

Aboriginal Liaison Officer

What does an Aboriginal Liaison Officer Do?

Aboriginal Liaison Officers assist multidisciplinary teams to provide clinical and primary health care for individuals and families. Aboriginal Liaison Officers engage with patients, clients and visitors to hospitals and health clinics and assist in arranging, co-ordinating and providing culturally appropriate health care.

Where do I study?

You do not have to have educational qualifications to be an Aboriginal Liaison Officer if you have experience 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 Worker

- Visit patients in hospital to assess needs of patient
- Maintain health records and statistics
- Act as a communicator and interpreter on behalf of clients and other health workers
- Assist in case management and follow up independently, or with other health care providers
- Provide health education to individual clients and health staff
- Provide cultural life skills education to the community
- Provide support and advocacy for patients families needing accommodation and refer clients when necessary
- Give input to planning, development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of health care plans
- Administrative tasks

Career opportunities

- Public hospitals
- Community health clinics
- Health promotion and education

What sort of person should I be?

- Well organised
- Enjoy working with others
- Have good communication and negotiation skills
- Cultural awareness, experience and sensitivity when working with Aboriginal people