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- Training for medication management is seen as the biggest issue currently in low care.
- Food safety and OH & S are major training priorities in low and high care
- RCS validation requires massive documentation and significant competence in English
- Efforts to provide culturally appropriate care are severely limited by the above requirements

Where do we want to be in 3-5 years time?

- Aged care needs to have developed relationships with the Registered Training Organisations (both public and private).
- Aged care needs meaningful input into the national competencies through such bodies as the “Community Services & Health Industry Training Board” to get culturally appropriate care on the agenda.
- We need flexible models of training delivery.
- We need to have the burden of RCS documentation removed so that we can start thinking more creatively about culturally appropriate care.
- We need development of a central registry of resources for multicultural training which is easily accessible.
- We need to develop “best practice” models of delivery of culturally appropriate care which embrace a variety of settings
- We need a Minister’s Award category for culturally appropriate care.