# **WA Country Health Service**

19 August 2019

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# JOB DESCRIPTION FORM

#### **Section 1 - POSITION IDENTIFICATION**

		Position No:	100128
Division:	Kimberley	Title:	Senior Aboriginal Health Worker
Branch:	Kimberley Population Health Unit	Classification:	AEHW Level 3
Section:	Broome - Community Health	Award/Agreement:	Enrolled Nurses, Assistants in Nursing and Health Workers Agreement

## **Section 2 - POSITION RELATIONSHIPS**

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Responsible	Title:	Primary Health Manager		
to	Classification:	HSO Level G8		
	Position No:	200328		
		<b>↑</b>		
Responsible to	Title:	Clinical Nurse Manager – Community Health		
	Classification:	SRN Level 3		
	Position No:	200168		
		<b>↑</b>		
This	Title:	Senior Aboriginal Health Worker		
position	Classification:	AEHW Level 3		
	Position No:	100128		
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#### Other positions reporting directly to this position

	Other positions reporting directly to this position:
	Title
	Clinical Nurse – Multiple
	Clinical Midwife
	Receptionist
	Registered Nurse
•	Aboriginal Health Practitioner

Positions under direct supervision:		← Other positions under control:	
Position No	Title	Category	Number
200173	Aboriginal Health Worker Broome		

#### **Section 3 - KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**

As part of a team, provide culturally appropriate health care for clients with a Primary Health Care focus promoting the development of self-care and responsibility for health. Assist in providing clinical and disease control services as required. Provide supervision and support to other Aboriginal Health Workers.

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The WA Country Health Service (WACHS) is the largest country health system in Australia and one of the biggest in the world, providing health services to over half a million people, including over 50,000 Aboriginal people, over a vast two and a half million square kilometres area.

WA Country Health Service hospitals handle almost as many births as the State's major maternity hospital – and 40% of the State's emergency presentations. The range of health services provided include acute inpatient and emergency care, population and public health, mental health, Aboriginal health, aged care and includes increasing number of services provided by telehealth video-conferencing.

Our dedicated and committed staff work hard to fulfil our vision of Healthier country communities through partnerships and innovation, to deliver health services that support the health and well-being of individuals and communities in rural and remote Western Australia.

#### OUR PURPOSE - What we are here to do

WACHS improves country people's health and well-being through access to quality services and by supporting people to look after their own health.

# **OUR STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS**

- 1. Improving the experience of health care.
- 2. Valuing consumers, staff and partnerships.
- 3. Governance, performance and sustainable services.

#### **OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

Consumers first in all we do.

Safe, high quality services and information at all times.

Care closer to home where safe and viable.

Evidence based services.

Partnerships and collaboration.

## **OUR VALUES**

**Community** – making a difference through teamwork, cooperation, a 'can do' attitude and country hospitality.

**Compassion** – listening and caring with empathy, respect, courtesy and kindness.

**Quality** – creating a quality health care experience for every consumer, continual improvement, innovation and learning.

*Integrity* – accountability, honesty and professional, ethical conduct in all that we do.

**Justice** – valuing diversity, achieving health equality, cultural respect and a fair share for all.

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# **Section 4 - STATEMENT OF DUTIES**

Duty No	Details	Freq	%
1	CONTINUUM OF CARE		65
1.1	Act as advocate and cultural broker for and between Aboriginal patients, families, communities and staff.		
1.2	Participate as a member of a multidisciplinary team in assessing patient needs, developing an individual care plan and implementing and evaluating the outcomes of care.		
1.3	Work in partnership with patients to ensure care reflects patients' needs.		
1.4	Participate in patient discharge care planning.		
1.5	Encourage and participate in client and community education for health promotion, liaising with external organisations and supervisor to achieve this.		
1.6	Assist clients to meet their social, cultural and spiritual needs.		
1.7	Undertake advanced procedures to approved competency level.		
2	SAFE PRACTICE AND ENVIRONMENT		10
2.1	Recognise his/her own ability and level of competence and seeks advice as required.		
3	IMPROVING PERFORMANCE		10
3.1	Recognise own educational needs and participates in appropriate educational activities, Performance Management systems and Continuous Quality Improvement activities.		
4	INFORMATION MANAGEMENT		5
4.1	Responsible for maintaining accurate and legal documentation.		
4.2	Maintain effective communication with all areas/services using appropriate channels.		
4.3	Maintain the privacy and confidentially of clients and carers at all times.		
5	EDUCATION		5
5.1	Provide support, counselling and education for Aboriginal patients and their families in conjunction with members of the health care team.		
5.2	Provide education and support for staff regarding appropriate management of Aboriginal patients.		
5.3	Perform the role of cultural awareness trainer.		
5.4	Participate in training and supervision of Aboriginal Health Workers and Aboriginal Liaison Officers.		
6	OTHER		5
6.1	Undertake projects as directed by the Clinical Nurse Manager.		

The occupant of this position will be expected to comply with and demonstrate a positive commitment to the highest achievement level in Equal Employment Opportunity, Occupational Safety & Health, Public Sector Standards, Code of Conduct, Code of Ethics, Quality Improvement, Performance Management, Customer Focus, Disability Services Act and Confidentiality throughout the course of their duties.

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#### **Section 5 - SELECTION CRITERIA**

#### **ESSENTIAL:**

- 1 Pursuant to Section 50(d) of the Equal Opportunities Act, the occupant of this position must be of Aboriginal descent.
- 2 Possess an Advanced Certificate (Certificate IV) in Aboriginal Health Work obtained through an accredited education provider, or an alternative qualification acceptable to the Employer and the Union.
- 3 Demonstrated experience and competent level of expertise in a clinical practice setting such as ECHS program, Immunisation clinics and Ear Health.
- 4 Possess well developed interpersonal and communication skills, and the ability to work as a member of the health care team.
- 5 Demonstrated working knowledge of Aboriginal culture and possess the ability to communicate effectively with Aboriginal people.
- 6 Proven ability to prioritise workload and work with minimum supervision.
- 7 Demonstrated mediation skills when dealing with Aboriginal patients and relevant members of the health care team to facilitate focused outcomes.
- 8 Current C Class drivers Licence.
- 9 Current knowledge of legislative obligations for Equal Opportunity, Disability Services and Occupational Safety and Health, and how these affect employment and service delivery.

#### **DESIRABLE:**

1 Sound computer skills with experience using Windows, Microsoft Office and various databases.

## **Section 6 - APPOINTMENT FACTORS**

Location	Broome	Accommodation	As per WACHS Kimberley policy	
Appointment/ Allowances Conditions	Where applicable - District Allowance, Annual Leave Travel Concession, one week additional Annual leave for above the 26 <sup>th</sup> parallel, air conditioning subsidy.			
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Specialised equipment operated				

#### **Section 7 - CERTIFICATION**

Director Kimberley Population Health Unit	Regional Director WACHS Kimberley
Signature and Date:/	Signature and Date:/
The details contained in this document are an accurate s	tatement of the duties, responsibilities and other requirements of the position.

As occupant of the position I have noted the statement of duties, responsibilities and other requirements as detailed in this document.

Name	Signature	Date Appointed	Date Signed

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