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CHC51122 Diploma of Financial Counselling

WHY **STUDY** FINANCIAL COUNSELLING?

The CHC51122 Diploma of Financial Counselling is a nationally recognised qualification that assists students gain the knowledge and skills required to work as a financial counsellor in Australia.

If you are looking for a career change or want to add extra skills and knowledge to enhance your work in another profession the course is suitable for people from a range of backgrounds.

As a financial counsellor you will work in a unique field to provide free, independent, and confidential information and support to people

in financial difficulty. Financial counsellors are not financial planners or advisers; other courses such as accounting or financial planning do not provide the same skill set. As a financial counsellor you will work in a not-for-profit organisation across a range of settings. The work is highly rewarding with financial counsellors providing options, advocacy, and support within a social justice and client empowerment lens.

WHAT **SKILLS** WILL STUDENTS GAIN?

Upon completion of the course, students will have specialist knowledge of legal remedies and options to manage debt and financial difficulty. The course includes study

of several areas of law including consumer law, credit law and bankruptcy. Students will also develop skills as an advocate and the ability to work within a counselling framework to address other issues that might interact with financial hardship such as problem gambling, substance abuse, mental health or physical health problems.

The completion of a 220-hour work placement will provide students with the opportunity to turn theory into practice.



About **ICAN Learn**

ICAN Learn is an arm of the **Indigenous Consumer Assistance Network (ICAN)** and a not-for-profit registered training organisation focusing on financial counselling and financial capability education. Incorporated in 2007, ICAN has become a national leader in consumer advocacy, financial counselling and financial literacy for Indigenous people.

To find out more email enquiries@icanlearn.edu.au or visit www.icanlearn.edu.au

About the course

The Diploma of Financial Counselling comprises 17 units of study (13 core units and 4 elective units chosen by ICAN Learn) and is nationally accredited.

In addition, students are required to complete a 220-hour 'Learning in the Workplace' experience. ICAN Learn work with the student to find a suitable placement option, and expert financial counsellors mentor the student throughout the placement.

Entry requirements

There are no course prerequisite qualifications, however students are required to demonstrate literacy and numeracy skills in line with diploma-level studies and be able to commit at least 4 to 6 hours per week of personal study time in addition to class time.

Applicants should have interest and/or relevant experience in the social and community services field and have the appropriate maturity and interpersonal skills to work with a diverse range of people. This will be demonstrated in a pre-training interview.

Students must also have good computer skills.

Delivery mode and duration

This course is delivered either live online (in 'real-time') or face-to-face in weekly classes, over a 18-24 month period.

Skills recognition

Skills recognition is available following enrolment and subject to a formal assessment process that measures the candidate's skills and knowledge from previous study, training, work or life experiences against the outcomes of the qualification in which they are enrolled. More information about skills recognition is available from our website www.icanlearn@edu.au

Course fees

The Diploma of Financial Counselling fee is \$9,000 for online delivery and \$10,000 face-to-face delivery which is payable over a scheduled invoicing period. More information about fees and payment options including VET student loans can be found on the ICAN Learn website or please contact administration@icanlearn.edu.au

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Make an enquiry with our administration team at administration@icanlearn.edu.au or call us on (03) 5471 7777

Our pathways

Advanced Diploma Community Sector Management

(for financial counsellors)
(under development)

Senior financial
counsellor/sector leader

Accredited skill sets

Lead and support colleagues
CHCSS00084

Rural Financial Counselling
(Diploma elective specialisation)

Problem Gambling
CHCSS00111

Senior financial counsellor/
sector leader

Diploma of
Financial
Counselling
CHC51115

Financial
counsellor

Diploma of
Community
Services
CHC52015

Community
service
roles

Certificate IV in
Community
Services
CHC42015

Community services and
financial capability worker

Financial
Literacy
Education
CHCSS00077

Financial literacy educator