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Let’s Talk NDIS Career and Training Opportunities

New career opportunities are emerging with the rollout of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) and TAFE Queensland North is stepping in to help residents get ready.

The training and education provider will be hosting webinars on Thursday September 22, allowing people to connect with a Trainer and a Disability Support Officer to get some advice.

The latest Job Outlook data from the Australian Government shows strong employment growth over the next four years for carers for the aged and carers for people with a disability.

TAFE Queensland North Executive Director, Susan Kinobe said people interested in the industry can gain training to work in residential group homes, day respite facilities, private homes and anywhere people with a disability need support.

“The health sector is very popular with students and is a particularly important area in preparing north Queenslanders for job opportunities that come online with the NDIS,” she said.

Ms Kinobe said TAFE Queensland North is also committed to providing equal learning opportunities.

“The NDIS will not only create jobs but it will also give people with a disability individualised support, allowing them to exercise greater choice and control in their day-to-day lives.

“TAFE Queensland North will work with students with a disability, where necessary, to modify assessments to suit their individual learning needs so that they can achieve their career dreams,” she said.

Tom Sharpen, a welding student, knows first-hand about the support on offer at TAFE Queensland North.

“I like this course, especially the practical side of things, as I enjoy getting hands-on.

“My teacher has been great, he even built a special bench so that it would be at the right height for my wheelchair,” he said.

Ms Kinobe said anyone with training questions should register for TAFE Queensland North’s webinar.

“During the session we will discuss modified learning and the available support options in more detail.

“We will also touch on the training that TAFE Queensland North can offer potential students who have a passion for working with individuals with a disability,” Ms Kinobe said.

To find out more about the TAFE Queensland North webinar visit www.tafenorth.edu.au/ndis
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