

PSPTIS105 – Conduct Career Planning

Unit Overview

PSPTIS105 – *Conduct Career Planning* equips emerging translators and interpreters with the knowledge and practical skills to plan a sustainable and professional career in Australia's translating and interpreting industry. The unit supports students to identify career pathways, evaluate their own skills and experience, establish professional networks, and develop an individual career development plan aligned with their professional goals. This aligns with the purpose of the unit as described in the national Training Package.

As part of AIL's commitment to preparing graduates for professional practice, this unit incorporates NAATI Certification Test Preparation, addressing the additional course content requirements for NAATI Endorsed Qualifications.

Students develop a practical understanding of the NAATI certification pathway, including:

- understanding available NAATI credentials and certification pathways
- creating and setting up a [myNAATI](#) account
- understanding the certification application process and eligibility requirements
- becoming familiar with certification test formats and assessment expectations
- accessing official NAATI preparation resources and learning materials
- developing a personalised certification readiness plan
- preparing an ongoing professional development plan beyond graduation.

Beyond certification preparation, the unit emphasises long-term career development by helping students identify professional networks, industry associations, continuing professional development (PD) opportunities and mentoring pathways to support a successful career in translating and interpreting.

Industry Engagement

AIL believes that career planning extends beyond the classroom. Wherever possible, students participate in authentic industry learning experiences that provide direct exposure to professional interpreting practice.

These activities may include:

- guest presentations by NAATI representatives on certification pathways and professional practice
- industry presentations by experienced translators and interpreters
- guided visits to courts and other professional settings, where students observe courtroom proceedings and gain first-hand insight into the role of interpreters, professional protocols, ethical responsibilities and interpreter-mediated communication in real working environments

- participation in industry events and networking opportunities that support career development.

These experiences help students bridge the gap between study and professional practice while developing a realistic understanding of the Australian translating and interpreting profession.

By the end of this unit, students will have developed an individual career plan together with a practical roadmap towards NAATI certification and ongoing professional development, enabling them to confidently transition from study into professional practice.



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