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# **HLT33126 Certificate III in Health Services Assistance**

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## Modification History

Release	Comments
1	This qualification was first released in HLT Health Release 11.0.

## Qualification Description

This qualification is for individuals engaged in a range of health and community care support occupations. It includes specialisations for operating theatre technician and assisting in nursing work.

Individuals with this qualification will have skills and knowledge that are transferable across a range of occupations.

Occupational titles may include:

- assistant in nursing (AIN)
- hospital aide
- operating theatre technician (OTT)
- patient care/support assistant
- orderly
- ward assistant
- ward clerk

Individuals with this qualification perform a defined range of factual, technical and procedural tasks to support the delivery of safe, person-centred care, often involving direct healthcare recipient contact under the delegation and supervision of a registered nurse or other qualified health professional.

To achieve HLT33126 Certificate III in Health Services Assistance, the candidate must have completed at least 80 hours of work as detailed in the Assessment Requirements of units of competency.

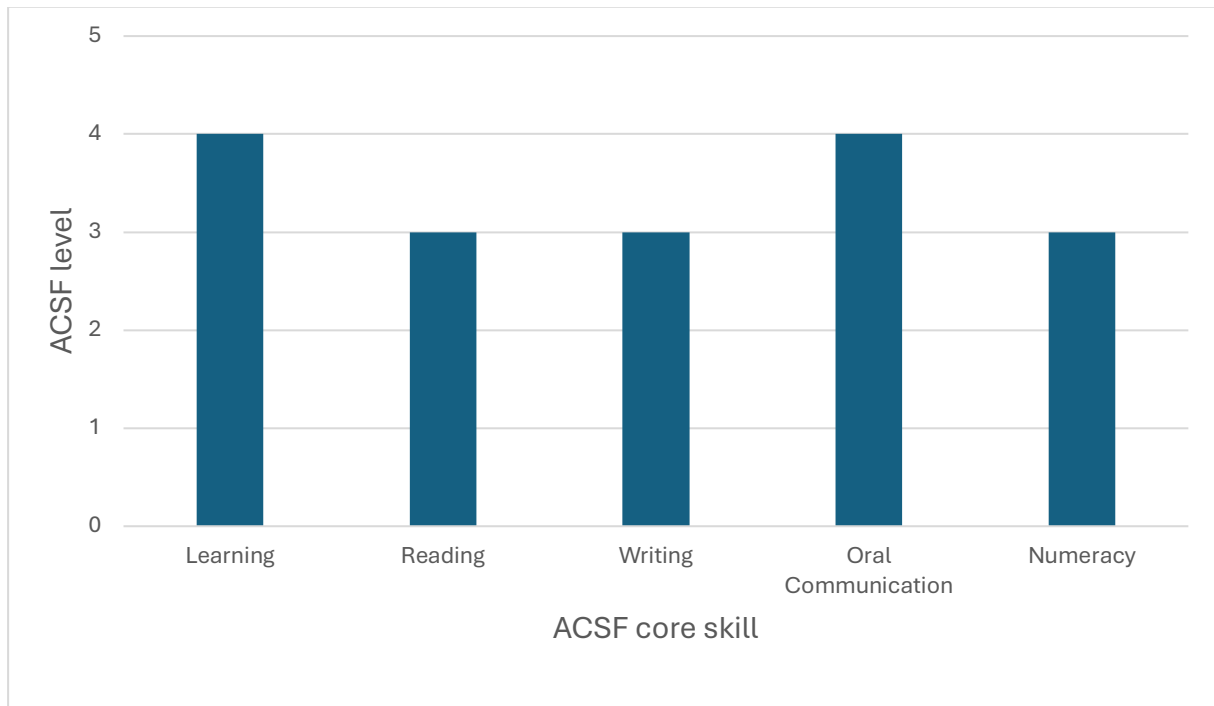
*The skills in this qualification/skill set must be applied in accordance with current Commonwealth and State/Territory legislation, Australian/New Zealand standards and industry codes of practice.*

## Licensing/Regulatory Information

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this qualification at the time of publication.

## Foundation Skills Outcomes

The foundation skills outcomes in this qualification are outlined below.



*Digital literacy outcomes are included in the Companion Volume Implementation Guide.*

## Entry Requirements

This qualification has no entry requirements.

## Packaging Rules

Total number of units = 15

- 7 core units
- 8 elective units, consisting of:
  - at least 1 unit from Group A and,
  - at least 5 units from either Group B, C or other electives and,
  - up to 2 units from other electives listed below, or any currently endorsed Training Package or accredited course.

Elective units must ensure the integrity of the qualification's Australian Qualification Framework (AQF) alignment and contribute to a valid, industry-supported vocational outcome.

*Any combination of electives that meets the rules above can be selected for the award of the Certificate III in Health Services Assistance.*

## Specialisations

This qualification can provide for specialisations. To achieve a specialisation, the following additional packaging rules must be adhered to:

- For specialisation in **Operating Theatre Technician**, all units from Group B electives must be selected.  
To achieve this specialisation, the candidate must have completed at least 80 hours of work as detailed in the Assessment Requirements of the relevant unit of competency.
- For specialisation in **Assisting in Nursing Work**, all units from Group C electives must be selected.  
To achieve this specialisation, the candidate must have completed at least 80 hours of work as detailed in the Assessment Requirements of the relevant unit of competency.

<b>Core units</b>	
BSBMED301	Interpret and apply medical terminology appropriately
BSBPPEF301	Organise personal work priorities
CHCCCS002	Assist with movement
CHCCOM005	Communicate and work in health or community services
CHCDIV001	Work with diverse people
HLTAAP001	Recognise healthy body systems
HLTINF006	Apply basic principles and practices of infection prevention and control
<b>Elective units</b>	
<b>Group A – Work Health and Safety</b>	
HLTWHS001	Participate in workplace health and safety
HLTWHS002	Follow safe work practices for direct client care
HLTWHS005	Conduct manual tasks safely
<b>Group B – Operating Theatre Technician specialisation</b>	
HLTAID010	Provide basic emergency life support
HLTHSS012	Handle medical gases safely
HLTTHE004	Maintain and operate theatre equipment

HLTTHE005	<i>Assist with preparation of healthcare recipient for operative procedures</i>
HLTTHE006	Provide intra-operative equipment and technical support
<b>Group C – Assisting In Nursing Work specialisation</b>	
CHCCCS020	Respond effectively to behaviours of concern
CHCCCS026	Transport individuals
HLTAIN003	<i>Assist with nursing care</i>
HLTAIN004	Provide non-healthcare recipient contact support
<b>Other electives</b>	
BSBINS201	Process and maintain workplace information
BSBMED302	Prepare and process medical accounts
BSBMED303	Maintain patient records
BSBMED305	Apply the principles of confidentiality, privacy and security within the medical environment
BSBSTR401	Promote innovation in a team environments
BSBTEC201	Use business software applications
CHCAGE007	Recognise and report risk of falls
CHCAGE008	Implement falls prevention strategies
CHCAGE011	Provide support to people living with dementia
CHCAOD001	Work in an alcohol and other drugs context
CHCCCS009	Facilitate responsible behaviour
CHCCCS010	Maintain a high standard of service
CHCCCS012	Prepare and maintain beds
CHCCCS019	Recognise and respond to crisis situations
CHCCCS031	Provide individualised support
CHCCCS038	Facilitate the empowerment of people receiving support

CHCDIV002	Promote Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander cultural safety
CHCLEG001	Work legally and ethically
CHCMHS001	Work with people with mental health issues
CHCMHS007	Work effectively in trauma informed care
CHCPRP005	Engage with health professionals and the health system
CPPCLO4100	Organise and monitor cleaning tasks
HLTAID009	Provide cardiopulmonary resuscitation
HLTAID011	Provide first aid
HLTAIN005	Pregnancy and postnatal health and wellbeing foundations
HLTFSE001	Follow basic food safety practices
HLTFSE002	Provide ward or unit based food preparation and distribution services
HLTFSE003	Perform kitchenware washing
HLTFSE005	Apply and monitor food safety requirements
HLTFSE006	Prepare foods suitable for a range of client groups
HLTFSE007	Oversee the day-to-day implementation of food safety in the workplace
HLTFSE009	Apply cook-freeze and reheating processes
HLTHPS006	Assist clients with medication
HLTHSS009	Perform general cleaning tasks in a clinical setting
HLTHSS010	Handle and move equipment, goods and mail
HLTOHC004	Provide or assist with oral hygiene
HLTSTE009	Clean reusable medical devices
SITXFSA005	Use hygienic practices for food safety
SITXFSA006	Participate in safe food handling practices
SITXFSA007	Transport and store food
<i>Units listed in italics have a mandatory workplace requirement.</i>	

## Pre-requisite Requirements

Unit of competency	Pre-requisite requirement						
CHCAGE008 Implement falls prevention strategies	CHCAGE007 Recognise and report risk of falls						
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## Mandatory Workplace Requirements

Unit of competency	Mandatory workplace requirement
HLTAIN003 Assist with nursing care	The candidate must perform the tasks outlined in the performance criteria of this unit during a period of at least 80 hours of work.
HLTTHE005 Assist with preparation of healthcare recipient for operative procedures	The candidate must perform the tasks outlined in the performance criteria of this unit during a period of at least 80 hours in a clinical workplace preparing healthcare recipients for operative procedures.

## Qualification Mapping Information

Previous Code and Title	Equivalence	Comments
HLT33115 Certificate III in Health Services Assistance	Not equivalent	Changes to qualification description and core units. Packaging rules restructured, new grouping introduced, specialisations updated, new elective units added

## Links

Companion volumes, including implementation guides, are found on the national training register - <https://training.gov.au/training/details/HLT>.