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Dementia Research
and Education Centre

Dementia Care Degree Program

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Dementia Care Education



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Dementia Care Degree Program

Australia's first degree specifically focused on dementia

Location

Online

Duration

8 Units – Diploma

16 Units – Associate Degree

24 Units – Bachelor Degree

Full-time or Part-time study available

Intake

February and July

What's Involved

We encourage applicants from a broad range of life experiences and backgrounds. You may be entering university study as a mature age student with no previous formal qualifications and/or experience in this field or have professional learning or formal study qualifications and skills which may qualify you for some exemptions.

Ageing Studies and Services

An optional major is available covering contemporary and emerging issues relating to attitudes, care, and services for ageing populations.

About this course

Dementia is a neurological condition that affects tens of millions of people across the globe – one that poses significant challenges to their quality of life as well as that of their families and communities. During this course, you will gain a deeper knowledge of the condition, the changes that occur in the brain, the behaviours and needs associated with the changes, and the practical strategies necessary to care for people living with dementia.

Developing advanced problem-solving skills, along with an understanding of the importance of evidence-based practice, you will be prepared for a range of career paths in the field of aged care.

Flexible Study Options

The Dementia Care Program is a flexible, online course offering you a choice to complete a Diploma of Dementia Care, an Associate Degree in Dementia Care or a full Bachelor Degree.

- Applications are considered on a case by case basis.
- Eight elective units are included to enable greater choice to design your own degree
- Course is delivered entirely online, with no face to face component
- No exams (assessments may include quizzes, discussion boards, essays, and presentations)
- Dedicated Student Advisors guide students' learning

Where it can take you

Dementia is emerging as the most significant health care issue of the 21st century, impacting both the community and residential care sectors as well as our hospitals and a range of other health care settings.

Graduates from the Dementia Care Degree Program will be equipped to become specialists in dementia care across both public and private health care sectors. Whether it is to provide dementia care-specific skills in your current workplace, or to prepare you for the growing number of positions that relate specifically to aged and dementia care, a degree qualification will open up new opportunities for you to show leadership in this critical area.

The people behind the program

The Wicking Dementia Research and Education Centre was established with core funding from the J.O. and J.R. Wicking Trust (Equity Trustees) and is located at the University of Tasmania.

The Wicking Dementia Centre is a global leader in dementia research and education, with a mission to transform the understanding of dementia worldwide and to build a workforce to lead positive change in dementia care.

It combines quality research in the themes of Care, Cause and Prevention of dementia, with advanced online learning technologies, to achieve its purpose of addressing the global impact of dementia.

Study Plan

Year 1

In your first year you will be introduced to online study while learning about the nervous system and dementia care. You will have the opportunity to study 2 elective units.



Graduate with the **Diploma of Dementia Care**

Year 2

Year 2 will build on your first year knowledge, providing emphasis on care for people with dementia. You will have the opportunity to study 2 elective units.



Graduate with the **Associate Degree in Dementia Care**

Year 3

In year 3, you will consolidate your learning with advanced topics on dementia and case-based learning. You will have the opportunity to choose a further 4 elective units.



Graduate with the **Bachelor of Dementia Care**

How to apply



Domestic students:
apply.utas.edu.au

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student-utas.studylink.com

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