

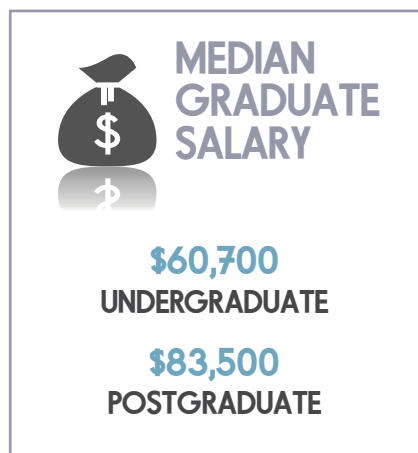
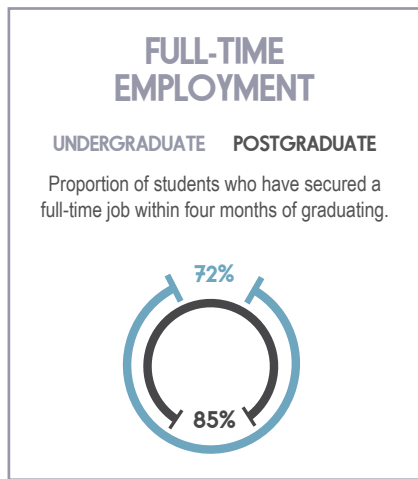
HEALTH SERVICES & SUPPORT

This is a detailed profile of the health services and support field of study. It lists the range of specialisations available and compares degree-level courses. We examine the institutions that get the best ratings, based on real student experience and graduate outcome data, which will help you decide the right university for your educational journey.



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The health services and support field encompasses a wide range of professions in health-and-welfare-related fields. Some health workers focus on health administration, others on education, and some on working for public health organisations.



WHAT CAN I DO?



Family Support Work



International Aid



Youth Services



Food and Nutrition Policy



Disability Care



Health Counselling

Data has been sourced from the Graduate Outcomes Survey. Results are pooled to represent graduates who completed the survey in 2018, 2017 and 2016. Graduates complete the Graduate Outcomes Survey approximately four months post-graduation.



FIVE-STAR UNIVERSITIES

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EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE	GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT	LEARNER ENGAGEMENT	LEARNING RESOURCES
BOND 95.2%	UNSW 100.0%	ANU 84.6%	BOND 97.6%
NOTRE DAME 91.9%	TASMANIA 87.1%	MONASH 78.0%	GRIFFITH 94.3%
SUNSHINE COAST 90.4%	CQUni 84.5%	BOND 73.8%	SUNSHINE COAST 92.7%
FEDERATION 89.8%	CSU 83.1%	FEDERATION 73.7%	ECU 92.5%
MURDOCH 88.4%	RMIT 82.1%	CSU 72.8%	DEAKIN 92.3%
QUEENSLAND 87.6%	JCU 81.7%	ECU 72.3%	NEWCASTLE 92.2%
ECU 87.4%	SYDNEY 75.9%	FLINDERS 71.6%	QUEENSLAND 91.5%
NATIONAL AVERAGE = 80.3%	NATIONAL AVERAGE = 72.1%	NATIONAL AVERAGE = 63.7%	NATIONAL AVERAGE = 83.8%
MEDIAN STARTING SALARY	SKILLS DEVELOPMENT	STUDENT SUPPORT	TEACHING QUALITY
TASMANIA \$82,000	BOND 92.5%	BOND 94.6%	ANU 100.0%
UNSW \$75,000	FEDERATION 89.6%	NOTRE DAME 90.5%	BOND 97.6%
CQUni \$71,800	MURDOCH 88.8%	FEDERATION 88.9%	MURDOCH 92.9%
CURTIN \$68,500	NOTRE DAME 88.8%	CSU 82.9%	NOTRE DAME 90.2%
VU \$67,000	MONASH 87.5%	ECU 81.1%	QUEENSLAND 89.5%
	SUNSHINE COAST 87.4%	ADELAIDE 80.8%	SUNSHINE COAST 89.4%
	ACU 87.4%	WOLLONGONG 79.9%	ECU 89.2%
NATIONAL AVERAGE = \$60,700	NATIONAL AVERAGE = 81.9%	NATIONAL AVERAGE = 74.0%	NATIONAL AVERAGE = 82.9%

WHAT DO THESE NUMBERS MEAN? The ratings above represent the top 20 per cent of results for each measure in this particular field of study. For overall institution results, see the ratings section at the front of the guide.

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The following are just some of the majors you can study in this field:

- Ambulance services
- Community health
- Disability studies
- Environmental health
- Health promotion
- Natural medicine
- Nutrition and dietetics
- Oral health
- Radiography

The health services and support field encompasses a wide range of professions. Some health workers focus on running things (health administration); some on advising and educating people (health promotion or occupational health and safety); some on working for or advising public agencies and other organisations (public health); and some on delivering health services (radiography or nutrition). There are also many degree options in complementary health disciplines, such as homoeopathy, naturopathy, acupuncture or traditional Chinese medicine, which offer an alternative to Western approaches.

Before commencing tertiary study, it's likely that you have little knowledge about the breadth of courses and occupations in this field. We strongly recommend that you research the course you are interested in and ask the provider to suggest organisations that employ people in the field so that you can get a better feel for it. You may be surprised how pleased people are to talk about their work, even if you contact them out of the blue.

If you are interested in health services you should also see what's on offer in associated health-related fields (dentistry, nursing, medicine, psychology, rehabilitation and veterinary science) and welfare-related fields (social work).

COURSES AND SPECIALISATIONS

Remember that degrees in this field will not always be called 'health' or 'health science'; many will be named after their specialisations (such as a Bachelor of Oral Health or Bachelor of Paramedicine). You should also note that many of these courses will be narrowly focused on preparing students for particular occupations. This can be great, but make sure that it's what you want or that you can change focus down the track if you need to.

WHERE TO STUDY

Many health professionals, such as medical imaging technologists, need professional registration in order to gain accreditation to practise, so it's important to check that your course meets the requirements of your chosen occupation before you apply. When it comes to choosing a particular institution or course you might also consider the amount of practical training you will receive, the clinical facilities available, and (depending on your interests) whether the faculty or college utilises any of the increasingly popular online technologies that simulate the practical aspects of the work.

Health services courses are generally quite tough to get into, maybe due to the fact that they include a few rare and popular courses, some that are dramatic and exciting (paramedics) and others that are closely related to increasingly important roles that promote healthy lifestyles and workplaces (nutrition and occupational health and safety). Entry difficulty does, however, vary between specialisations and institutions — some remain very accessible.



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— Keturah Ruge, Alumni.

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**BACHELOR OF SONOGRAPHY
CQUNIVERSITY**

A little while back, I had a severe health issue that required an ultrasound examination to be done. Since then, I wanted to become a sonographer, which is why I chose this course.

I chose CQUniversity for my studies as I was made aware of all the positive feedback and successful career opportunities provided to previous students.

What I liked most about studying at CQUniversity was the supportive environment, the student-centred learning and the overall high quality of the teaching. The smaller class sizes at CQUniversity helps you really get to know everyone.

After I complete my studies, I aspire to work in medicine and branch into the emergency department at hospitals, as you are always kept on your feet.