



VCAL Work Related Skills

Description

The purpose of the Work Related Skills strand is to develop employability skills, knowledge and attributes valued within community and work environments as a preparation for employment. The development of employability skills within this strand provides learners with a capacity to consider and choose from the range of pathways. The development of Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) knowledge provides learners with the necessary preparation for the workplace.

Skill Development

The Work Related Skills units are designed to;

- *Integrate learning about work skills with prior knowledge and experiences.*
- *Enhance the development of employability skills through work related contexts.*
- *Develop critical thinking skills that apply to problem solving in work contexts.*
- *Develop planning and work related organisational skills.*
- *Develop OH&S awareness.*
- *Develop and apply transferable for work related contexts.*

Unit Topics

- **Work Related Skills Unit 1 at each VCAL level is designed to achieve learning outcomes important for OHS and the development of career goals**
- **Work Related Skills Unit 2 at each VCAL level is designed to achieve learning outcomes important for work-related skills, employability skills**

Possible Assessment Tasks

Students will need to demonstrate competency across a number of learning outcomes. Students will undertake applied learning activities as may be assessed through:

- *Teacher observation checklists*
- *Self-assessment inventories*
- *Physical demonstration of understanding of written or oral text*
- *A portfolio of accumulated evidence*
- *Evidence accumulated through project or program participation*

Activities/Camps/Excursions

Students undertaking this subject will be expected to participate in Structured Workplace Learning. They will also participate in Industry Immersion Tours, Worksite Visits and Career Information sessions.

Career Options

Students who choose VCAL are most likely to go on to training at TAFE institutes, start an apprenticeship or get a job after completing school, rather than applying for university, although a move into the VCE is not out of the question for students who change their mind.