If you want to help others in your community improve their lives – and enjoy the rewards of a satisfying and fulfilling career, the CHC 53215 Diploma of Alcohol and Other Drugs could be a very rewarding career choice for you.

The Australian Government is putting more resources into this area and the number of professionals required to work in this field is expected to increase three-fold over the next decade. With VET Student Loans or fully self-funded options now available, this is your opportunity – to gain the necessary skills and knowledge with this Nationally Recognised qualification. Help others who are addicted to alcohol and drugs, break through their dependancy cycle. Get on the right track to a rewarding career and brighter future.
Make a difference and enjoy the rewards.

What you will learn
This 12-month Nationally Recognised qualification will ensure you learn the necessary skills and knowledge to be able to communicate well with individuals who are addicted to alcohol and drugs, to assess their needs and develop programs to help them. The course covers various aspects of counselling – including promoting better health, rehabilitation and encouraging people to make better life choices.

How you will study
Assessments are by way of written assignments and have a practical component. You will receive dedicated trainer team support throughout your studies. To achieve this qualification, you will be required to complete a range of practical activities (simulation exercises) either online or face-to-face. Learning is mainly online, but you will be expected to attend mandatory mobile workshops within your state. You will be expected to complete practical activities through attending mobile workshops and in the workplace. TrainSmart Australia will give you advance notice so you can make necessary arrangements to ensure you are able to participate in these workshops. The workshops will enrich your study experience.

Career Outcomes
Working in addiction and within alcohol and drugs can be a challenging and rewarding career path for those who have a passion for helping others. Career outcomes may include roles such as a Counsellor, Service Coordinator, Youth Liaison Officer, AOD Case Manager, or Support Worker.

Student entry requirements
TrainSmart Australia will assess a student’s ‘academic suitability’ to ensure the student has the best chance of success. This is determined by either: The student providing TrainSmart Australia with a copy of an Australian Year 12 certificate; or, the student providing TrainSmart Australia with a copy of Certificate IV qualification (or above); or, the student completing the Core Skills Profile for Adults online assessment passing at or above Exit Level 3 in the Australian Core Skills Framework in both reading and numeracy.

Academic Suitability
In addition to the entry requirements, the College will consider whether the student applying to enrol is academically suited to undertake the chosen course. Student academic suitability is determined through a one career counselling session where the student is invited to provide details of their previous work history and/or prior education relevant to the course. The student will be advised whether he or she is considered to be academically suited, or alternative study pathways may be offered.

**Please note: This Unit: ‘HLTAID003 Provide first aid’ is trained and assessed externally. Learners are expected to arrange and complete this unit themselves at their own cost with another RTO or Training Organisation eg St John Ambulance.

Total tuition fee and payment options
Total tuition fee: $10,300.
Fee payment options: VET Student Loan* OR upfront payment fully self-funded OR payment plans are available.

VET Student Loan available
* A VET Student Loan allows you to study now and pay later. It can be used to fund part or all of your tuition fees and is a loan which must be paid back. VET Student Loans will not be approved for students who do not meet eligibility requirements. VET Student Loan give rise to a HELP debt that continues to be a debt due to the Commonwealth until it is repaid and the VET Student Loan may attract a 20% Government loan fee.

Complimentary Career Guidance
For more information, speak to a TrainSmart Australia Career Advisor – phone 1300 855 517 or visit tsa.edu.au