

Information Pack

CHC43515

Certificate IV in Mental Health Peer Work Scholarship



**It is essential you carefully read all information included in this pack
before applying for this scholarship.**

Contact us if you need this information pack in a different format!

This scholarship is generously funded by the Mental Health Commission of Western Australia and administered by CoMHWA

Important information about this course

Consider the following before applying for this scholarship:

The Certificate IV Mental Health Peer Work course requires you to explore and reflect on your own experiences of emotional distress and navigating mental health systems, either as a consumer or as a family member. This means successful scholarship recipients will not only be committing to course learning but also to challenging personal growth and development.

It is important to recognise this will have an impact on you, the course topics and class discussions will be emotionally and mentally demanding.

Please consider the course units that will be covered and be aware the content and assessments are for a high-level qualification.

It is integral for the successful completion of this course, for your own wellbeing and for your future employment and/or engagement as a Peer Worker that you draw upon appropriate self-care strategies and support networks and resources including an environment conducive to studying whilst undertaking this course.

If you are unsure of your readiness to undertake the course, we strongly recommend contacting the course coordinator, Phoebe Wilson before applying for a scholarship.

“This is a challenging course for some, but the completion of it is very rewarding and life changing.”

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“An excellent course. Challenging but also inspiring. Studying this course has put my professional and personal life on track. Plus, I have made friendships with my fellow peers like I have never experienced before. It is tough but if you are determined you won’t regret it.”

1. Overview and scholarship funding

About the Scholarships

Consumers of Mental Health WA (CoMHWA) is pleased to offer up to **thirty scholarships** to assist with completion of the CHC43515 Certificate IV in Mental Health Peer Work qualification in 2026.

Scholarships have been funded by the Mental Health Commission of Western Australia to build the capacity of the Peer Workforce and contribute to development of the Peer Workforce.

About the Course

The **CHC43515 Cert IV Mental Health Peer Work** is a recognised national qualification, to be eligible people must have a personal experience as an individual with mental health distress and/or alcohol and other drug challenges, or as a carer or family member.

These scholarships are only available for campus mode study at North Metro TAFE, Leederville campus.

Attendance and Study Requirements

The course is delivered at North Metro TAFE, Leederville campus (public transport accessible) as a **full-time, 12 month program** commencing the week of **27th January 2026**.

What days do I need to be at TAFE?	Thursdays and Fridays, throughout 2026.
What time does TAFE start?	TAFE starts at 9.00am and finishes at 3.45pm.
How much extra time do I need to commit?	There is approximately 2 extra days of study required in your own time. Current students have said that around the time of assignment submission, this can increase to 3 or 4 days.
Do I need to be in class every week?	To complete the course, you need to attend the majority of classes. It is recommended that you do not make personal appointments for TAFE class days.
What happens if I'm sick and miss multiple classes or an assessment?	You will need to get a medical certificate if you have multiple absences as per TAFE's policies.
Will I need to attend anything else during the year?	Monthly, group co-reflection will be scheduled, and you are encouraged to attend. These will be on a class day, on campus or online. CoMHWA also provides a 1-day bridging course before term starts in January.
Do I need to do a work placement?	Yes, there is an 80-hour work placement at the end of the course which can be completed over four weeks.

Do I need to pay anything to complete the course?	All course fees are paid by CoMHWA. Out of pocket expenses you will need to pay include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Working with Children Check (\$11.00 for students) • A police clearance (approx. \$60.00) • An NDIS check (\$11.00 for students) • Your student ID card (10.00) • Any costs associated with travel for your work placement
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Eligibility

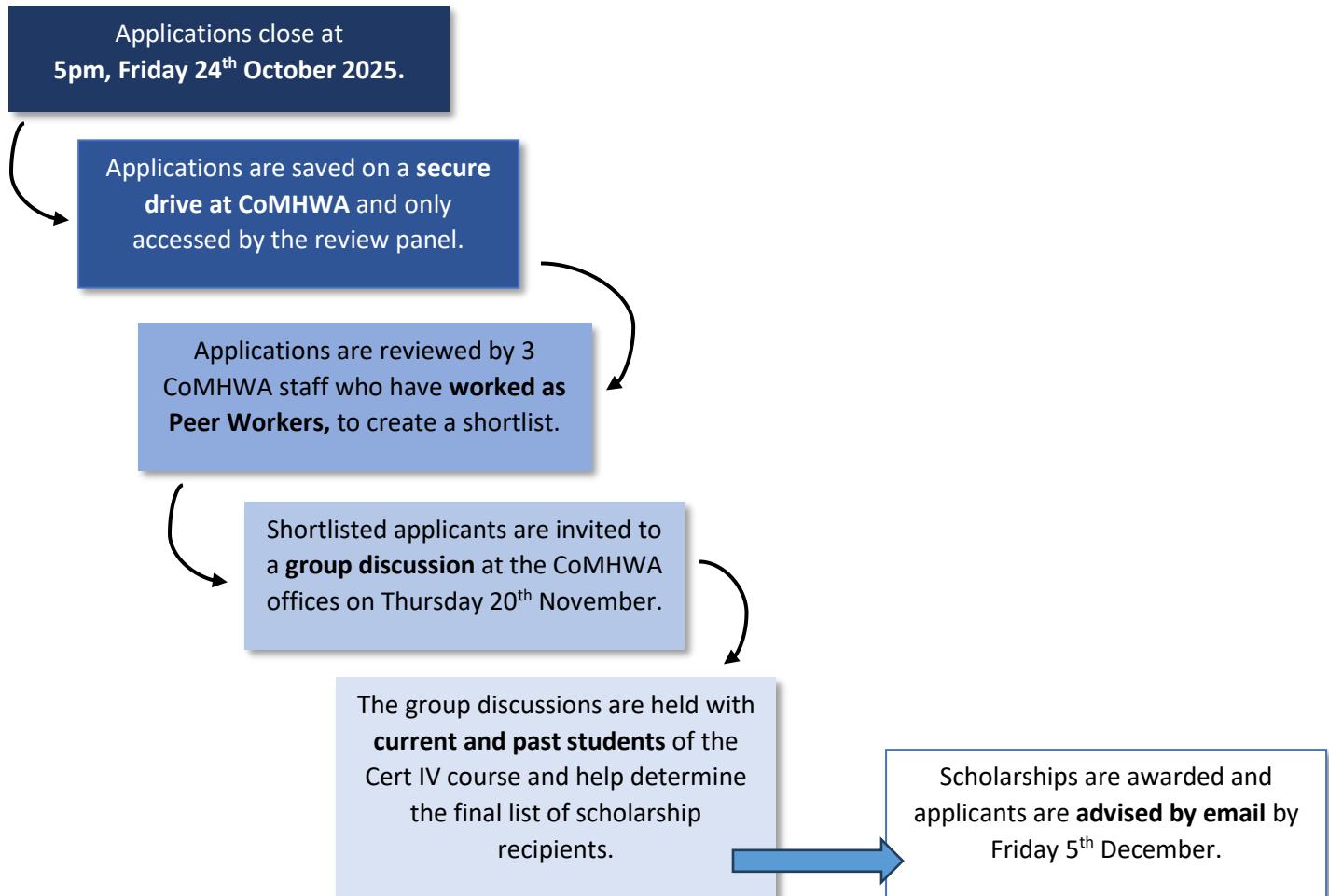
To be eligible for a scholarship you must meet the following criteria:

- I have a lived experience of **personal** mental and/or emotional distress OR;
I have a lived experience of **caring for** someone with mental and/or emotional distress; OR
I have a lived experience of **alcohol and other drug (AOD)** experiences in a **personal or caring** capacity.
- I can meet the attendance and study requirements to complete the course (discussed on previous page);
- I am seeking to enter the Peer Workforce, or am currently working in a Peer Workforce role (e.g. mental health, alcohol and other drug, support groups and/or other sectors);
- I will complete a Language, Literacy and Numeracy test as part of the application process (this will be conducted during the interview process);
- I have access to the internet, somewhere to suitable to study and stable living circumstances;
- I have a way to get to campus for classes every week, to Group Peer Co-reflection and to work placement;
- I am physically well enough to attend classes each week, or can ask for support when needed.
- I have well developed self-care strategies and access to support networks that I will use to complete the course;
- I am willing to participate in monthly Group Peer Co-reflection held on campus or online.
- I am willing to participate in the evaluation of the course and the scholarship program.

***PLEASE NOTE if you are not sure if you meet these criteria it is recommended you contact CoMHWA or Phoebe at North Metro TAFE to clarify. If you do not meet any of these eligibility requirements now it is advisable you wait to apply for the scholarship when you are better placed to meet these requirements.**



What Happens Once I Submit My Application?



2. Recipients, withdrawals and cancellations

What happens if my application is successful?

- If you are awarded a scholarship, you will be notified via email by Friday 5th December.
- You will have a couple of weeks to accept or decline the scholarship.
- All of the information for enrolment will be included in the email from CoMHWA.

Withdrawal and cancellation

- If you decline the scholarship offer, please contact CoMHWA as soon as possible.
- If you accept, and then need to withdraw before classes start, please contact CoMHWA as soon as possible.
- You can withdraw your application at any stage of the selection process.
- Withdrawal or declining a scholarship does not mean you cannot apply again!

Scholarship fees

All fees are paid directly to NM Tafe by CoMHWA at the commencement of the course.

3. Student support

What learning supports are available from TAFE?

There are several supports available through TAFE, please see their website for further information:
www.northmetrotafe.wa.edu.au/currentstudents/studentservices

See the Frequently Asked Questions document for more tips and advice from current students on this.

What is the role of CoMHWA?

Once the application process is complete, CoMHWA will ask students to take part in feedback and evaluation activities (surveys, paid focus groups etc.)

CoMHWA will also provide monthly group co-reflection sessions with 2 qualified Peer Supervisors. More information about this will be provided to scholarship recipients.



4. Contact information

For any further enquiries that have not been included in this information pack, or the FAQ's document, please contact:

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