

LAW FOR COMMUNITY WORKERS

Do you wish you understood more about the law? Do your clients have legal problems? Do you wish you knew where and how to refer them for help?

The Legal Services Commission via the Adelaide Institute of TAFE will be accepting enrolments in December 2009 for the **Law for Community Workers** course. The course has a very practical focus, developing skills in giving legal information and assisting people to understand legal procedures. It is aimed at community workers or staff in agencies involved in direct client contact.

The course consists of two 21 week semesters – **Use legal principles and procedures relating to conflict in a community setting*** and **Applying legal principles and procedures relating to conflict in a community setting**. Semester 1 * is a prerequisite for Semester 2. These accredited modules are a pathway to a recognised TAFE qualification, Certificate IV in Justice Studies (Legal Services stream). They **may** also be used as electives in other TAFEsa courses (perhaps Community Services or Youth Work - Juvenile Justice or Advocacy) Note that if you wish to continue on to complete the Cert IV or another TAFE award, you will need to apply for entry through SATAC after completing the two modules. Transfer to university is possible after completion of a Diploma.

The course is held at the Adelaide Institute of TAFE. It is relayed by video conference to students at any country TAFE colleges with video conferencing facilities (eg **Adelaide, Berri, Murray Bridge, Kingscote, Elizabeth, Whyalla, Pt Augusta, Pt Lincoln, Ceduna, Kadina, Yorketown, Coober Pedy, Ernabella & Mt Gambier** or other TAFEsa sites if available (see back). (Bold indicates tentative booking) These sites need to be nominated well in advance so please ring Liz Ahern on 08 8463 3570 (direct) if you wish to participate at a country site. (Maximum 5 sites) Students need to attend one morning a week over two 21 week semesters and complete homework each week, as well as assessments. First class is Friday 1st week February 2010 10am- 12.

The text book is *The Law Handbook* which is available free online at www.lawhandbook.sa.gov.au. *Internet access is essential* and computers are available in TAFE colleges and most public libraries on a free or low cost basis.

The cost is \$260 (\$104 concession available) for each semester. (Cost correct at **December 2009** but subject to change) Indigenous and students from new & emerging communities should contact Liz Ahern re fees on telephone 8463 3570.

Download **Expression of Interest** form from **What's New** www.lsc.sa.gov.au) and send by fax on 8463 3599 or email ahern.liz@saugov.sa.gov.au to put your name & email address on the waiting list. ASAP If accepted then a signed TAFEsa enrolment form will be sent in December for you to complete and send with your payment by mail or in person to Justice Studies, 120 Currie St, Adelaide 5000. Ring Justice Studies on 8207 8322 for information on enrolling in other subjects.



Use legal principles and procedures relating to conflict in a community setting* (Conflict between Individuals)

- Legal System & Court System
- Communication & Interviewing
- Legal Aid & Legal research
- Consumer Law
- Debt Recovery
- Bankruptcy
- Indigenous & Culturally and Linguistically Diverse People and the Law
- Family Law & Children & Property issues
- Family Law & De Facto Property Settlements
- Child Support Scheme
- Domestic Violence
- Child Abuse
- Housing
- Mediation & Neighbours
- Negligence & Motor Vehicle Accidents
- Personal Injuries



Apply principles of law and procedure relating to legal issues in a community setting * (Individuals & Government)

- Legal Profession, Ethics & Advocacy
- Interviewing and Communications Part II
- Introduction to Criminal Law
- Evidence, Investigations and Police Powers
- Children and Young Offenders
- Wills, Powers of Attorney, Guardianship
- Health Law
- Discrimination
- Employment Law
- Workcover
- Social Security & Complaints against Government
- Privacy, FOI and Defamation
- Real Property
- Environment & Planning Law
- Traffic Offences, Licences and Demerit Points
- Community Organisations
- Immigration

These are all the possible TAFESA Videoconferencing sites.

