

Aboriginal Health Worker

What does an Aboriginal Health Worker Do?

Aboriginal Health Workers provide a vital link between Aboriginal Communities, Hospitals and Medical Services. An Aboriginal Health Worker provides better access, liaison, health promotion and preventative health services to the Aboriginal community. An Aboriginal Health Worker is a support role and you need to achieve the best outcome for both client and self.

These roles have arisen from the need for services to deliver effective healthcare to Aboriginal people and communities and include both generalist roles and roles related to specific programs and projects. Roles that currently exist in Hunter New England Health include:

- Drug and Alcohol
- Population Health
- Mental Health
- Family Violence
- Maternal and Infant Health
- Men's Health
- Chronic Care
- Early Childhood
- Aged Care
- Youth Health
- Sexual Health
- Community Liaison
- Child Sexual Assault Health
- Quit Smoking

Where do I study?

You do not have to have qualifications to be an Aboriginal Health Worker if you have experience already working with Aboriginal communities, however you can study:

- Certificate III in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care
- Certificate IV in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care
- Diploma in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care

A day in the life of a Rural Aboriginal Health Education Officer

- Every day is a challenge and not one day is the same as another
- Provide support for clients
- Community involvement

Career opportunities

- Community health centres
- A career as an Aboriginal Health Worker can lead to travel, education, promotion and financial stability
- Health promotion and education

What sort of person should I be?

- Supportive
- Enjoy working with Aboriginal people
- Be a people person / good communicator
- Have a willingness to learn
- Have a willingness to pass on what you know