

# ACE

Government Funded VET NSW 2018

# SNAPSHOT



## REGIONAL



**68.3% of students live in rural, regional and remote areas**

## DISABILITY



**18.7% of students identify as having a disability**

## SEIFA



**65.5% of students are socioeconomically disadvantaged**

## INDIGENOUS



**12.6% of students are Indigenous**

## 45 PLUS



**41.9% of students are 45 or older**

## FEMALE



**58.1% of students identify as female**

## Reaching Vulnerable & Disadvantaged Learners

NSW community education VET providers disproportionately cater for students from the state's most disadvantaged groups and regions.

They significantly over-perform compared to TAFE and private for-profit providers on almost all tracked measures of vulnerability and disadvantage.

These achievements result from the NSW Government's "ACE Program" and Smart and Skilled funding.

**Student Percentages by Vulnerability and Disadvantage**



Source: National Centre for Vocational Education and Research (NCVER), 2019

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# OUTCOMES

## POST TRAINING



**83.6% of students employed or in further training**

## IN EMPLOYMENT



**43% of students moved from unemployment to employment after training**

## JOB STATUS



**57.2% of students had a better job after training**

## REASON



**84% of students achieved their major purpose for training**

## SATISFIED



**89.1% of students were satisfied with the overall quality of training**

## Delivering Employment and Training Outcomes

Community education providers proportionately engage more vulnerable and disadvantaged learners than any other type of provider - and deliver similar or better training and employment outcomes.

Highly skilled in reaching disadvantaged groups, the innovative approaches of community providers can have strong impacts on economic development.

Embedded in their communities, they provide local solutions for local people through targeted "place-based" training.

Community education providers are delivering on the Premier's policy priorities: providing high quality education, breaking the cycle of disadvantage and contributing to a strong economy.

## Community Colleges Australia

Community Colleges Australia (CCA) is the peak national body that represents community-owned, not-for-profit education and training providers. Our vision is for dynamic and vibrant communities, informed and empowered through learning.

Our members provide flexible and dynamic education and training opportunities to individuals, groups and businesses through accredited, non-accredited lifestyle and lifelong learning courses.

These educational activities help build self-esteem, re-engage "missing" learners and create and sustain social and community networks, all of which help to reinforce and sustain the communities in which our members operate.



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