

Graduate Certificate in Positive Behaviour Support

Online delivery, part-time enrolment only

This course offers people engaged in the disability sector an opportunity to extend their understanding of the needs of individuals with disabilities who may have experiences often described as “behaviours of concern”. The course draws upon contemporary and lived-experience perspectives, working alongside people with disabilities and their supporters, to shape high-level understanding of behaviour and behaviour support planning.

You will critically examine the impact of support planning processes with individuals who may use positive behaviour support (PBS) services. You will further your own understanding and skills in developing person-centred collaborative approaches to meeting behaviour needs when working collaboratively with individuals and their supporters. A key focus will be fostering environments that uphold the person’s rights and voice, while addressing their underlying needs.

The course has been co-designed with Microboards Australia, and people with disability. Further information is available at: [Curtin University - Graduate Certificate - Positive Behaviour Support](#).

Practical information

This online course combines self-guided learning activities, recorded lecture and other materials and live online workshops or tutorials. Live online classes will be scheduled for late afternoon (AWST) to suit people currently working, and across Australia.

There are a total of four units in the Graduate Certificate in Positive Behaviour Support:

Promoting human rights and quality of life
Understanding behaviour, needs and experiences
Building capable environments
Positive behaviour support – Practice application

Students may choose to enrol in either 1 unit per semester, taking 2 years to complete the qualification; OR 2 units per semester, taking 1 year to complete the qualification. After completing this degree, students may subsequently choose to enrol in the related qualification, Graduate Certificate in Complex Communication Needs, to receive both graduate certificates by completing a total of 6 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 2024 for commencement in semester 1, 2025. Please note, place numbers are limited.

To apply, please go to:

<https://www.curtin.edu.au/study/applying/domestic/how-to-apply/postgraduate/>

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