



CHC51122 Diploma of Financial Counselling (Rural)

WHY STUDY RURAL FINANCIAL COUNSELLING?

The CHC51122 Diploma of Financial Counselling (Rural) is a nationally recognised qualification where students gain the knowledge and skills required to work as a rural financial counsellor in Australia. The qualification also allows graduates to work as a generalist financial counsellor.

As a financial counsellor you will work in a unique field to provide free, independent, and confidential information and support to people in financial difficulty. Financial counsellors are not financial planners or advisers; other courses such as accounting or financial planning do not provide the same skill set. Not all financial counsellors are rural financial counsellors. It takes specific skills to work in this designated role. It's not simply about working in a rural location, it's a totally different job! Rural financial counsellors are funded to work with primary producers who are in financial difficulty. The work is complex and includes aspects of succession planning through analysing the financial situation and business position of the primary producer.

Delivered by ICAN Learn in partnership with **Rural Business Tasmania**, combining trusted leaders in financial counselling education with rural financial counselling expertise. Rural Business Tasmania has been providing rural financial counselling and business support expertise to rural and regional communities in Tasmania for close to 40 years. ICAN Learn and Rural Business Tasmania have come together to provide a course specifically to meet the needs of rural financial counsellors. The course will be delivered and assessed by experienced rural financial counsellors and contextualised to this setting, with recognition of the on-the-job learning.

WHAT SKILLS WILL STUDENTS GAIN?

This course is nationally accredited and provides students with the skills and knowledge to work in and adapt existing practice to a rural context. This includes using a strengths-based and client focused financial counselling process to target the specific needs of rural based clients.

Upon completion of the course, students will have specialist knowledge of legal remedies and options to manage debt and financial difficulty.

The course includes study of several areas of law including consumer law, credit law and bankruptcy. Students will also develop skills as an advocate and the ability to work within a counselling framework to address other issues that might interact with financial hardship such as problem gambling, substance abuse, mental health, or physical health problems. The completion of a 220-hour work placement will provide students with the opportunity to turn theory into practice.

HOW IS THE COURSE DELIVERED?

The program features an 18-month enrolment period, with live online classes delivered over 12 months. With a rolling intake, you can enrol whenever it suits you, offering flexibility to fit your schedule.

WHY CHOOSE ICAN LEARN?

Choosing ICAN Learn means you'll be supported and guided throughout your learning journey by passionate industry leaders and trainers, thrive in a collaborative environment that prepares you for the workforce, and contribute to a social enterprise that empowers First Nations students and communities.

To find out more email administration@icanlearn.edu.au or visit www.icanlearn.edu.au

About the course

The Diploma of Financial Counselling (Rural) comprises 17 units of study (13 core units and 4 elective units - three specific to the role of rural financial counselling as chosen by ICAN Learn) and is nationally accredited. In addition, students are required to complete a 220-hour 'Learning in the Workplace' experience. ICAN Learn will work with students to find a suitable placement option, and expert financial counsellors will mentor students throughout their placements.

Entry requirements

In order to study the Rural Financial Counselling model, students must be currently employed as a rural financial counsellor.

Students are also required to:

- demonstrate diploma level literacy and numeracy skills
- commit to the suggested hours of personal study time
- participate in required online classes
- have the ability to work collaboratively using digital media platforms
- participate in a pre-training interview. Applicants should have interest and/or relevant experience in the social and community services field and have the maturity and interpersonal skills to work with a diverse range of people

Delivery modes and duration

This delivery is ideal for those already working as a rural financial counsellor.

- 18 month enrolment period
- Live online classes for some core units
- Self paced for other units
- Immediate start
- 8-to-10-hour weekly study commitment
- Trainer support as required

Skills recognition

Skills recognition is available following enrolment and subject to a formal assessment process that measures the candidate's skills and knowledge from previous study, training, work, or life experiences against the outcomes of the qualification in which they are enrolled. More information about skills recognition is available from our website www.icanlearn.edu.au

Course fees

The Diploma of Financial Counselling (Rural) course fees are \$6000 and are payable over a scheduled invoicing period. More information about fees and payment options including VET student loans can be found on the ICAN Learn website.

Hear what our students have to say:

"I gained valuable insights and heard case stories from my trainers – who are also practising financial counsellors – who have worked with clients from diverse cultures, backgrounds, and ethnicities"

Our pathways

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**ADVANCED DIPLOMA OF
COMMUNITY SECTOR MANAGEMENT
(FOR FINANCIAL COUNSELLORS)**

COMING LATE 2025

Senior financial counsellor/sector leader

ACCREDITED SKILL SETS

CHCSS00084
Lead and support
colleagues

**Rural Financial
Counselling**
(Diploma elective
specialisation)

CHCSS00111
Problem
Gambling

CHCSS00069
Advocacy

**Professional
Supervision**
(unaccredited)

UNITS OF STUDY

CHCDFV001
Recognise
and respond
appropriately to
domestic and family
violence

CHCFIN010
Apply basic
concepts of small
business to financial
counselling

CHCDIV002
Promote Aboriginal
and/or Torres Strait
Islander cultural
safety

CHCCCS003
Increase the safety
of individuals at risk
of suicide

CHC51122
**DIPLOMA OF
FINANCIAL
COUNSELLING**

*Financial
counsellor*

CHC52015
**DIPLOMA OF
COMMUNITY
SERVICES**

*Community
service
roles*

CHC42021

CERTIFICATE IV IN COMMUNITY SERVICES

*Community services and financial
capability worker*

CHC32015

CERTIFICATE III IN COMMUNITY SERVICES

*Community services and financial
capability worker*

CHCSS00077

FINANCIAL LITERACY EDUCATION

Financial capability worker

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Rural Business Tasmania

Supporting and Growing
Rural and Regional Enterprise



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