

## Aboriginal Health Professional

### What do they do?

Aboriginal health professionals liaise with patients and visitors in hospitals and community health clinics. They work in a team with doctors, nurses and other health professionals to provide health care.

### Tasks and duties

- ▶ Treat injuries and diseases.
- ▶ Act as a communicator and interpreter on behalf of clients or other health workers.
- ▶ Maintain health records and statistics.
- ▶ Provide health education to individual clients and health staff.
- ▶ Provide cultural and life skills education.
- ▶ Provide counselling and referral for patients and their families.
- ▶ Provide input to the planning, implementation and evaluation of health programs.

### Where do they work?

- ▶ Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health organisations
- ▶ Community health centres
- ▶ Public hospitals

### What abilities do I need?

- ▶ Interested in people and their health
- ▶ Good communication and negotiation skills
- ▶ Enjoy organising
- ▶ Cultural awareness
- ▶ Able to work independently and as part of a team

### Want further information?

Additional course and entrance information is available from university admissions centres, universities, careers advisers and from the following websites:

- ▶ National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Worker Association - [www.natsihwa.org.au](http://www.natsihwa.org.au)
- ▶ The Good Guide - [www.jobguide.thegoodguides.com.au](http://www.jobguide.thegoodguides.com.au)
- ▶ The Leaders in Indigenous Medical Education Network - <http://www.limenetwork.net.au/pathways>

### Scholarships available

- ▶ [www.nrhsn.org.au](http://www.nrhsn.org.au)
- ▶ Check professional bodies websites
- ▶ Check your State or Territory Government website for further information

## National Rural Health Student Network

The National Rural Health Student Network (NRHSN) provides a voice for students who are passionate about improving health outcomes for rural and remote Australians. The NRHSN has over 9,000 members who belong to 28 Rural Health Clubs at universities throughout Australia. They include students studying medical, nursing and allied health courses. The NRHSN offers networking, professional development and opportunities to enable positive rural health experiences. For further information please visit [www.nrhsn.org.au](http://www.nrhsn.org.au)

## Rural Health Workforce Australia

Rural Health Workforce Australia and the national network of Rural Workforce Agencies attract, recruit and support health workers to care for people in rural and remote communities.

We also know that students are the future of rural health. That's why we support the NRHSN and the 28 university Rural Health Clubs.

So if you are thinking about a career in rural health or want to connect with one of our Clubs, we would love to hear from you.

## Our Network

**Peak Body**  
Rural Health  
Workforce Australia  
[www.rhwa.org.au](http://www.rhwa.org.au)  
03 9860 4700

**Vic**  
RWAV  
[www.rwav.com.au](http://www.rwav.com.au)  
03 9349 7800

**QLD**  
Health Workforce  
Queensland  
[www.healthworkforce.com.au](http://www.healthworkforce.com.au)  
07 3105 7800

**Tas**  
Health Recruitment  
Plus Tasmania  
[www.healthrecruitmentplus.com.au](http://www.healthrecruitmentplus.com.au)  
03 6334 2355

**NSW**  
NSW Rural  
Doctors Network  
[www.nswrdn.com.au](http://www.nswrdn.com.au)  
02 4924 8000

**SA**  
Rural Doctors Workforce  
Agency  
[www.ruraldoc.com.au](http://www.ruraldoc.com.au)  
08 8234 8277

**WA**  
Rural Health West  
[www.ruralhealthwest.com.au](http://www.ruralhealthwest.com.au)  
08 6389 4500

**NT**  
PHN Northern Territory  
[www.ntphn.org.au](http://www.ntphn.org.au)  
08 8982 1000

## Rural Health Clubs



- 1 **ARMS** - Australian National University, ACT
- 2 **AURHA** - Adelaide University, SA
- 3 **BREAATHHE** - University of Newcastle, NSW
- 4 **BUSHFIRE** - Bond University, QLD
- 5 **CARAH** - Charles Darwin University, NT in assoc with Flinders University, SA
- 6 **CRANC** - University of Canberra, ACT
- 7 **FURHS** - Flinders University, SA
- 8 **HOPE4HEALTH** - Griffith University, QLD
- 9 **KRASH** - Notre Dame University, Broome, WA
- 10 **LARHC** - La Trobe University, Bendigo, VIC
- 11 **MARHS** - Charles Sturt University, Albury, NSW including La Trobe University Wodonga campus
- 12 **MIRAGE** - University of Sydney, NSW
- 13 **NERCHA** - University of New England, NSW
- 14 **NOMAD** - Deakin University, VIC
- 15 **OUTLOOK** - University of Melbourne, VIC
- 16 **RAHMS** - University of New South Wales, NSW
- 17 **RHINO** - James Cook University, QLD
- 18 **RHUUWS** - University of Western Sydney, NSW
- 19 **ROUNDS** - Notre Dame University, Sydney campus, NSW
- 20 **ROUSTAH** - University of South Australia, SA
- 21 **RUSTICA** - University of Tasmania, TAS
- 22 **SHARP** - University of Wollongong, NSW
- 23 **SPINRPHEX** - Combined Universities of Western Australia, WA
- 24 **SIARRH** - Charles Darwin University, NT including Flinders University, SA
- 25 **TROHPIQ** - University of Queensland, QLD
- 26 **WAAALHIIBE** - Combined Universities of Western Australia, WA
- 27 **WARRIAHS** - Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga, NSW
- 28 **WILDFIRE** - Monash University, VIC