A wide range of exciting career options are available in the NSW public health system. A career in health provides many unique opportunities and opens the door to some fantastic experiences.

If this sounds like the kind of career you’d like, then take the time to explore the options on offer.

Once you’ve decided on a career in Allied Health, there are many choices available.

**Professional entry-level Allied Health courses include:**

- Audiology
- Nutrition and Dietetics
- Occupational Therapy
- Oral Health
- Orthotics and Prosthetics
- Pharmacy
- Podiatry
- Physiotherapy
- Radiography
- Social Work
- Speech Pathology

If you believe in yourself, have a desire to care for people and you’re prepared to study, then there’s nothing stopping you from applying to do a course. Educational facilities offer alternative entry programs for Aboriginal people who are considering undertaking studies in Allied Health.

**NSW Aboriginal Allied Health Cadetship Program**

The Aboriginal Allied Health Cadetship Program is one of the many strategies to increase the number of Aboriginal allied health professionals working in the NSW Public Health sector and provide better health services to our Aboriginal communities.

The NSW Ministry of Health offers cadetship positions for Aboriginal people living in NSW who are studying, or intending to study, an allied health undergraduate degree.

The Program involves Aboriginal students undertaking full-time study in an undergraduate allied health course while being employed in a NSW Public Health facility.

**Aims of the Program:**

- To increase the number of Aboriginal people working in the allied health professions across the NSW Public Health sector
- To provide an opportunity for local health services to assist in improving Aboriginal health through education and employment
**A Cadetship offers:**

- A study allowance of $600 per fortnight (minus tax) commencing at the beginning of each academic year, for a maximum of up to 40 weeks. Cadets also receive $500 each semester for books and equipment.
- A work placement of up to 12 weeks in paid employment in an allied health role.
- The opportunity to consolidate theoretical knowledge and to practise clinical skills in a health facility during a work placement period.
- The opportunity to work in a local public hospital or Justice Health facility while completing allied health studies.
- An income while studying.
- Support and mentoring by professionals — both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal — already working within health settings.
- The opportunity to develop both cultural and allied health links.
- Ongoing employment upon successful completion of the cadetship.

**The Career Pathway Map**

The map outlines choices that you can take to get into an Allied Health course.

- **VET in Schools and/or Human Services Curriculum for the Higher School Certificate**
  - Certificate III in Allied Health Assistance

- **Vocational Education & Training (e.g. TAFE or other registered Training Organisation)**
  - Certificate III in Allied Health Assistance
  - Certificate III in Nutrition and Dietetic Support

- **University**
  - Bachelors/Masters (Entry level) examples:
    - Physiotherapy
    - Occupational Therapy
    - Podiatry
    - Speech Pathology
    - Social Work
    - Pharmacy

- **Certificate IV in Allied Health Assistance in either:**
  - Physiotherapy
  - Occupational Therapy
  - Nutrition & Dietetics
  - Speech Pathology
  - Podiatry

- **Work**
Allied Health scholarships

As part of its ongoing commitment to maintain and improve the health status of rural communities, NSW Health provides financial assistance to allied health students via the NSW Rural Allied Health Scholarships, NSW Rural and Metropolitan Allied Health Clinical Placement Grants and NSW Rural Allied Health Postgraduate Scholarships.

NSW Health also provides scholarships specifically through the Australian Rotary Health for Aboriginal Medical and Allied Health Scholarships.

Further enquiries

For further enquiries please email cadetship@doh.health.nsw.gov.au or telephone 1800 855 494. To help you achieve your career goal, the NSW Ministry of Health offers cadetships for Aboriginal people living in NSW. If you’d like to find out more, please contact our Aboriginal team who can assist you.

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