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## Course 2 - Population Health Primary Care Integration

### Information Sheet

For clients who are interested in participating the above Course through the contract with General Practice SA.

This is a collaboration between GPSA and SA Health supporting the integration of programs and shared knowledge across the networks.

Healthfirst Training will be providing the training for this partnership.

Healthfirst Training (a Registered Training Organisation) is a business unit of the Adelaide Western General Practice Network and is a provider of Nationally Accredited Qualifications and Units from the Health Training Package.

We are able to provide tailored training to suit Industry Skill Sets including whole qualifications or specific units. The AWGPN's aim is that Healthfirst Training will support General Practice and the Allied Health Sector in South Australia and beyond, by providing quality training and contribute to a skilled workforce and a Professional Health Industry.

Healthfirst Training lecturers are practitioners in both the Clinical and Business Sector with vast and current experience in the Health Industry.

A population health approach assesses health status and health status inequities of the population as a whole as characterised by geography, age, culture or other defining features over the life span.

(Source: Health Improvement Plans, SA Government, 2008).

Key principles to a population health approach include: population focus; preventative focus with stress on building individual / community's capacity to control health determinants for a better quality of life; sensitivity to access and equity issues / health inequalities; sensitivity to cultural differences; health as a resource for everyday living and not as an end in itself and also applying an evidence based approach.

### Course Information

This qualification covers workers who are operational in a range of Population Health projects or programs. This qualification provides an entry level for Population Health work or as an additional qualification to those with existing specialist / clinical health qualifications. It covers workers who would contribute to the implementation of Population Health projects / programs by applying significant judgement in carrying out broad plans set out by Population Health Professionals. These workers may be responsible for managing work of others. Occupational Titles for these workers may include: Population Health Coordinator, Area Manager, Health Promotion Coordinator, Migrant Health Services Manager, Project Manager, Regional Coordinator, Regional Programs Coordinator and / or Senior Project Officer.

The qualification enables existing health professionals to extend their scope of expertise and broaden their career. For example, a person trained as a nurse or an allied health professional, could expand their career with the Diploma of Population Health to be in charge of the client population for a large general practice in the clinical and business component of the business.

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### Program Delivery

- Invitation to Participate from Cathy Zesers, GPSA Senior Program Coordinator for Primary Care Integration;
- **Information Day—for Induction, Enrolment and Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)**  
**Date: Monday July 6th 2009, 9.00am to 4.00pm**  
**Venue: Healthfirst Training, 5/98-102 Woodville Rd Woodville;**
- Gap Training will continue monthly thereafter ie from 3rd August then the fourth (4th) Monday of each month;
- The length of course will be dependent on the Recognition Process but all students will complete the required units by January 2010;
- Delivery will include:
  - ▶ **Face to face Learning**
  - ▶ **Mentoring**
  - ▶ **Self Paced and On-line Assignments**
  - ▶ **Group Discussions**
- Assessment will be conducted throughout the course and may include:
  - ▶ **Written Assignment**
  - ▶ **Personal Presentations**
  - ▶ **Research Tasks**
  - ▶ **Group Interaction**
  - ▶ **Peer Group Work**
  - ▶ **Class Interaction**
  - ▶ **Case Studies**

### Presenters

The Principal Course Presenter is Mr. Don Allan, currently the General Manager of the AWGPN who has worked in the health industry for over 15 years as a social health planner, environmental health consultant and change management consultant. He has extensive areas of interest within population health.

Other presenters will be appointed from our industry lecturing group according to their specialist

### Certificate IV in Population Health—HLT42305 Units of Competency can include:

#### Core Units

Apply a Population Health Framework	HLTPOP501B
Work with the Community to Identify Health Needs	HLTPOP502B
Plan a Population Health Project	HLTPOP503B
Evaluate a Population Health Project	HLTPOP504B
Establish and Maintain Community, Government and Business Partnerships	CHCCD19A
Build Capacity to Promote Health	HLTPOP505B
Undertake Systems Advocacy	CHCAD3A
Contribute to OHS Processes	HLTOHS300A
Maintain OHS Processes	HLTOHS400A
Maintain an Effective Work Environment	CHCORG5B

#### Elective Units (section 1)

Undertake Research Activities	HCPOL3A
Share Health Information	CHCHPROMIA
Work within Specific Communities	CHCCDI3C
Maintain Effective Networks	CHCNET2B
Participate in Policy Development	CHCPOLIA

#### Elective Units (section 2)

Manage Simple Projects	PSPPM402B
Maintain a Population Health Database	HLTPOP401B
Coordinate Work	CHCORG23B
Prepare a Budget	LGACOM503B

**TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST AS A PARTICIPANT IN THIS FREE COURSE**

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