THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Position Description

Position Title:	Aboriginal Health Worker (Research)
Position Classification:	Level 5
Position Number:	317848, 317849, 317850
Faculty/Office:	Faculty of Health and Medical Sciences
School/Division:	Medicine
Centre/Section:	Centre for Aboriginal Medical and Dental Health
Supervisor Title:	Coordinator
Supervisor Position Number:	317272

Your work area

The University of Western Australia is ranked amongst the top 100 universities in the world and a member of the prestigious Australian Group of Eight research-intensive universities. With an enviable research track record, vibrant campus and working environments, supported by the freedom to 'innovate and inspire,' there is no better time to join Western Australia's top university.

The Centre of Aboriginal Medical and Dental Health was established to assist the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences to promoting the concept of holistic health care and cultural security in relation to Aboriginal health and health care practice, research and learning.

The Centre is located in Shenton House on the main UWA campus, however this position will be based at the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service in Perth - Derbarl Yerrigan Aboriginal Health Service.

Reporting structure

Reports to: Coordinator

Your role

As the appointee you will, under limited direction, provide a high level of support to contribute to a project aiming to improve the brain health of older Aboriginal people. You will work as part of a collaborative team where your ideas, experience and initiatives will be valued.

Key responsibilities

Undertake training as required

Raise awareness about the research project in the community and support the team in recruiting participants

Maintain relationships with organisational referral sources

Conduct information sessions to explain the research projects to potential participants and health service providers

Facilitate and support older participants to attend and take part in twice weekly DAMPAA healthy lifestyle sessions

Deliver healthy lifestyle and falls prevention education to participants

Motivate participants to complete ACCHS and home based sessions

Conduct regular cardiovascular and metabolic health reviews and monitoring

Obtain consent and refer participants on for medical review, services and support as required

Maintain participant health records as per the standard operating procedures

Undertake data entry

Other duties as directed

Your specific work capabilities (selection criteria)

Aboriginal Health Worker qualifications

Relevant experience as an Aboriginal Health Worker or Practitioner

Highly developed written and verbal communication skills

Highly developed organisational skills and demonstrated ability to meet deadlines

Proficiency in a range of computing skills including word processing, internet and email

Ability to work closely and respectfully with older Aboriginal community members, Aboriginal health services and other stakeholders

Ability to work independently, show initiative, problem solve and work productively as part of a team

Special requirements (selection criteria)

Under Section 50 (D) of the Equal Opportunity Act we are seeking to employ Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander person

Aboriginal Health Training Certificate IV or equivalent training and experience

Occasional travel within Perth

Current Western Australian driver's licence and own vehicle

Compliance

Workplace Health & Safety

All supervising staff are required to undertake effective measures to ensure compliance with the Occupational Safety and Health Act 1984 and related University requirements (including Safety, Health and Wellbeing Objectives and Targets).

All staff must comply with requirements of the Occupational Safety and Health Act and all reasonable directives given in relation to health and safety at work, to ensure compliance with University and Legislative health and safety requirements. Details of the safety obligations can be accessed at http://www.safety.uwa.edu.au

Inclusion & Diversity

All staff members are required to comply with the University's Code of Ethics, Code of Conduct and Inclusion and Diversity principles. Details of the University policies on these can be accessed at http://www.hr.uwa.edu.au/policies/policies/conduct/code, http://www.web.uwa.edu.au/inclusion-diversity.