QC13 Capacity Assessment

This half day course builds clinicians skills in capacity assessment for the adult consumer. This includes consumers consent to mental health assessment, treatment options and general health care.

The course explores what constitutes capacity and informed consent under both the Mental Health Act 2016 and the Guardianship and Administration Act 2000 (GAA) and the relevant tribunals responsible for reviewing consumer’s capacity in regard to these acts. Each act covers different matters or issues and the course develops learner's skills in distinguishing between mental health matters and non-mental health matters.

The course also explores substitute decision makers under the Mental Health Act 2016 and the Guardianship and Administration act 2000.

Learning is interactive, with hands on skill development include reviewing case studies/vignettes to assess for capacity, how to document capacity, and discussion and review of court decisions in regard to capacity.

Continuing professional development information:

3:45 hours of active learning

This program is accredited by the Australian College of Mental Health Nurses and Australian Association of Social Workers.
Learning outcomes

At the end of the course participants will be able to:

- define capacity to consent within the context of the *Mental Health Act 2016* and the *Guardianship and Administration Act 2000*
- describe the principles of capacity
- explain the relationship between capacity and informed consent
- identify the process to assess and document capacity
- distinguish between matters of capacity assessed under the *Mental Health Act 2016* and matters of capacity assessed under the *Guardianship and Administration Act 2000*
- identify the decision maker under the *Mental Health Act 2016* and *Guardianship and Administration Act 2000*.

This program is aligned to *Mental Health Act 2016, Guardianship and Administration Act 2000*

Testimonials:

“I appreciated how thoroughly the content was discussed. The expectations of the process and learning outcomes were clearly outlined. Active participation was encouraged with the small group activity enhancing learning.”

Mental Health Nurse

“My expectation to achieve increased understanding regarding capacity was successfully met during this course. It is an excellent course for someone like myself, new to Mental Health and Capacity.”

Occupational Therapist

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