Dementia Care Degree Program

A condition as serious as dementia requires a special type of care – and a special type of person to provide it. Our courses will develop your specialised knowledge in dementia so that you can make a positive difference to the lives of people living with dementia.

Join the world leaders in Dementia Care

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What’s involved

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’ll 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’ll be prepared for a range of career paths in the field of aged care.

With dedicated student advisors on-hand throughout the course, you’ll have the support you need to get the most out of your learning. This course is fully online, enabling you to take part in interactive learning with other students, encouraging you to connect and share each other’s success.

Where it can take you
Become a leader in Dementia Care

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 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.

Make it happen - Everyone is welcome to apply

Applications are considered on a case by case basis. 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. We encourage you to apply.

HECS Scholarships

A number of HECS Scholarships will be available for students commencing Dementia Care studies in 2019. Please check our website at www.utas.edu.au/dementia-care for the latest information. Conditions will apply.

*Distance and/or part-time study is not available to international students in Australia studying on a student visa.
**Flexible study options**
The Dementia Care Program is a flexible, online course offering you a choice to complete a Diploma of Dementia Care (after 8 units), an Associate Degree in Dementia Care (after 16 units) or a full Bachelor Degree (after 24 units).

**Study Plan**

**Year 1**
In your first year, you will be introduced to online study while learning about the nervous system and dementia care. 

**Year 2**
Year 2 will build on your first year knowledge, providing emphasis on care for people with dementia. You will also have the opportunity to study 4 elective units.

**Year 3**
In Year 3, you will consolidate your learning with advanced topics on dementia and case-based learning.

**How to apply into the Dementia Care Degree Program**
It’s easy. Just head to [www.utas.edu.au/admissions](http://www.utas.edu.au/admissions)

**The people behind the program**

The Wicking Dementia Research and Education Centre

Established with core funding from the J.O and J.R Wicking Trust (Equity Trustees) The Wicking Centre is a leading academic organisation within the College of Health and Medicine at the University of Tasmania. 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.

The Centre is renowned as a global leader in dementia education with over 100,000 participants in their free online courses including the Understanding Dementia MOOC and the Preventing Dementia MOOC. In 2016 the Centre won a nationally competitive Australian Award for University Teaching for the Dementia Care Program.

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