

In2Health Aboriginal Health Worker (AHW) Traineeships for Practices

- The Aboriginal Health Worker traineeship program is a new component of the **In2Health employment program, a partnership between Illawarra Institute of TAFE, In2Careers and the Illawarra Shoalhaven Medicare Local.**
- Trainees are currently available for recruitment into Aboriginal Primary Health Care traineeships. Students are currently studying Certificate III Aboriginal Primary Health Care at Shellharbour TAFE and have completed a 5 week pre-employment course including the first module of their course - 'Working in primary healthcare settings', first aid certificate, and customer service training. Many have previous community liaison and work experience in the community services or retail sector.
- All participants have also completed a minimum of 30 hours of work placements in a variety of primary health care or community health settings and have full police checks, full immunisation status including Hepatitis B, and a current first aid certificate.
- Traineeships are for 12 months for full time employment or a pro-rata period of up to 24 months for part time hours.
- Employers may be eligible to receive approximately to 10K in incentives. The cost to the employer is approximately \$15K/yr for a full time trainee or a pro-rata amount for part time trainee.
- Ideally trainees will work for a minimum of 3 days and attend Shellharbour TAFE on Tuesdays.
- *In2Careers* will provide interested employers with a selection of resumes and an opportunity to interview potential trainees.
- *In2Careers* can support your practice to offer a traineeship and provide ongoing support for the duration of the traineeship.

Trainee AHW roles for your practice:

Clinical Support (under supervision of a Practice Nurse)

- assist with history taking and patient engagement for health checks
- assist with health check data collection and screening procedures
- assist with practice nurse follow up for chronic conditions and referrals for team care arrangements
- support patients during consultations and explain health terminology and medical procedures to patients

Practice Support

- manage patient enquiries including IHI PIP and PBS Co-Payment Measure
- manage clinic appointments and patient flow
- conduct recall and reminder phone contacts with patients
- assist the practice develop culturally appropriate policies, procedures and marketing
- assist with providing in house cultural awareness training to staff

Community Liaison

- liaise with patients to support them to complete forms, and make follow up appointments to practice staff or external healthcare providers
- conduct community liaison and engagement activities to promote your practice to local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.

At completion of their course graduates can assist with claiming the following MBS items:

- assist GP in preparing Team Care Arrangement (TCA) in assessing the patient, identifying the patient's needs and making arrangements for services
- receive referrals from GPs following a health assessment MBS 715 or Team Care Arrangement MBS 732. A maximum of 10 AHW follow up visits can be claimed following a health check MBS 715 item. A maximum of 5 follow up AHW visits are able to be claimed following a TCA.
- collect patient information for a Health Check MBS 715. AHWs can assist the GP to conduct clinical checks such as blood pressure, blood glucose, weight and waist measurements.
- plan and run health education group or outreach health promotion programs

For further information about an AHW trainee in your practice contact:

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