Nursing & Allied Health Remote Community Placement Opportunities

Savannah Health are particularly interested in health students in their third or fourth year of study or who have sufficient experience to be confident and reasonably independent when undertaking tasks. This placement is not suitable for first or second year students. This placement will involve some Indigenous health clients and students must be culturally safe when working with this demographic.

All Nursing and Allied Health Disciplines are encouraged to contact Anna Burley (details below) to discuss this further, and Anna is more than happy to discuss supervision and training requirements and required documentation with your University Placement Coordinator.

**Type:** Community clinics in a Primary Health setting

**Length:** Minimum of 4 weeks

**Where:** Savannah Region of Far North Queensland, 6 hours West of Cairns (based in Georgetown with travel to clinics in Mt Surprise 93km, Forsayth 40km, Einasleigh 120km, Croydon 150km, Lynd Junction 200km – these are one way distances)

**Supervision:** Provided by the Primary Health Care Nurse

**Accommodation:** FREE - Fully furnished flat above the Health Service clinic in Georgetown (3 x single beds, linen incl. sheets, blankets, towels, pillows, open plan kitchen/lounge, bathroom & laundry). Can accommodate up to two students at a time. NOTE: This accommodation is shared with visiting health specialists and students may need to share their rooms as needed.

**Other:** Students will need to provide their own car, petrol and insurance as they will need to drive to outlying clinics (as listed above) to meet Health Practitioners at the clinics (although most of the time they will travel to the clinics with the PHC Nurse). 4WD is not necessary, but would be beneficial as most roads are unsealed and will have corrugations and wash-outs after the wet season. It is not recommended students undertake this placement from November to April due to wet season flooding.

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NOTE: Georgetown has a reasonably priced supermarket, swimming pool, gem stone museum and at least one pub, but not much else - so be prepared to amuse yourself each evening and weekend. Day trips to Einasleigh and Cobbold Gorge are recommended and weekenders to the Atherton Tablelands and Cairns are 5-6 hours drive away. You could also drive to Normanton and Karumba to see the Gulf of Carpenteria & go fishing.