

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Clinical Skills – Trailer-Based Simulated Assessment?

The Trailer-Based Simulated Assessment has been designed to provide you with a realistic, hands-on learning experience that reflects the tasks and responsibilities of an Individual Support Worker working in aged care, home care, and community services. The assessment combines communication skills, personal care skills, workplace health and safety requirements, and infection control practices into one integrated practical assessment.

Which units of competency are assessed through the Trailer-Based Assessment?

The assessment incorporates the following units:

- **CHCCCS031 – Provide Individualised Support**
- **HLTWHS002 – Follow Safe Work Practices for Direct Client Care**
- **HLTINF006 – Apply Basic Principles and Practices of Infection Prevention and Control**

These units are assessed through a combination of role play activities and practical manikin-based demonstrations.

CHCCCS031 – Provide Individualised Support

What is this unit about?

This unit focuses on providing person-centred support based on an individual's care plan while promoting dignity, choice, independence, privacy, and wellbeing. You will learn how to communicate effectively, identify support needs and preferences, and deliver personal care in a respectful and professional manner.

How is it linked to the Trailer-Based Assessment?

During the assessment, you will review a care plan, communicate with a simulated consumer, obtain consent, identify support needs and preferences, and provide personal care activities such as bed bathing, dressing, grooming, oral hygiene, repositioning, and transfers.

HLTWHS002 – Follow Safe Work Practices for Direct Client Care

What is this unit about?

This unit focuses on maintaining a safe environment for yourself, clients, and others by applying workplace health and safety (WHS) practices, identifying hazards, managing risks, and using safe manual handling techniques.

How is it linked to the Trailer-Based Assessment?

Throughout the assessment, you will identify hazards, assess risks, implement control measures, and safely move a manikin in and out of the trailer using correct manual handling techniques and workplace safety procedures.

HLTINF006 – Apply Basic Principles and Practices of Infection Prevention and Control

What is this unit about?

This unit focuses on preventing and controlling infection in health and community service environments through appropriate hand hygiene, use of PPE, safe cleaning practices, waste management, and infection risk management.

How is it linked to the Trailer-Based Assessment?

During the assessment, you will demonstrate infection prevention and control practices by performing hand hygiene, selecting and using PPE appropriately, maintaining a clean and safe care environment, preventing cross-contamination, and applying infection control procedures during all care activities.

What clinical and practical knowledge and skills will you achieve?

By completing the Trailer-Based Simulated Assessment, you will gain practical experience and confidence in performing essential care tasks expected of an Individual Support Worker.

You will learn the following skills including:

- Reviewing and implementing an individualised care plan.
- Conducting person-centred care discussions.
- Obtaining informed consent and supporting client choice.
- Performing bed bathing and personal hygiene care.
- Assisting with dressing, grooming, and oral hygiene.
- Repositioning a person safely using slide sheets.
- Applying correct infection prevention and control procedures.
- Performing hand hygiene and using PPE correctly.
- Maintaining clean, safe and hygienic care environments.
- Identifying hazards and conducting risk assessments.
- Applying safe manual handling techniques.
- Safely transferring a person in and out of the simulated trailer environment.
- Following workplace health and safety requirements.
- Promoting client independence, dignity, privacy and wellbeing

When will I complete my clinical skills training?

You will complete your clinical skills training when you are approximately halfway through your units in your qualification.

How will I know my training dates?

Your Student Support Coordinator will contact you with the available dates and confirm your attendance for the training.

Where does clinical skills training take place?

Clinical skills training is usually held in Bathurst, Dubbo or Newcastle.

What if I can't make it to one of these locations?

If you live in a remote area, please contact your Student Support Coordinator.

(Training for students living in remote areas may be conducted in the workplace at the start of their placement but prior to being assessed)

What if I am already working in industry?

If you are already working in industry, you might not need to attend if you are already engaging in all the practical skills in the workplace. Your trainer will be able to provide you with more information.

What happens during clinical skills training?

You'll take part in hands-on training, including learning how to safely use equipment such as hoists and slide sheets. You'll also practice tasks such as transferring a person in and out of a car as well as providing support for tasks such as shaving and oral hygiene.

How many people will be in me training session?

Student numbers would be between 2- 10 people per session to allow you to practice and take part in some role plays.