



Position Description

Aboriginal Health Worker – Clinical Stream
Clinical Services
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POSITION TITLE

Aboriginal Health Worker – Clinical Stream
Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service

LOCATION

Lawson St Penrith

POSITION DESCRIPTION

The Aboriginal Health Worker directs patient contact and provides provide a full range of primary care support services under the supervision of the General Practitioners and clinic staff in a way that fully supports a high standards of quality care.

The Aboriginal Health Worker – Clinical Stream reports directly to the Team Leader Clinic.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES OF THIS ROLE

- Liaise between clients and clinic staff and assist with the follow up of clients treatments
- Provide appropriate referral services – referring clients to appropriate services and community health
- Monitor local Aboriginal Health problems and needs, and advise the General Manager and/or professional staff
- Participate in or carry out preventive and health education activities under the supervision of GP's and or Nursing Staff
- Promote healthy lifestyle in the community
- Collect, collate and coordinate health statistics and information processes for the advancement of Aboriginal health and well-being
- Implement and evaluate public health strategies, programs and services directed to the needs of the Aboriginal community of the region
- Undertake primary care tasks within the boundaries of your qualifications
- Work closely with the GP's and relevant clinic staff to assist with all aspects of the development and delivery of health care plans
- Develop and maintain contact with communities regarding Indigenous health
- Assist in the development and delivery of health education programs
- Provide reports as required on time
- Liaise with allied health professionals and specialist as required
- Liaise with other AMS's and hospitals for client medical and medication records as necessary
- Ensure good rapport and communication with external health services
- Actively encourage and promote continuous improvement
- Liaise with clients for screenings and tests as required
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of, respect for and compliance with culturally appropriate ways of working with Aboriginal individuals, families and communities

SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

Essential Criteria

- Aboriginality
- Certificate IV in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Primary Health Care (Practice)
- Demonstrated experience of working independently and/or showing initiative in relation to patient care
- Understanding and knowledge of specialist medical, allied health and support services locally
- Excellent communication, time management and organizational skills.
- Knowledge and understanding of the issues that impact on Aboriginal people and Aboriginal communities
- Demonstrated knowledge of the primary health care setting in a variety of locations or ability to develop this knowledge base in the brief period of time.
- Computer literacy and a high standard of report writing
- Working with Children and Criminal Record check clearances and a current NSW Drivers Licence

Desirable Criteria

- Knowledge of chronic disease management
- Previous general practice experience

Note: Aboriginality is a genuine occupational qualification for the above position and is authorised under Section 14D of the Anti-Discrimination Act 1977 No. 48.

WHO WE ARE

Wellington Aboriginal Corporation Health Service (WACHS) aims to empower targeted Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to take control of their individual, family and community health and wellbeing needs through the community-controlled model. Our main services are located in Wellington, Dubbo, Moree, Western Sydney, Penrith, Nepean Blue Mountains, and we provide outreach services to other towns and communities through our regional programs

We are an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service offering Primary Health Care Services and an Integrated Care program, as well as a number of specialist clinical staff and AHW's, a Specialist Programs Unit incorporating Social & Emotional Wellbeing, Child & Family Support, Drug & Alcohol, Aboriginal Family Health, Aboriginal Local Support, a Healthy for Life (H4L) Program, Maternal & Child Health Worker, Aboriginal Health Workers, Youth Health Worker and Dietitian targeting Maternal & Child Health and Chronic Diseases, regional programs including Australian Nurse Family Partnership Program, Aboriginal Children's Therapy Team, Tackling Indigenous Smoking Program. Our staff are supported by an Executive Management Team located across our service areas.

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