Diploma of Dementia Care

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The Diploma of Dementia Care is the first course of its kind, delivered by the Wicking Dementia Research and Education Centre. Exclusive to College of Health and Medicine partners, and industry organisations, this fully online, eight-unit program is available to carers, aged care, community and health industry workers and anyone with an interest in learning more about dementia.

Suitable for those with or without formal education qualifications, articulation into further study at Associate Degree and Bachelor level is available upon successful completion. Learn from our global experts, with all our education programs informed by the latest research evidence.

A condition as serious as dementia requires a special type of care – and a special type of person to provide it. Our course will develop your specialised understanding of dementia so that you can make a positive difference to the lives of people living with dementia. Broaden your knowledge and your scope of practice in this key public health area.

Meet the challenges of dementia and apply today.

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**What’s involved**

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<th>Duration</th>
<th>8 units</th>
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<td>Study Load</td>
<td>Full-time or Part-time</td>
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<td>Intake</td>
<td>February; July and October</td>
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**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.

With dedicated student advisors on-hand throughout the course, you will 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.

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**Example Learning Pathway in the Diploma of Dementia Care**

We encourage students to take the following units in the order listed, depending on the time available to study: CAD003, CAD004, CAD002, CAD104.

Each unit will require 8-10 hours each week for study.

**Key course information**

In each semester 1-2 units are considered part-time and 3-4 units full-time.

Students who are new to online learning, are returning to study or are currently in the workforce are advised to consider part-time enrolment in their first semester.

- No pre-requisites, each application is considered
- Course is delivered entirely online, with no face to face component
- No exams (assessments may include quizzes, discussion boards, essays, and presentations)
- Units offered across three semesters per year
- Dedicated Student Advisors guide students’ learning
Further study

Upon completion of the Diploma of Dementia Care, students may consider further studies. The Diploma of Dementia Care will count as year 1 toward a Bachelor of Dementia Care or a Bachelor of Ageing and Dementia Studies.

For some students (depending on existing level of education), study will also be available in the Master of Dementia.

Study plan: Spring School
(starting 28 October 2019)

Units available
• CAD003 – Introduction to General Studies in Dementia in Australia
• CAD004 – Neurospeak – Understanding the Nervous System
• CAD002 – Introduction to Effective Communication in Health Studies
• CAD104 – Principles of Supportive Care for People with Dementia

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How to apply into the Diploma of Dementia Care

It’s easy. Just head to https://apply2019.utas.edu.au and apply, nominating your organisation from the list of partners given. If you have any questions regarding the Diploma or application process, please phone or email us via the contact details below.

This course is exclusive to College of Health and Medicine partner organisations. When submitting your application, don’t forget to upload proof of current employment. Once your employment has been verified, the scholarship will automatically be applied.

If you are not currently employed within our partner network, you may be interested in the Dementia Care Degree Program. Visit our website at www.utas.edu.au/wicking for more information.

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 Dementia Centre is located within the College of Health and Medicine at the University of Tasmania.

It 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 ageing and 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.

Dementia has a profound impact on individuals, families and communities, and the number of people with dementia across the world increases every year as our global population ages. Dementia is now one of the most significant health, social and economic issues of the 21st Century.

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It is estimated that from 2010 to 2050, the total number of people with dementia requiring care will almost treble from 44 to 135 million worldwide.


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