

CAREERS

Why Work in Aged & Disability Services?

“a job that is challenging and rewarding”...



“a career where you get to make a difference in someone’s life”...

Aged and disability services provide support to older people, people with a disability, carers and families. They improve quality of life, independence and wellbeing.

To achieve this, services offered by the sector are quite diverse; this means that there are a large variety of roles and career opportunities for people with different attributes and skills.

“The Community Services and Health sector continues to be Australia’s largest and fastest growing employer.”

By 2050, over **3.5 million** older people will need to access **Aged Care** services each year, with around **80 percent** of services delivered in the community.

In the Illawarra, we have a **higher proportion of older people that will be needing these services.**

(compared to State and Australian averages) with estimates that by 2021 there will be a 32% increase in the population 65+ and a 52% increase in the population 85+ in the region

You get the opportunity to grow personally and professionally.

Why it's great to work in aged and disability services:

- Flexible working conditions
- Many different employers and work environments
- Financial benefits - such as fringe benefits or salary packaging (depending on the employer)
- Training and study support
- Long term career security
- Interesting Career Pathways
- Local opportunities
- Skills you can take **anywhere** in the world
- Recognition for the important role you play
- Work/life balance
- Every day is different
- Challenging and rewarding
- Enjoy people and cultural diversity

There are a vast array of career opportunities and pathways available.

JOIN US!

Working in this industry isn't just about having a job, it's about having a career that provides a great range of opportunities.

- Do you have good communication, time management and problem solving skills?
- Are you patient, trustworthy and honest?
- Would you describe yourself as practical, flexible and respectful?
- Do you have empathy and compassion?

Employers look for these important skills and attributes when recruiting.

Where do I start?

Many people start out by completing the relevant training and there are a number of accredited training providers you can choose from. Other people find work with employers who train "on the job" and offer ongoing training opportunities.

Another avenue is to volunteer your time! Contact your local aged or disability service provider or your local volunteering agency.

So, get your future started...