



Health Gateway to Industry Schools Program

Introduction

The Gateway to Industry Schools Program - Health (Health Gateway Project) is a project being delivered by CheckUP in partnership with Queensland's Department of Employment, Small Business and Training (DESBT).

The project links schools with industry partners to introduce students to the many career pathways and job options available to them within the health industry. The Health Gateway project also helps to facilitate learning opportunities and experiences for both students and teaching staff.

Benefits to schools

Students:

- **Years 7-8:** Inform – Students start to learn about the health industry and the many roles available. This includes information sessions and demonstrations delivered by health educators and clinicians.
- **Years 9-10:** Engage – Students continue their learning about potential health careers with an introduction to allied health and other supporting health fields (e.g., pathology, pharmacy, sterilization, dental assisting, trades). They are also introduced to career pathways, including vocational education and training, so they can plan their future studies.
- **Years 11-12:** Involve – Students will have increased access to health job roles through structured workplace learning and traineeships, where available. There will be continued focus upon career pathways – both VET and tertiary education.
- **All year levels** have access to online resources to increase their awareness and understanding of job possibilities in the health industry. Opportunities to engage with the health industry and tertiary universities are also promoted.

School staff:

- **Professional Development** - Training opportunities for VET Officers and other school staff including information sessions and workshops are delivered face-to-face or via online webinars. Site visits are coordinated where possible. Digital resources to promote and support student engagement in Health Gateway Project activities are also offered.

Benefits to industry

For the health industry, the project offers the opportunity to connect with local and regional school clusters to encourage and support students to pursue a career in the health sector. The project supports the development of a reliable and skilled workforce and has the potential to address existing and anticipated skill shortages.

How to participate

If you would like to learn more or become involved in the project, please email the Health Gateway Project team at sabrinakerr@checkup.org.au or visit the Health Gateway website at www.gateway2health.com.au.

About CheckUP

CheckUP is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to better health for people and communities who need it most. CheckUP works with partner organisations and health providers to create healthier communities and reduce health inequities through a range of initiatives. CheckUP has an established footprint in over 200 communities across Queensland and the Northern Territory.