

Position Title	Lecturer
Classification	Level B
School	School of Allied Health
Discipline	Optometry
Supervisor Title	Head of Optometry
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Your work area

The position is based in Bunbury, at the South West Aboriginal Medical Service (SWAMS) and ECU University of Rural Health South West (UDRHSW) .

The School of Allied Health at The University of Western Australia is a research-intensive academic organisation giving material expression to the belief that excellence in research underpins excellence in teaching and community partnerships. The School has a reputation for a strong evidence-based approach to research and education that is used for policy and practice development.

The School aspires to be a school in which staff and students feel valued and supported in their individual and collective efforts to improve community health and wellbeing.

The Discipline of Optometry in the School of Allied Health offers three-year postgraduate professional Doctorate of Optometry along with Higher Degree by Research option.

The UWA Doctor of Optometry Program aspires to “graduate socially accountable optometry professionals (clinicians and researchers), who are lifelong learners committed to delivering culturally safe and responsive, person-centred care, which meets individual and societal health care needs and improves health outcomes.”

UDRHSW is administered by Edith Cowen University. It is one of 19 Commonwealth-funded University Departments of Rural Health (UDRH) in Australia, with its offices and facilities located in the Bunbury and the South West region of Western Australia.

UDRHSW works to facilitate quality allied health, nursing and pharmacy clinical placements for students from Australian universities. UDRHSW also works to improve the recruitment and retention of allied health, pharmacy, and nursing (health) professionals in rural and remote Australia. These efforts include working with optometry students and optometrists to improve training pathways and postgraduate support.

South West Aboriginal Medical Service (SWAMS) is an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation, founded on the principles of self determination, empowerment and freedom of choice. SWAMS provides high quality, culturally appropriate and holistic healthcare which builds strong and healthy Aboriginal communities.

Reporting structure

Reports to: To the Head of Discipline (Optometry) for professional and clinical matters and the Director of ECU UDRHSW for operations in Bunbury and working with the UDRHSW

Your role

The role is part of a new multidisciplinary team established to develop an innovative program of education, service, partnership and real-world research for a range of health disciplines that will support the South West community health needs and contribute to rural workforce demands. This role is for a qualified Optometrist who will establish new eyecare services throughout the region, with a focus on eyecare for Aboriginal people in the South West, supervise students and undertake research. The role is provided as a joint position with Edith Cowen University to create a 1.0FTE position based at the UDRHSW and SWAMS Bunbury

As an academic clinician based in Bunbury, you will lead the establishment of the UWA Optometry Hub for the delivery of optometry services and the clinical education of Optometry Students in conjunction with existing local stakeholders.

You will have demonstrated the capability and the motivation to:

- establish a new UWA clinical facility in SWAMS to provide vision care service delivery and clinical exposures for optometry students
- supervise and coordinate optometry clinical education through student clinical rotations in rural settings
- Coordinate, manage and establish outreach programs through the South West region. These programs will involve student participation.
- Build and maintain relationships with key stakeholders, including local community optometrists, ophthalmology, South West Aboriginal Medical Services and other key eyecare providers.
- Provide diverse student experience through multidisciplinary care pathways and relationships.
- To undertake research and actively strive to obtain research funding, individually or in collaboration, as well as supervising research students and contributing to the academic environment of UDRHSW, Optometry and the School of Allied Health.

Your key responsibilities

You will be expected to:

- Plan, coordinate and evaluate rural optometry clinical placements including coordinating all aspects of student rotations, collaborating and supporting local optometrists to develop and host student placements, and developing and supervising service learning placement opportunities,
- Deliver comprehensive and high-quality optometry services in partnership with local health service organisation and providers.
- Engage and facilitate remote learning for the UWA Doctor of Optometry program
- Develop and deliver eye health promotion programs in the region.
- Conduct screening and clinical services to at-risk and disadvantaged populations including Aboriginal communities, aged care and school settings, supporting access to appropriate visual aids as required
- Support cultural learning opportunities and ensure culturally responsive practice of UDRHSW students

- Collaborate with UDRHSW, Lions Eye Institute, Lions Outback Vision and other research and rural health organisations and entities to design, evaluate, refine and deliver models of eye health
- Collaborate with key stakeholders to strategically influence the provision of rural and remote eye health services
- Undertake administrative duties and service roles as required by the Director UDRHSW and/or Head of Discipline (Optometry)
- Participate in UDRHSW and ECU meetings and committees as required
- Work collaboratively within the Optometry and UDRHSW teaching teams and support the University's commitment to equity and diversity principles.
- Other duties as directed.

Your specific work capabilities (selection criteria)

Therapeutically endorsed optometrist registered with AHPRA.

Demonstrated management, organization skills and leadership qualities by displaying evidence of the following: Effective communication, resilience/resourcefulness, independence/self-motivation, being collaborative and a team player, flexibility/ability to adapt to and accommodate changing surroundings, working well under pressure and effective stakeholder management

Demonstrated ability to work effectively with Aboriginal communities, organisations and colleagues or willingness to gain these cultural skills.

Demonstrated experience and a strategic view of issues facing health services and rural communities

Relevant teaching/student supervision experience

Special requirements (selection criteria)

Given the multi-location responsibility associated with this role, the position is required to travel across regional clinical locations frequently. This is an inherent requirement of the role.

Current "C" class driver's licence

Current Working with Children Check

Current National Police Clearance Certificate

Be immunised/vaccinated as outlined in the Australian Immunisation Handbook, UWA and ECU guidelines, and WA Government's Department of Health's COVID-19 Health Worker and Residential Aged Care Worker Directions

Compliance

Ensure you are aware of and comply with legislation and University policy relevant to the duties undertaken, including:

The University's Code of Conduct hr.uwa.edu.au/policies/policies/conduct/code/conduct

Inclusion and Diversity web.uwa.edu.au/inclusion-diversity

Safety, health and wellbeing safety.uwa.edu.au/