacy, Language and Numeracy questions designed to determine your suitability for undertaking an Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) Level 3 or 5 program.

You will either be offered a seat in your program of choice, or you will be invited to re-sit the assessment at a later date, or you will be advised that you are unsuitable for enrolment into the program.

YOUR NEXT STEPS

1. Register for your LLN testing
2. Receive an Offer to Enrol
3. Enrol and Pay for the program
4. Start Learning

HONIARA CAMPUS DETAILS

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