



CULTURAL COMPETENCY IN A CATHOLIC CONTEXT

NATSICC eLearning Course

What is Cultural Competency?

At its heart, Cultural Competency is learning about, acknowledging, and valuing the diversity and gifts that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultures bring to Australia. On a practical level, Cultural Competence is the ability to work effectively alongside Australia's First Peoples and to make respectful, informed and appropriate decisions across cultural boundaries.

What does the Course cover?

NATSICC has designed the Course as a foundational step on the learning journey of all workers, volunteers, Clergy and Religious in the Catholic system.

It is the first training with a Catholic focus and equips participants with the knowledge and skills to effectively engage with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

A balanced mix of historical information combined with the impact that colonisation on First Nations Peoples, the course contains 4 core sections:

1. Our First Nations Peoples
2. Understanding our history
3. First Nations culture
4. Practice Tips

Who can complete the Course?

Anyone and everyone within the Catholic Church. It is our vision that any point of engagement between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and the Church will have undertaken the Course and possess a foundational knowledge and appreciation of the oldest living Culture in the world.

It is hoped that by fostering greater awareness and understanding across cultural boundaries, the Course will lead to the building of more positive relationships and effective outcomes for all people in Australia.

How long does it take and how can I access the Course?

You can complete the module at your own pace, either in a single sitting or section-by-section as your schedule allows.

Set aside 1 hour for the core learnings – much longer if you wish to delve deeper into the additional resources at the end of each section.

Your progress will be automatically saved after each session and you can pick up where you left off.

Please contact your Parish, School or Organisation's HR Department and let them know you would like to access the course.

You can also contact NATSICC directly at admin@natsicc.org.au



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