Working in WA Health

Have you thought about a health career?

Whether you are a nurse, radiologist, accountant, social worker or clinical coder, you can play an important role in improving the health of our community.

WA Health aims to improve the health and wellbeing of all people in Western Australia.

The types of jobs available in WA Health

- **Nurses and Midwives** provide direct patient care, or may work in health promotion, research and education, or in managerial roles.

- **Doctors** treat and assist in the prevention of human physical and mental illness, disease and injury and promote good health.

- **Allied Health Professionals, technicians and assistants** work with doctors and nurses as part of a team, offering services to meet all the health needs of individual patients. Examples: Aboriginal health workers, social workers, speech pathologists, and occupational therapists.

- **Support service staff** are employed in hospitals and assist with the day to day domestic services. Examples: cleaners, orderlies, ward staff, kitchen hands and patient care assistants.

- **Dental professionals** provide dental health care services. Examples: dentists, dental therapists, dental chair assistants and dental technicians.

- **Engineering and trades staff** assist with the day to day maintenance of buildings and equipment. Examples include electricians, painters, fitters, and gardeners.

- **Health Science Professionals** work alongside doctors and nurses as part of a team. Examples: laboratory assistants, anaesthetist technicians, medical scientists and pharmacists.

- **Management and Administration staff** work to support health services (such as hospitals) improve legislation, policies and regulations. Examples: clerks, accountants, medical typists, marketers, policy officers, environmental health officers, human resource managers and clinical coders.
What training do you need to get a job in health?

People from a wide range of backgrounds, and with varying degrees of skill and education can get a job with WA Health. The qualifications you need for a job can vary from university degrees, to TAFE training, traineeships and on-the-job training.

Useful sites about careers in health

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What can a career in health offer?

Health professions work in a range of settings including acute care and rehabilitation in a hospital, community and public health, Aboriginal health services, health promotion and prevention, non-government organisations and or in private practice.

Health careers also offer:

- a career that provides a challenge as well as doing something worthwhile for the community
- making a difference in people’s lives can be very rewarding
- options to have flexibility in your job such part time, job share and casual work
- work as part of a team or individually
- excellent job prospects with opportunities for promotion
- work that is interesting and challenging
- experience in Aboriginal health and opportunities to learn about Aboriginal culture
- the opportunity to work in new state-of-the-art hospitals.

Where can you find out more about jobs in WA Health?

Careers in WA Health health.wa.gov.au/careers
WA Health Job Search jobs.health.wa.gov.au
Nursing and Midwifery nursing.health.wa.gov.au
Health careers for Aboriginal people aboriginal.health.wa.gov.au/employment/index.cfm
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