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Media Release

Exciting Opportunity for Aboriginal Health Students

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Aboriginal health students across the Territory can now apply for the 2022 NT Health Aboriginal Cadetship Program.

The NT Health Aboriginal Cadetship Program is a key 'entry to practice' initiative for NT Health to achieve greater representation of tertiary educated Aboriginal employees and increase Aboriginal health professionals in our workforce.

NT Health currently supports five cadets and will offer a sixth space in the 2022 intake.

The program assists eligible NT Aboriginal students undertaking their first undergraduate degree or postgraduate studies to gain professional health qualifications in skill shortage areas. Additionally, the program provides work placement and experience within NT Health.

The program is funded by NT Health and will provide successful cadets with:

- o Study allowance of up to \$1200 per fortnight whilst engaged in full time studies
- o Book allowance of up to \$1000 per year
- o An incentive payment of up to \$4000 per year
- o 12 weeks paid on the job work placement during the university major academic breaks.

NT Health has a dedicated Aboriginal Workforce Development unit that administers the program. The unit's staff will provide ongoing mentoring and support to the cadets for the term of their cadetship.

Interested students can submit applications on the NTG Employment Opportunities website (jobs.nt.gov.au).

Further cadetship information can be found on the NT Health website (health.nt.gov.au/careers/indigenous-cadetships).

Quotes from Minister for Health Natasha Fyles:

“This is a great opportunity to support our young Aboriginal health students to gain important skills.

“The program will help students gain professional qualifications, as well as training in skill shortage areas which is so important for the Territory, and ensuring the community's health care needs are met.

“I encourage anyone thinking on applying to give it a go and submit an application.”