

Online learning



Curtin University

Graduate Certificate in Complex Communication Needs

Online delivery, part-time enrolment only

Communication is a fundamental human right. Supporting effective two-way communication everyone's responsibility, particularly vital when people have complex communication needs. This course offers people currently working within the disability sector the opportunity to build upon their existing understanding of improving communication accessibility.

Within this course you will build your skills in collaboratively creating and implementing person-centred communication supports with people with complex communication needs. You will reflect on ways that environments and systems can be designed to promote more authentic communication. This includes exploring the vital role that augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) plays in improving communication access. A particular focus will be on developing systems of communication support that build autonomous communication and enhance the capabilities of *everyone* involved in communication interactions with people with complex communication needs.

The course has been co-designed with Microboards Australia, and people with disability who use augmentative communication. Further information about the course is available at: [Curtin-GraduateCertificate-ComplexCommunicationNeeds](https://www.curtin.edu.au/study/applying/domestic/how-to-apply/postgraduate/)

Practical information

This online course combines self-guided learning, recorded materials and live online workshops and tutorials. Live online classes will be scheduled for late afternoon (AWST). This is to suit people who work, and to those that

There are a total of four units in the Graduate Certificate in Complex Communication Needs:

- Promoting human rights and quality of life**
- Understanding behaviour, needs and experiences**
- Supporting accessible communication**
- Complex communication access needs**

Students may choose to enrol in either one unit per semester, taking two years to complete the qualification; OR two units per semester, taking one year to complete the qualification. After completing this degree, students may subsequently choose to enrol in the related qualification, Graduate Certificate in Positive Behaviour Support, to receive both graduate certificates by completing a total of six units of study. Due to the nature of the teaching, focussing on the Australian service context, applications are open to Australian based (domestic) applicants only.

To be eligible to apply for the course, you require either:

- a Bachelor's or Master's degree in a relevant discipline, across health or social sciences from a recognised tertiary institution
- OR
- a Certificate III or IV qualification in a relevant area plus 5 years of previous experience working in providing disability services, in a job role involving the self-directed application of knowledge planning and implementation, with substantial depth in the specialised area of practice.

Applicants will also demonstrate relevant experience working with people with disabilities.

Applications will open in May for commencement in semester 1 the following year. Please note, place numbers are limited.

To find out more, and apply, please go to:

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If you have specific questions, please contact the course coordinator, Dr Karen Wylie karen.wylie@curtin.edu.au