Do you have a lived experience of mental illness as either a consumer or carer and are living well and wish to use your experience to assist others towards recovery, building capacity and improving their access to service delivery?

This course will take you through a program based on person-centredness and the key principles of peer work which include respect, shared responsibility, and mutual agreement of what is helpful.
Certificate IV in
MENTAL HEALTH PEER WORK

CHC43515

SESSION DATES 2016/2017:
19th October (includes Induction)
2nd November
14th December
18th January
15th February
15th March
12th April
17th May
14th June

END DATE: 4th September 2017
TIME: 9:30AM – 4:30PM Workshop Style Sessions
COST: $2500 - Interest free payments available
VENUE: Level 8, 138 Queen St, Campbelltown NSW
ENROLMENT: Potential students are to complete the enrolment form available from our website at www.mdservices.com.au, email training2@mdservices.com.au or phone (02) 4621 8400.

TRAINING/CAREER PATHWAYS:
Participants successfully completing this training may wish to apply for entry into the CHC52015 Diploma of Community Services.

The Certificate IV in Mental Health Peer Work is recognised nationally by the mental health sector, and will enable employment within mental health services as a Peer Support Worker.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:
Students need to be currently working in an environment related to this qualification. You will require access to workplace information. It is recommended that participants should have achieved Year 12 or equivalent level in English Language, Literacy and Numeracy skills.

PERIOD OF ENROLMENT:
Course runs for 12 months; Students need to attend all classroom sessions. MDS Training courses run only if there is sufficient demand.
COMPETENCY UNITS IN THIS PROGRAM ARE:

CORE:
- CHCDIV001  
  Work with diverse people
- HLTWHS001  
  Participate in workplace health and safety
- CHCMHS008  
  Promote and facilitate self-advocacy
- CHCMHS007  
  Work effectively in trauma informed care
- CHCMHS011  
  Assess and promote social, emotional and physical wellbeing
- CHCPWK001  
  Apply peer work practices in the mental health sector
- CHCPWK003  
  Apply lived experience in mental health peer work
- CHCPWK002  
  Contribute to the continuous improvement of mental health services

ELECTIVES:
- CHCLEG001  
  Work legally and ethically
- CHCADV001  
  Facilitate the interests and rights of clients
- CHCPWK005  
  Work effectively with carers as a mental health peer worker
- CHCDIS008  
  Facilitate community participation and social inclusion
- CHCRP001  
  Support group activities
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  Facilitate community participation and social inclusion
- CHCRP001  
  Support group activities

STUDY WORKLOAD:
7 hours (inclusive of ½ lunch) per session and additional work to be completed in their own time of approximately 10-12 hours per scheduled unit/session.

UNIQUE STUDENT IDENTIFIER (USI):
All students studying a nationally recognised qualification must have a USI before enrolling. If you do not already have a USI, go to www.usi.gov.au to create one.

COURSE MATERIALS:
All materials including study notes, activities, handouts and assessment tools are provided with no additional costs.

ASSESSMENT AND TRAINING:
All training is provided in the classroom in workshop format for each scheduled session. Assessment consists of different activities for each unit. Reasonable adjustment will be made to any assessment tools to accommodate individual need. Refer to the course outline for details of the assessment tools utilised for each unit or set of units.

CLIENT SUPPORT SERVICES:
MDS Training offers support to all their students. Support may be related to disability, literacy, language or other concerns or barriers. You can contact the following people for assistance: the facilitator of your training, the training coordinator or the Manager MDS Training. The contact details are on this document.
COMPLAINTS:
MDS Training has a procedure for anyone wanting to make a complaint. You can speak to your facilitator, the training coordinator or the Manager MDS Training. All complaints are recorded and outcomes are reported. MDS Training uses complaints as part of its continuous improvement process. Forms for complaint are available from the website or you can receive one by mail or email. If you experience difficulties filling in the form contact the Manager MDS Training for assistance. This form is also provided on enrolment.

APPEALS:
MDS Training has a procedure for students who want to appeal any decisions affecting their outcomes. This could include competency, recognition of prior learning, extensions or removal from a course. The form is available from the manager and assistance to complete the form can be provided. The form can also be emailed or posted to you, it is also available on the website. This form is also provided on enrolment.

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING:
Students may be able to demonstrate their competence in some units; as such recognition of prior learning is available. This is to acknowledge the skills and knowledge gained through previous training events along with life and work experience.

There is no direct link between this qualification and licensing, legislative and/or regulatory requirements. However, where required, a unit of competency will specify relevant licensing, legislative and/or regulatory requirements that impact on the unit.

We care about our students and their development and education. We will support all our students throughout their course of study.

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