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Free work skills for new arrivals

BASS Coast Adult Education Centre is offering free work skills training for people whose first language is not English.

The centre has received funding from Adult, Community and Further Education (ACFE) to enable people from diverse backgrounds the chance to gain workplace qualifications.

The courses that will be run under this program are Food Safety and First Aid.

These courses will be run over two school terms, giving students the time they need to learn the skills required to successfully complete these certificates.

For both courses, students will have access to two trainers to help them complete the courses – one being an expert in the subject area and the other being a language teacher.

The Food Safety course will begin in Term 2 on Thursday, April 26.

It will run over eight weeks and give students the opportunity to learn the required elements of the course at a slower pace.

It will involve both theory and practical activities and will give students an understanding of how to follow procedures, apply good hygiene practices and how to identify and control basic hazards.

It will also include a visit to a local



Project coordinator Fiona Sibley (centre) with English students Htun Win Maung Aye and Aranzazu Allende.

industrial kitchen to view how these procedures are put into practice.

Project coordinator Fiona Sibley said the course will set the students on the path to employment.

"From this course, students will gain the skill and knowledge that they need to help them find employment in any part of the food industry."

The First Aid course will be run over 10 weeks in Term 3.

It will also be run at a slower pace

in order to allow the learners time to successfully complete the course.

It will combine practical activities with lots of hands-on experience. When successfully completed, the students will receive a certificate in Level 1 First Aid.

These courses are open to anyone whose first language is not English.

For more information, call Bass Coast Adult Education Centre on 5672 3115.