



Future Job Opportunities in Disability Services

Will you be **looking for part time or casual work** once the current Covid-19 measures ease?

Are you considering your **job and career options** going forward?

Do you want to **make a difference and support people** to achieve their potential?

Have you ever considered working in the **disability sector**?

The disability sector is a large and growing field offering a wide range of rewarding job and career options. The sector is growing now and this is set to continue over coming years, with additional investment from the NDIS and demographic changes.

A broad variety of roles are on offer. These range from direct support work, supervisors and coordinators, allied health roles and other professions. Many roles are flexible, and can be part or full time, casual or permanent. Disability work may suit people wanting a part time role with flexible hours around study, family and personal interests. It also offers great opportunities for career progression. Employers include thousands of disability services, large and small, operating in metropolitan and regional areas, which provide services to people with disability.

Most people enter the sector because they want to make a difference and support people with disability to fulfill their potential. Watch some of the true stories [carecareers.com.au/page/true-stories](https://www.carecareers.com.au/page/true-stories) about people working in the sector.



The disability sector welcomes people from a wide variety of backgrounds. Whilst a Certificate level qualification such as a Certificate III in Individual Support or Certificate IV in Disability is useful to get a disability job, it is not mandatory. Some people commence in the sector through part time or casual work whilst studying. Others join following university degrees in allied health or other areas. Many people also move into disability services following careers elsewhere. The sector also welcomes people from who reflect the broad diversity of backgrounds and identities across society.



Take the career quiz carecareers.com.au/page/career-quiz to see where you might fit in the disability sector.

Interested in learning more?

Have a look at our information on working in the disability sector in our Starting Out carecareers.com.au/page/starting-out pages and our Disability Career Planner carecareers.com.au/career-planner.

Free introductory online training

There is readily available free introductory online training (with Record of Completion available) to give you the basic skills and an introduction to the sector:

1. **Quality, Safety and You**
(free online course from the NDIS Commission, approx. 90 minutes)
2. **Department of Health's COVID-19 Infection Control Module**
(free online course, approx. 30 minutes)
3. **Understanding Abuse**
(free NDS online module, approx. 30 minutes)
4. **Human Rights and You**
(free online NDS module, approx. 30 minutes)
5. **Manual Handling**
(free NDS until 30 June 2020, approx. 60 minutes)
6. **Hand Hygiene**
(free NDS until 30 June 2020, approx. 30 minutes)



For more details of introductory free online training to give you basic skills for entry to the sector, plus information on the important worker checks required to work in disability services see: carecareers.com.au/page/surge

Training Opportunities related to the Covid-19 Response

There are also training opportunities both accredited and non-accredited available for job seekers through the Working for Victoria Initiative. The Victorian Government has allocated \$500 million to help Victorians, including people who have lost their jobs due to the economic impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19), find new work opportunities. <https://www.vic.gov.au/workingforvictoria>

There are 2 types of training offered as part of Working for Victoria.

- free short online training in an area where Victorian employers are currently looking for workers. The Victorian Government is offering a number of fully online free short courses. Training is available in key areas where workers are needed such as cleaning and sanitation, food preparation, health care, customer service, food packaging and retail support.
- free TAFE courses that leads to a recognised qualification in an area where Victorian employers are likely to be looking for workers as the economy recovers. (Tuition is free, but you may need to pay materials and student services fees.)

Visit the website for more details www.vic.gov.au/workingforvictoria