

# Career opportunities in allied health

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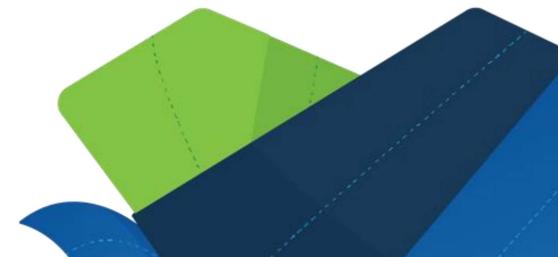


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# What is allied health?

“Allied Health” is a group of health professions and associated support workforce that provide care to help improve people’s health, function and quality of life.

Second largest clinical workforce in Australia after nursing and midwifery



# What does an Allied Health Professional do?

Use evidence-based practices to prevent, assess, diagnose and treat health conditions and illnesses

University qualified

Training aligns to standards that reflect the distinct scope of practice for each profession



Improve physical and psychological wellbeing

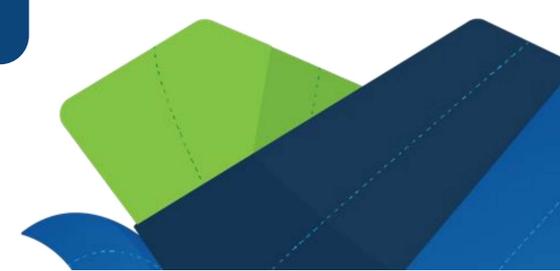
Work in public health, private practice, aged care, disability, social services and other sectors



# Allied health professions



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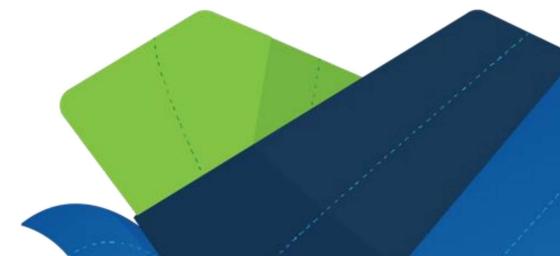


# Allied health assistants

- Clinical support workforce for allied health services
- Assistants work under the supervision and delegation of allied health professionals
- Mix of direct patient care and operational support
- Training:
  - Certificate IV
  - Work-based training



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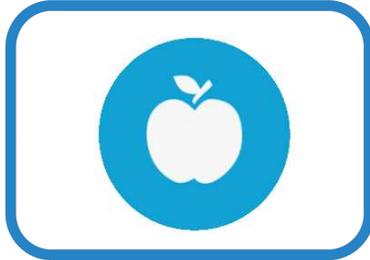




## Assistants: examples of practice areas



Audiology



Dietetics /  
Nutrition



Occupational  
Therapy



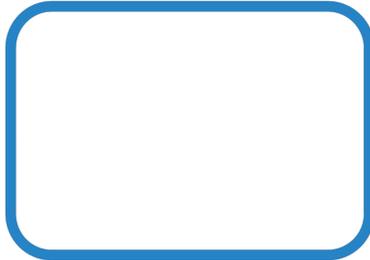
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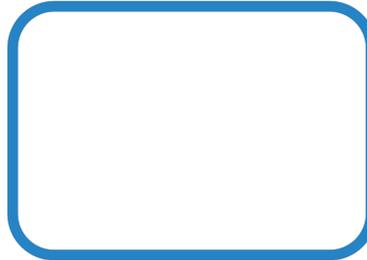
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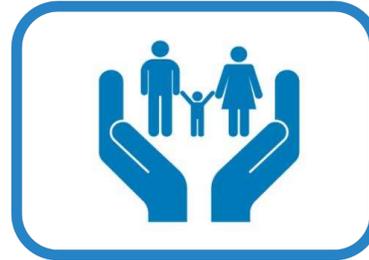
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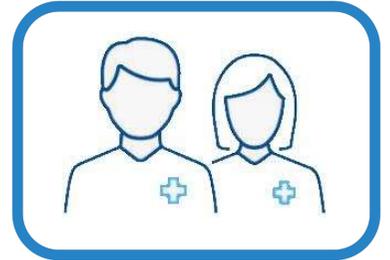
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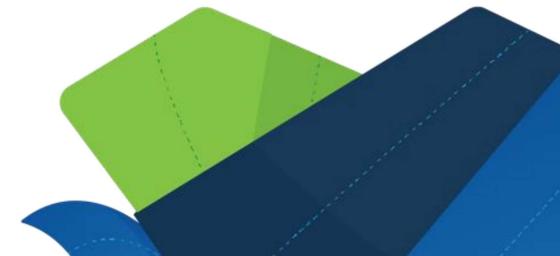
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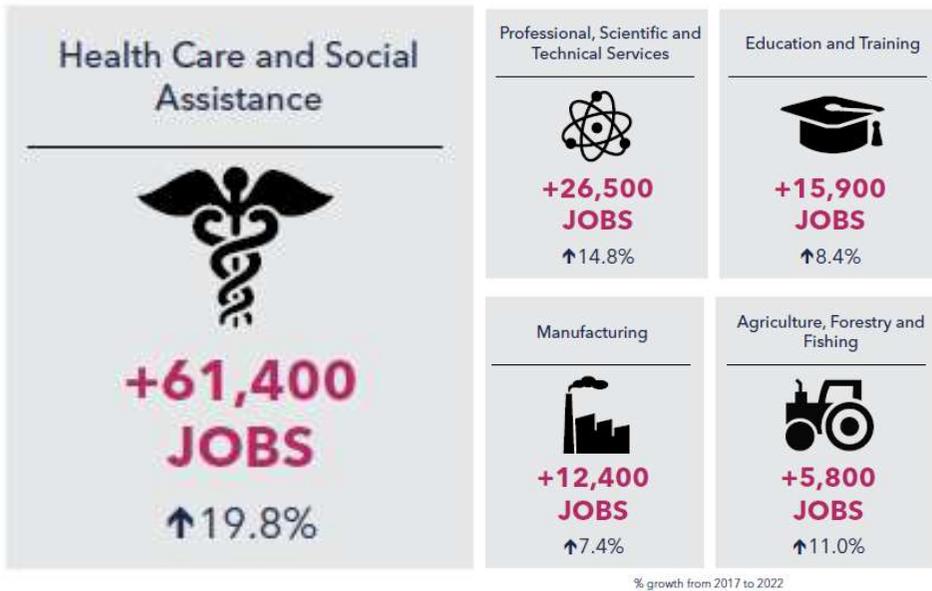
Social Work  
and Welfare



Pharmacy

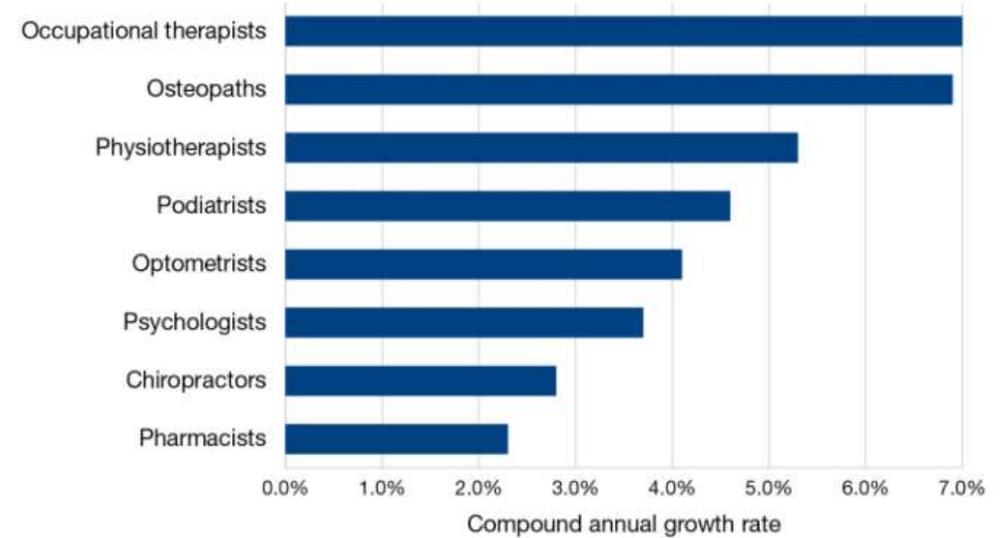


# Demand for allied health workforce



## Projected jobs growth in QLD 2017-22 (pre-pandemic)

Queensland Government: Future work, future jobs: Preparing Queensland for the evolution of work.



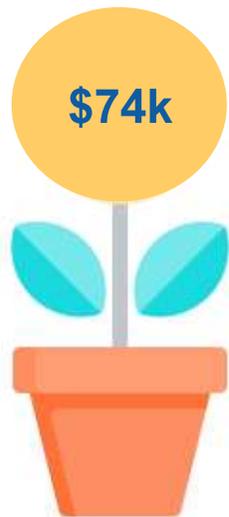
## National growth 2015-19 selected allied health professions

Australian Government: Allied health in Australia at <https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/allied-health/in-australia>.

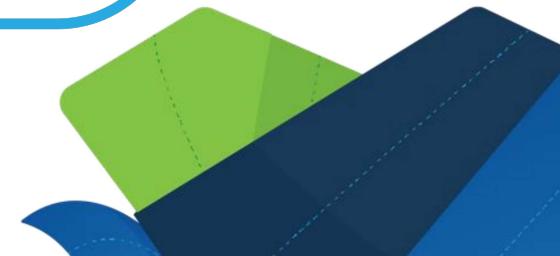


# Starting salaries in Queensland Health

## Allied Health Professionals



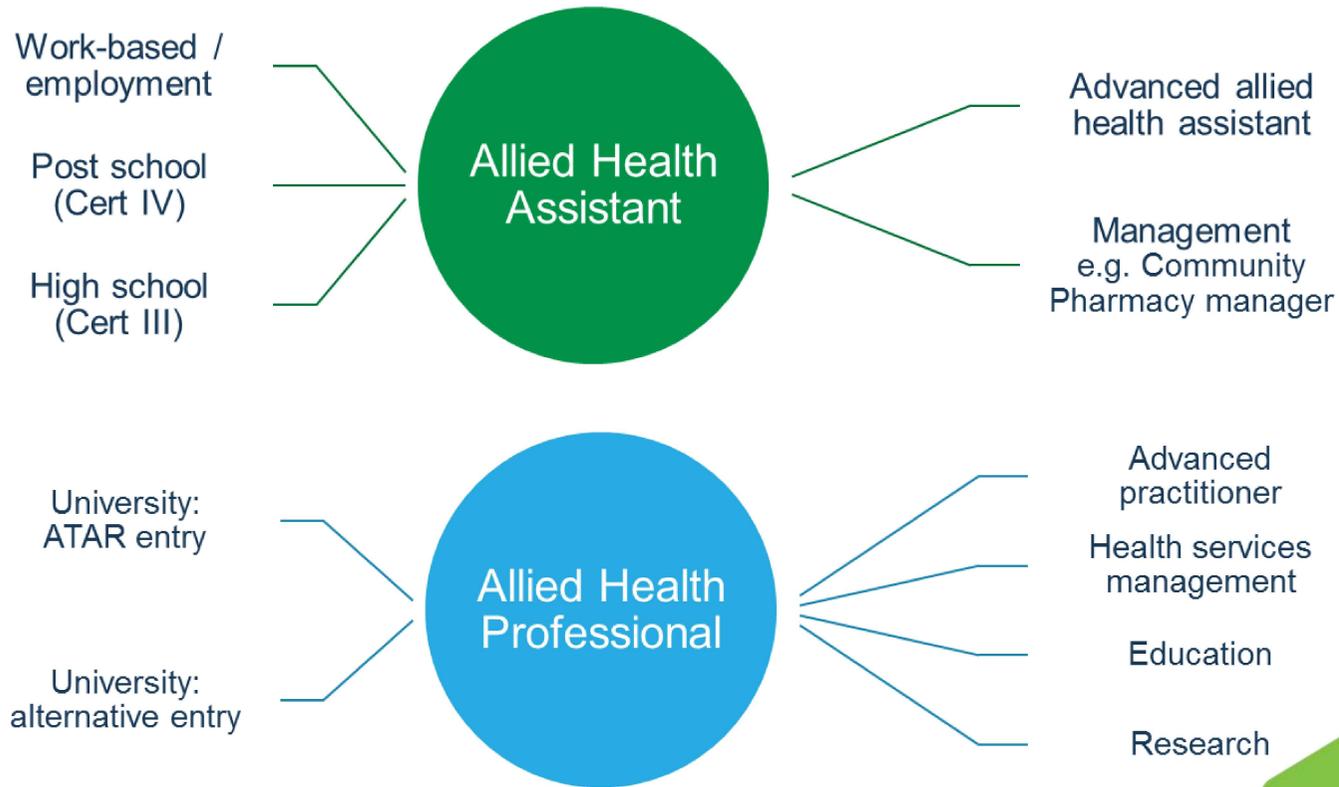
## Allied Health Assistants



# Career pathways in allied health



# Training and career pathways



# Allied health professions: training

- University qualification
- Program / education pathway varies by profession (and university)
  - Bachelor (AQF 7) profession program e.g.
    - B.Pharmacy; B.Speech Path; B.Podiatry
  - Post-grad (AQF8+) “graduate entry” e.g.
    - B.Health Sciences -> M. Audiological Studies
    - B.SpExSci -> M. Clinical Exercise Physiology
    - B.Med Imaging -> Grad Dip Medical Ultrasound
- Some professions have an intern period (or similar) following university

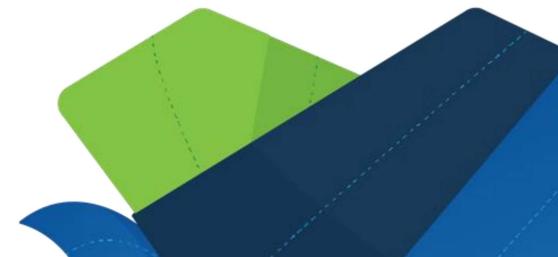
**ATAR 2021 for selected professions**  
(indicative, published data - QLD universities)

Profession	ATAR (min-max)
Medical imaging	76 - 84
Occupational therapy	60 - 94
Pharmacy	76 - 84
Physiotherapy	78 - 98
Podiatry	75 - 95
Social work	62



# Information on Allied Health careers

- Allied Health Professions Australia: <https://ahpa.com.au/>
- Specific professional associations
- Indigenous Allied Health Australia: <https://iaha.com.au/>
- Services for Australian Rural and Remote Allied Health: <https://sarrah.org.au/>
- Universities
- TAFE / RTOs
- National Rural Health Students Network: <https://www.nrhsn.org.au/>



# Questions



# Thank you

For more information: visit <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/ahwac>

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