

Orthoptist

What do they do?

Orthoptists diagnose and treat eye movement disorders and vision problems. Orthoptics is an allied health profession.

Tasks and Duties

- ▶ Measure and assess visual acuity (ability to discriminate detail), focusing ability, eye movement, binocular function and colour vision.
- ▶ Detect and treat disorders of the eyes which prevent normal vision such as strabismus (turned eye) and amblyopia (lazy eye).
- ▶ Assessment and management of eye movement disorders (for example, following a head injury).
- ▶ Conduct specialised tests to determine the effects of eye diseases such as glaucoma.
- ▶ Provide educational information to patients and members of the community about eye conditions and their effects.

Where do they work?

- ▶ Hospital eye departments
- ▶ Rehabilitation centres
- ▶ Private clinics with an Ophthalmologist
- ▶ Ophthalmic Technology companies

What abilities do I need?

- ▶ Interested in people's health needs
- ▶ Interest in science
- ▶ Good communication skills

Want Further Information?

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

- ▶ Orthoptics Australia - www.orthoptics.org.au
- ▶ The Good Guide
www.jobguide.thegoodguides.com.au

Scholarships available

- ▶ www.nrhsn.org.au
- ▶ Check professional bodies websites
- ▶ Check your State or Territory Government website for further information.

nrhsn *about us*

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 9000 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

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
03 9860 4700

Vic

RWAV
www.rwav.com.au
03 9349 7800

QLD

Health Workforce
Queensland
www.healthworkforce.com.au
07 3105 7800

Tas

Health Recruitment
Plus Tasmania
www.healthrecruitmentplus.com.au
03 6334 2355

NSW

NSW Rural
Doctors Network
www.nswrdn.com.au
02 4924 8000

SA

Rural Doctors Workforce
Agency
www.ruraldoc.com.au
08 8234 8277

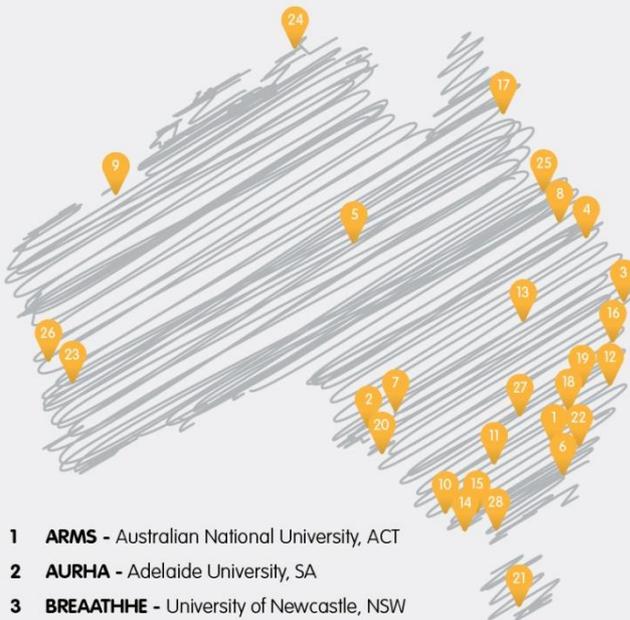
WA

Rural Health West
www.ruralhealthwest.com.au
08 6389 4500

NT

PHN Northern Territory
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 **SPINRPHX** - Combined Universities of Western Australia, WA
- 24 **SIARRH** - Charles Darwin University, NT including Flinders University, SA
- 25 **TROHPIQ** - University of Queensland, QLD
- 26 **WAALHIIBE** - Combined Universities of Western Australia, WA
- 27 **WARRIAHS** - Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga, NSW
- 28 **WILDFIRE** - Monash University, VIC