Career Opportunities in Health Support Roles for Aboriginal People

good health - great jobs

NSW Government Health
NSW Health offers many career pathways and health support roles for Aboriginal people. Many jobs in health can be non-clinical.

Supporting the delivery of health services is a critical function and provides some great career opportunities in areas such as:

- Administration
- Clinical Coding/health information management
- Horticulture
- Human Resources
- Finance
- Information Technology
- Trades/ Maintenance e.g. carpentry, electrician,
- Patient Support Assistant roles

In NSW Health you can make a difference working in a team providing healthcare to the community whilst you progress your own career in health.

How Can You Start A Career In Health?

You can start by choosing and completing an accredited course in your chosen specialty area, for example:

School Based Opportunities

- Health based work experience placements in Year 10
- TAFE Vocational Education & Training (TVET) schools based Certificate III courses during years 11 and 12.
- School-based traineeships linked to completion of a VET qualification

Talk to your school careers adviser for more information about work experience and/or the VET in Schools programs.

Post-School Educational Opportunities and Pathways

- Traineeships and Apprenticeships — e.g. Business Administration, Carpentry or Electrician
- Completion of a Vocational Education & Training (VET) qualification as a prerequisite to employment e.g. Certificate IV in Health Administration, Diploma of Nursing (Enrolled Nurse)
- University education program leading to a degree which is mandatory for certain health and other professional roles e.g. Bachelor of Nursing, Bachelor of Physiotherapy, Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Information Technology (IT)
Completion of some VET qualifications enables you to gain employment and you can get credit transfer into a health-related university or TAFE education program. Use the website details listed in this document to find out more about vocational or university education pathways in health.

**Common Career or Training Pathways for You**

**Learning Together, Sharing Together**

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<td>Study as part of the Higher School Certificate (HSC)</td>
<td>Get paid while you learn</td>
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<td>There are many qualifications you can complete that will allow you to work in a large number of different areas in health in both clinical and non-clinical roles.</td>
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Where can you find more information?

To find out more information about careers in health, speak to your School Career Adviser, Job Search Network Officer or Employment Agencies and Education Institutions.

For more information on clinical and non-clinical career pathways in health please feel free to explore the links below or speak to an Aboriginal Student Coordinator at your local University or TAFE campus.

**NSW Health – Job search**

**TAFE NSW**
www.tafensw.edu.au/

**NSW Universities**
www.australian-universities.com/directory/nsw-universities/

**Universities Admissions Centre (UAC)**
www.uac.edu.au/

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**Apprenticeships and Traineeships**

**Australian Apprenticeships**
www.australianapprenticeships.gov.au/

**Careers Advisory Service**

**TAFE NSW**
www.tafensw.edu.au/courses/types/apptain.htm

**State Training Services**

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**Cadetships**

**NSW Ministry of Health (MOH)**
www.health.nsw.gov.au

**Nursing and Midwifery Office (NaMO)**
aboriginalnursing@doh.health.nsw.gov.au

**Health Education and Training Institute (HETI)**
cadetship@doh.health.nsw.gov.au

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Stepping Up by artist Jessica Birk.
Aboriginal people from all parts of NSW on a journey towards the top of the hill.
With one foot firmly on the earth, the other just hovering above in an effort to achieve more, with the sky being the only limit to people’s opportunities.

-designed by Aboriginal Elder
Harold Thomas in 1971. Yellow represents the sun (giver of life) and yellow ochre. Red represents the red earth (the relationship to the land) and the red ochre used in ceremonies. Black represents the Aboriginal people.