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University Departments of Rural Health (UDRHs)

Clinical placements in rural and remote Australia for health science students

The Australian Rural Health Education Network (ARHEN)

ARHEN is the peak body for Australia's 15 University Departments of Rural Health (UDRHs) which are in every State and the Northern Territory.

What are UDRHs?

Each UDRH is a leader in multidisciplinary rural health education, research and the development of innovative service models. UDRHs are the only rurally based academic facilities that are multidisciplinary work at undergraduate and postgraduate levels and with the existing workforce.

UDRHs focus on expanding and enhancing the rural and remote health workforce through multidisciplinary education and training, research, professional support and service development.

A key role is to coordinate and support rural and remote clinical placement opportunities for health science students in locations across Australia.

The following is an overview of UDRH student placement facilities and support grouped by state. Please contact individual UDRHs for further details.

Queensland UDRHs		
UDRH	Disciplines supported	Travel and accommodation
<p>Southern Queensland Rural Health (SQRH)</p> <p>Location of main offices: Toowoomba, Qld Charleville, Qld</p> <p>Website: https://www.sgrh.com.au</p> <p>Student information and applications: https://www.sgrh.com.au/students</p> <p>Email: sgrh@uq.edu.au</p> <p>Phone: Toowoomba office (07) 4633 9777 Charleville office (07) 4573 5000</p>	<p>Nursing Midwifery Pharmacy Audiology Clinical Exercise Physiology Nutrition and Dietetics Pharmacy Physiotherapy Psychology Occupational Therapy Social Work Speech Pathology</p>	<p>Accommodation: SQRH provides fully furnished and equipped accommodation at five centres located within our 400,000 square kilometre area: Toowoomba</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kingaroy • Chinchilla • Roma • Charleville <p>Students enquiring about accommodation while on placement in our region can contact their relevant university placement coordinator in the first instance.</p> <p>The SQRH Student Support Coordinator can also provide information: phone (07) 4633 9777 or email sgrh@uq.edu.au</p> <p>Further information: https://www.sgrh.com.au/accommodation</p> <p>Students can apply for a travel subsidy by contacting the SQRH Student Support Coordinator. Further information: https://www.sgrh.com.au/student-support-services</p>

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<p>Mount Isa Centre for Rural and Remote Health (CCRH)</p> <p>Location of main office: Mount Isa, Qld</p> <p>Website: https://www.crrh.jcu.edu.au/</p> <p>Student information and applications: https://www.crrh.jcu.edu.au/students/student-placements/</p> <p>Email: mountisaplacements@jcu.edu.au</p> <p>Phone: Mount Isa CCRH Student Placement Coordinator (07) 4745 4500</p>	<p>Medicine Nursing Midwifery Pharmacy Physiotherapy Occupational Therapy Physicians Assistants Mental Health (Psych/Social Work) Nutrition Veterinary Science Dietetics Speech Therapy Paramedicine Dentistry</p>	<p>Accommodation at any of the placement sites within this region of 380,000 sq. kms is at a minimal cost to students. If the student does not hold a scholarship that covers travel from the placement site, the cost of travel from the placement site to an outlying site is covered by the UDRH.</p> <p>The main sites include: Mount Isa, Longreach, Barcaldine, Blackall, Winton and Weipa.</p> <p>Outreach sites include: Normanton, Cloncurry, Bouli, Karumba, Julia Creek and Richmond.</p> <p>An accommodation fee of approx. \$80 per week may apply in 2019.</p>

New South Wales UDRHs		
UDRH	Disciplines supported	Travel and accommodation
<p>Three Rivers UDRH, Wagga Wagga, NSW</p> <p>Location of main office: Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga</p> <p>Website: https://threerivers.csu.edu.au/</p> <p>Student information: https://threerivers.csu.edu.au/students</p> <p>Email: ThreeRiversUDRH@csu.edu.au</p> <p>Phone: (02) 6051 9177</p>	<p>Nursing Midwifery Dentistry Oral Health Physiotherapy Occupational Therapy Podiatry Speech Pathology Pharmacy Paramedicine Medical Radiation Science Mental Health (Indigenous) Psychology Social Work Exercise Physiology Pathology</p>	<p>Accommodation Three Rivers UDRH provides subsidised accommodation at sites across the region for students who are on placements of two weeks or longer.</p> <p>Placement accommodation is available in Albury-Wodonga, Wagga, Griffith, Dubbo and Orange and is open to both CSU and non-CSU students.</p> <p>Further information: https://threerivers.csu.edu.au/students/placement-accommodation</p> <p>Travel support Students travelling over 80 kms for minimum 4-week placement may qualify for the Three Rivers travel support scheme, open to non-CSU students.</p> <p>Further information: https://threerivers.csu.edu.au/students/scholarships-and-grants</p>

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<p>University Centre for Rural Health (UCRH), Lismore, NSW</p> <p>Location of main office: Lismore, NSW</p> <p>Website: https://ucrh.edu.au/</p> <p>Student information: https://clin-ed.ucrh.edu.au/clinical-placements-north-coast</p> <p>Email: student.admin@ucrh.edu.au</p> <p>Phone: (02) 6620 7245</p>	<p>Indigenous Health Audiology Dentistry Exercise Science Health Services Management Medicine Diagnostic Radiography Radiation Therapy Medical Imaging Medical Radiation Midwifery Nursing Nutrition and Dietetics Occupational Therapy Osteopathy Pharmacy Podiatry Psychology Radiography Social Work Speech Pathology</p>	<p>UCRH accommodation locations:</p> <p>Ballina: 2x4 bedroom units and 2x5 bedroom units Lismore: 1x10 bedroom house; 2x4 bedroom house; 1x4 bedroom apartment; 1x30 bedroom 3 level complex Murwillumbah: 11 beds at Murwillumbah Hospital accommodation Grafton: 24 beds at Grafton hospital accommodation Maclean: (expected early 2019) 1x6 bedroom house Casino: (expected Aug/Sept 2019) 1x16 bedroom house.</p> <p>Accommodation is subsidised at \$70 a week for eligible students.</p> <p>Eligible students sourcing their own placement accommodation can apply for a UCRH accommodation subsidy of up to \$70 a week at the end of their placement.</p> <p>In addition, the UCRH campuses provide access to student social programs, community networking opportunities, multidisciplinary education programs, Aboriginal cultural immersion programs and lectures and access to a student study space.</p>

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UDRH	Disciplines supported	Travel and accommodation
<p>University of Newcastle Department of Rural Health (UoN DRH), Tamworth, NSW</p> <p>Location of main office: Tamworth, NSW</p> <p>Website: https://www.newcastle.edu.au/about-uon/governance-and-leadership/faculties-and-schools/faculty-of-health-and-medicine/department-of-rural-health</p> <p>Student information: https://www.newcastle.edu.au/about-uon/governance-and-leadership/faculties-and-schools/faculty-of-health-and-medicine/department-of-rural-health/placement-information</p> <p>Email: studentplacementstamworth@newcastle.edu.au</p> <p>Phone: (02) 6755 3500</p>	<p>Medicine Nursing Occupational Therapy Nutrition and Dietetics Physiotherapy Pharmacy Speech Pathology Medical Radiation Science Social Work</p>	<p>A charge of \$80 per week applies to all domestic placements using student accommodation in Tamworth, Armidale, Coffs Harbour, Port Macquarie and Taree. Free accommodation for domestic students may be available in Moree.</p> <p>Additional accommodation is available at Health Services Nurses Quarters if primary accommodation is full.</p> <p>Where UoN DRH has no accommodation, including smaller sites within the footprint areas, domestic students may be eligible for a \$80 a week allowance.</p>

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<p>Broken Hill UDRH, NSW</p> <p>Location of main office Corrindah Court, Broken Hill, NSW</p> <p>Website: http://www.bhudrh.com.au/</p> <p>Student information and applications: http://www.bhudrh.com.au/student-information</p> <p>Email: info@bhudrh.com.au</p> <p>Phone: (08) 8080 1200</p>	<p>Medical</p> <p>Nursing</p> <p>Occupational Therapy</p> <p>Nutrition and Dietetics</p> <p>Dentistry</p> <p>Physiotherapy</p> <p>Pharmacy</p> <p>Speech Pathology</p> <p>Medical Imaging</p> <p>Audiology</p> <p>Podiatry</p> <p>Orthoptics</p> <p>Psychology</p> <p>Social work</p>	<p>Broken Hill UDRH provides free high standard accommodation for all health-related placement students in Broken Hill and its satellite centres of Bourke, Balranald, Brewarrina, Cobar, Dareton, Lightning Ridge, Menindee, Walgett, Wentworth and Wilcannia.</p> <p>Student accommodation is fully self-contained. Each student has a secure, self-contained bedroom with shared communal facilities, eg living area, kitchen and bathrooms with access to wireless internet services.</p> <p>All placements attract a \$25 per week placement fee.</p> <p>While on placement in Broken Hill, students have access to a computer lab and well-resourced health library. Students are also invited to participate in locally organised weekly ENRICH multidisciplinary teaching sessions. Pastoral care, support and cultural awareness sessions are also provided for students.</p>

Victorian UDRHs		
UDRH	Disciplines supported	Travel and accommodation
<p>Department of Rural Health, University of Melbourne, Victoria</p> <p>Location of main office: Shepparton, Victoria</p> <p>Websites: https://goingruralhealth.com.au/ https://medicine.unimelb.edu.au/school-structure/rural-health</p> <p>Student information: https://goingruralhealth.com.au/student-information/</p> <p>Student accommodation information: https://goingruralhealth.com.au/student-information/accommodation/</p> <p>Email: going-ruralhealth@unimelb.edu.au</p> <p>Phone: (03) 5823 4579</p>	<p>Medical Nursing Allied health disciplines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dentistry • Social Work • Physiotherapy • Audiology • Speech Pathology • Optometry • Psychology 	<p>UoM Nursing and Allied Health are supported in accommodation costs; fees waived as a DRH bursary.</p> <p>Accommodation sites include Ballarat, Shepparton and Wangaratta.</p> <p>For students external to UoM, accommodation is subsidised and/or financial assistance is provided.</p> <p>Domestic students pay \$50 per week.</p> <p>International students pay \$180 per week (not subsidised). Students may be eligible for a travel/accommodation bursary see www.goingruralhealth.com.au</p> <p>Accommodation is self- contained with your own bedroom, shared facilities and access to computer lab or wireless internet services, (EduRoam) library and bike hire service.</p>

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<p>Monash Rural Health, Victoria</p> <p>Location of main office: Moe, Victoria</p> <p>Locations: Bairnsdale Mildura Moe Sale Traralgon South East Gippsland Warragul Wonthaggi</p> <p>Student information and applications: https://www.monash.edu/medicine/srh/placements/accommodation</p> <p>Email: MUDRIH.Inquiries@monash.edu</p> <p>Phone: (03) 5128 1022</p>	<p>All disciplines including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dentistry • Dietetics • Medicine • Nursing/Midwifery • Occupational Therapy • Paramedic • Pharmacy • Physiotherapy • Podiatry • Psychology • Radiotherapy • Speech • Social Work • Social Welfare • Psychology 	<p>Finding somewhere to stay is a big part of placement and we can help. But we offer a lot more than a roof over your head – if you're staying near one of our main teaching sites you'll also have access to libraries, student lounges and Eduroam wifi.</p> <p>Accommodation includes college style and houses in local communities. All accommodation is fully furnished. A fee of \$50 a week applies to each student.</p>

Victorian UDRHs		
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<p>Deakin Rural Health, Victoria</p> <p>Location of main office: Warrnambool, Victoria</p> <p>Website: https://www.deakin.edu.au/health/deakin-rural-health</p> <p>Student information and applications: https://www.deakin.edu.au/health/deakin-rural-health/student-support-and-accommodation</p> <p>Email: drhstudentofficer@deakin.edu.au</p> <p>Phone: (03) 5563 3035</p>	<p>All health professions</p>	<p>The typical charge is \$120 per week for accommodation in Camperdown, Casterton, Colac, Hamilton, Horsham, Portland & Warrnambool.</p> <p>Free accommodation is offered in Ararat & Edenhope in partnership with the local health services. Stawell offers accommodation at \$70 per week.</p> <p>Allied Health and Nursing students from Deakin University will be given preference where possible.</p>

Tasmanian UDRH		
UDRH	Disciplines supported	Travel and accommodation
<p>Centre for Rural Health, University of Tasmania</p> <p>Location of main office: Launceston, Tasmania</p> <p>Website: http://www.utas.edu.au/rural-health</p> <p>Email: rural.health@utas.edu.au</p> <p>Phone: (03) 6324 4000</p>	<p>Nursing Pharmacy Allied Health Medicine</p>	<p>Health students are provided with free accommodation at 19 rural locations.</p> <p>A Rural Placement Allowance of \$30 a week is provided to domestic students undertaking full time placements in rural Tasmania, providing they receive no financial support from their school, placement providers or through a scholarship scheme. This allowance is not payable to students who are enrolled in a course that is offered by the University of Tasmania.</p> <p>A travel subsidy of \$300 is available to domestic interstate allied health students who undertake a placement in rural Tasmania.</p> <p>Accommodation locations: http://www.utas.edu.au/rural-health/rural-health-teaching-sites/locations</p>

South Australian UDRHs		
UDRH	Disciplines supported	Travel and accommodation
<p>Flinders Rural Health, South Australia</p> <p>Location of main office: Renmark, South Australia</p> <p>Website: http://www.flinders.edu.au/medicine/sites/flinders-rural-health-south-australia/</p> <p>Email: rhsa.property@flinders.edu.au</p> <p>Phone: (08) 8539 1704</p>	<p>All health professions</p>	<p>Subsidised accommodation is available across rural SA for students who are on placements of two weeks or longer.</p>

South Australian UDRHs		
UDRH	Disciplines supported	Travel and accommodation
<p>University of South Australia, Department of Rural Health</p> <p>Location of main office: Whyalla, South Australia</p> <p>Website: https://u.unisa.edu.au/about/drh</p> <p>Student information: https://u.unisa.edu.au/about/drh/information-for-students/</p> <p>Email: drhstudents@unisa.edu.au</p> <p>Phone: 1800 905 825</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audiology • Dietetics • Human Movement • Laboratory Medicine • Medical Radiation • Midwifery • Nursing • Occupational Therapy • Oral Health • Pharmacy • Podiatry • Psychology • Social Work – if placed in a health setting • Speech pathology • Optometry 	<p>Accommodation information: https://u.unisa.edu.au/about/drh/information-for-students/accomodation/</p> <p>Allied health, nursing and midwifery students from UniSA will be supported with free accommodation or financial assistance depending on location.</p> <p>International students may be required to pay \$100-\$120 a week for DRH-supported accommodation, depending on location.</p> <p>Students from other universities have access to UniSA DRH accommodation where available.</p> <p>Allied health, nursing and midwifery domestic students from all universities are eligible for travel assistance from Adelaide (this amount is capped). These residential students are not entitled to any financial assistance.</p>

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<p>Majarlin Kimberley Centre for Remote Health (formerly Kimberley Rural Health Alliance)</p> <p>Location of main office: Broome, Western Australia</p> <p>Covers the Kimberley region of WA including Broome, Derby, Fitzroy Crossing, Halls Creek, Wyndham, Kununurra and some smaller communities.</p> <p>Website: https://notredame.edu.au/majarlin</p> <p>Email: majarlin@nd.edu.au</p> <p>Phone: (08) 8192 0605</p>	<p>Nursing, occupational therapy, physiotherapy, nursing, dietetics, dentistry, pharmacy, speech pathology, medical imaging, audiology, podiatry, psychology, social work.</p> <p>Work readiness programs for OT & physiotherapy running at primary schools & aged care facilities in Broome. These students are supervised by Majarlin OT & physiotherapy clinical educators.</p> <p>Students are offered social and cultural experiences, pastoral care, access to professional development events, IT support & library services & onsite assistance.</p> <p>Students from all universities are welcome.</p>	<p>All students must attend an Orientation Day which includes cultural orientation and cultural tour.</p> <p>Placements must be at least 4 weeks. Accommodation subsidy of \$37.85 per night available. If staying at the Uni of Notre Dame Broome campus, accommodation is fully covered by Majarlin.</p> <p>Travel scholarship of \$500 available (domestic students). Placements over 10 weeks can claim \$1,000 travel scholarship. Contact majarlin@nd.edu.au for more info.</p> <p>Student accommodation available at University of Notre Dame campus, Broome.</p>

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<p>Western Australian Centre for Rural Health (WACRH)</p> <p>Location of main office: Geraldton, Western Australia</p> <p>Website: http://www.wacrh.uwa.edu.au/</p> <p>Student information: http://www.wacrh.uwa.edu.au/students</p> <p>Email: admin-wacrh@uwa.edu.au</p> <p>Phone: (08) 9956 0200</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Occupational Therapy • Physiotherapy • Exercise Physiology • Social Work • Podiatry • Paramedicine • Pharmacy • Public and Population Health • Health Promotion • Dietetics and Nutrition • Speech Pathology • Nursing • Midwifery <p>Other disciplines are supported by arrangement.</p>	<p>Student accommodation locations:</p> <p>Midwest: Geraldton - 12x2 bedroom shared units and 3x4 bedroom shared units Mullewa - 3x2 bedroom shared units</p> <p>Murchison Mt Magnet - 6 bedroom house</p> <p>Pilbara Karratha - 2x3 bedroom shared units Newman - 5 bedroom shared house Port Hedland - 4 bedroom shared house</p> <p>We offer free (where possible) or affordable accommodation in these areas.</p> <p>Accommodation is of a high standard and includes internet access.</p> <p>Scholarships are provided for travel to the Pilbara region only. Regional travel between remote towns is supported by WACRH through use of Centre vehicles.</p>

Northern Territory UDRH		
UDRH	Disciplines supported	Travel and accommodation
<p>Centre for Remote Health Northern Territory</p> <p>Location of main offices: Alice Springs and Tennant Creek, NT</p> <p>Website: https://www.crh.org.au/</p> <p>Student information: https://www.crh.org.au/student-placements/student-placements-overview</p> <p>Email: crh.placements@flinders.edu.au</p> <p>Phone: (08) 8951 4700</p>	<p>All health and community service disciplines are supported.</p> <p>Students from all universities are welcome.</p>	<p>All students must attend the cultural orientation offered in the region as part of their placement.</p> <p>Student accommodation is twin share or single (depending on location) usually within walking distance of the hospital and other sites, self-contained with wifi access. Cost is \$100-\$150per week.</p> <p>A stipend of \$120 per week up to \$1200 is offered on application for students studying with Flinders and CDU who are required to travel to attend a placement.</p> <p>Accommodation is available in selected remote Aboriginal communities.</p>