

## CAROL CONRON

### COURSE: CERTIFICATE I IN WORK EDUCATION

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#### WHAT ARE YOUR CAREER GOALS?

My first career goal was to discover what it was that I could do that would be satisfying, rewarding and fulfilling. It needed to enable me to use my natural talents of reading, writing and storytelling. But most of all it needed to allow me to help and support people in need with compassion, understanding and empathy. I am now pursuing my career goal of working in the bereavement support industry as a funeral celebrant or with a funeral service provider. I believe a sad occasion can be made more bearable for family members and loved ones by being a supportive and comforting presence for them.

#### WHO WAS YOUR TRAINER AND HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THEM?

Sandra Filipowicz: effervescent, a breath of fresh air, caring, supportive, challenging, knowledgeable, a friend, warm, understanding, giving. A thanksgiver – one who gives thanks for all that she has and appreciates so many things around her. A person who encourages others to look within themselves but not to forget the wider world outside of themselves.

#### DO YOU THINK YOUR COURSE AT MCIE HELPED YOU TO ACHIEVE YOUR CAREER GOALS?

Yes it has. By participating in the course, I've discovered who I am, my attributes and qualities and what it is I'm passionate about. I have been able to map a career path to find the doors I need to knock on to fulfil my career goal.

#### WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR BEST EXPERIENCE AT MCIE?

The friendships that have been built between the class members. Chef Bernie's beautiful, tasty pies. That Sandra Filipowicz was our course facilitator encouraging us all the time to be the best we could be and by making the best possible choices for ourselves and our lives. I also gained in self esteem and confidence and now believe I can do anything I set my mind on. I successfully completed work experience at the Altona Memorial Park where I learned about working in the bereavement industry.

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**MCIE & Fitted For Work: A Brilliant Partnership.** Carol was referred to us through Fitted For Work and is from our first batch of students who successfully completed the Certificate I in Work Education. Fitted for Work helps women experiencing disadvantage to get work and keep it through its free services which include mentoring, interview preparation, personal outfitting, and a range of transition to work and staying employed programs. MCIE is proud of our partnership with Fitted For Work as we work toward helping more clients gain employment.