

# Allied Health Rural Clinical Placement Support Program



## Allied Health Rural Clinical Placement Support Program Guidelines

Rural Health West's Allied Health Rural Clinical Placement Support Program aims to provide financial support to allied health students completing a clinical placement in rural Western Australia. Successful applicants may be awarded up to \$800.00 depending on placement location, type of placement and availability of funding.

The program offers financial support for travel and accommodation costs associated with the clinical placement. Rural Western Australia refers to locations rated Modified Monash Model (MMM) 3-7 locations.

### Who is eligible?

#### Students must be:

- Currently studying in a full-time or part-time capacity.
- Currently enrolled to study at one of the Western Australian universities - Curtin University, Edith Cowan University, Murdoch University, The University of Notre Dame Australia Fremantle, or The University of Western Australia.
- Studying one of the disciplines listed below.
- A member of a Student Rural Health Club:
  - Western Australian ALLied Health Interested In Bush Experience – **WAALHIIBE** [www.ruralhealthwest.com.au/waalhiibe](http://www.ruralhealthwest.com.au/waalhiibe)
  - Students and Practitioners Interested in Rural Practice Health Education eXcetera – **SPINRPHEX** [www.nrhsn.org.au/all-clubs/spinrphex](http://www.nrhsn.org.au/all-clubs/spinrphex)

**PLEASE NOTE:** Students located in a Western Australian rural region enrolled externally with a university not listed above are eligible to apply. See guidelines below for further information.

#### Eligible university courses

- Audiology
- Chiropractic
- Dietetics/Nutrition
- Exercise Physiology
- Health Science/Health Promotion
- Midwifery
- Nursing
- Occupational Therapy
- Pharmacy
- Physiotherapy
- Podiatry
- Psychology
- Radiography
- Social work
- Speech Pathology

### Guidelines

- Eligible clinical placements must occur between 01 January 2021 and 30 June 2021.
- Eligible clinical placements must be located in a MMM 3-7 location. Visit the Health Workforce Locator at [www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/health-workforce-locator](http://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/health-workforce-locator) for MMM classifications.
- Students must be enrolled in one of the eligible allied health disciplines listed above.
- Students must be a member of a Student Rural Health Club.
- Students submitting retrospective applications will need to submit evidence of payments made for travel and accommodation while completing the clinical placement. Please send through original receipts and/or invoices for assessment (if applicable).

- Students located in a Western Australian rural region (see MMM 3-7 locations) enrolled externally with a university not based in Western Australia are eligible to apply for the support program. Students must provide details of current institution and placement location. This will be approved on a case-by-case basis.
- Grant payments can only be used to assist with travel and/or accommodation expenses.
- Students must provide a signed letter of clinical placement from their University Clinical Coordinator with university letterhead specifying placement dates, placement location and name of health service.
- Student must include the type of placement when submitting their application. Definitions of placement types are outlined as follows:

**Primary Health Care** Placement in a community-based setting including general practice, private practice, community health or aged care

**Mixed** Combination of primary health and hospital placement

**Hospital** Placement completed in a hospital setting

- Applicants may be asked to submit extra evidence of their placement type following the submission of their application.
- Following the clinical placement, students are required to provide a 300-word statement outlining their placement experiences and three placement photos highlighting their rural experience to be used to market the program to prospective students. See grant claim form.
- Financial support is capped at \$800.00.
- Application closing date: 26 March 2021.
- Applications will be considered until funding is exhausted.
- The funding round opens 11 January 2021. Applicants will receive an email notification confirming receipt of application.
- Applications will be assessed following the application closing date for the funding round. All students will receive notification of the outcome of their application following the closing date via email.
- Applications will remain confidential.
- Applications will be assessed by Rural Health West and decisions are final.

## How to apply?

- Complete and return the Allied Health Rural Clinical Placement Support Program application form.
- Submit written evidence from your university in form of letter of clinical placement on university letterhead from Clinical Coordinator specifying placement location, placement dates and name of health service/s.
- If applying retrospectively, evidence of payments for travel and accommodation must also be provided.

Applications are to be submitted to [choosecountry@ruralhealthwest.com.au](mailto:choosecountry@ruralhealthwest.com.au)

**Closing date:** 26 March 2021

## More information

For more information about the Allied Health Rural Clinical Placement Support Program, please contact:

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