

FUTURE WORKFORCE



NSW RURAL DOCTORS NETWORK
CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

NSW Rural Doctors Network (RDN) supports students interested in pursuing a rural health career by promoting rural practice pathways, facilitating student scholarship programs, supporting mentoring opportunities and providing opportunities for students to undertake rural experiences.

Support and programs include:

- **John Flynn Placement Program (JFPP)** – JFPP gives undergraduate medical students the opportunity to experience clinical practice and the lifestyle in remote, rural and regional locations across Australia. Scholars are matched with a General Practitioner (GP) mentor, community contact and host, and undertake eight weeks of placement over a four year period.
- **Outreach Student Placement Program (OSPP)** – The Outreach Student Placement Program provides medical, nursing and allied health students in NSW/ACT with the opportunity to shadow an Outreach provider in a rural or remote community.
- **Go Rural** – RDN's Go Rural road trips provide first and second year medical, nursing and allied health students the opportunity to visit rural and remote communities and experience first-hand the benefits of working rural. Students must be studying in NSW/ACT.
- **NSW Rural Resident Medical Officer Cadetship Program and Indigenous Cadetship Program** – Eligible cadets receive up to \$15,000 per year for the final two years of their medical degree and, in return, are required to undertake two of the first three years of their hospital training in an eligible rural NSW hospital.
- **Bush Bursary Country Women's Association (CWA) Program** – RDN facilitates the placement of medical, nursing and midwifery students in a rural town for two weeks during their university holidays. The placement is funded by local councils and the CWA to provide students with a holistic rural experience.
- **National Rural Health Student Network (NRHSN)** – The NRHSN is a multidisciplinary student health network, focused on encouraging the pursuit of rural health careers and providing a voice for students interested in improving health outcomes for rural and remote Australians. NRHSN has more than 9,000 members who belong to 28 university Rural Health Clubs.
- **NSW Medical Undergraduates Program** – RDN administers NSW Undergraduate Funding Grants on behalf of NSW Health to support the travel and accommodation costs for medical students' short-term rural placements (up to eight weeks).
- **High school student support** – RDN assists high school students to gain an understanding of rural primary health careers and university life through school career expos and information evenings, liaising with parents, conducting interactive workshops at schools and directing students to potential health career contacts.

THIS SERVICE MAY BENEFIT



STUDENTS

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ABOUT NSW RURAL DOCTORS NETWORK

NSW Rural Doctors Network

NSW Rural Doctors Network (RDN) is a not-for-profit and non-government organisation and is the Australian Government's designated Rural Workforce Agency (RWA) for health in NSW.

Our vision is for improved health service access for all Australians – no matter where they live.

We seek to support better health and wellbeing for people living in remote, rural and regional and disadvantaged communities, particularly those in NSW and the ACT.

To achieve this vision, we seek to grow and strengthen a capable primary health workforce, support communities in tailored health workforce solutions, support the capacity of health service organisations, contribute to policy and ensure RDN's continued effectiveness.

RDN offers a range of services, programs and activities across NSW that:

- help remote, rural and regional communities, General Practices and health services to find suitably skilled and qualified General Practitioners (GPs), nurses and allied health professionals to work in their towns
- assist suitably skilled and qualified GPs, nurses and allied health professionals to pursue careers in remote, rural and regional NSW (both Australian and International Medical Graduates/Overseas Trained Doctors)
- support existing remote, rural and regional doctors, nurses and allied health professionals through the provision of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) activities and succession planning
- provide financial support for further study, training and short courses
- assist in finding locum support for remote, rural and regional GPs, including through our unique and free RDN Locum Match
- deliver a wide range of health outreach services to rural towns
- support remote, rural and regional medical partners and families
- provide a range of scholarships, support and information for students studying medicine or health-related degrees in NSW.

RDN also works with:

- Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHSs) to support health services for Aboriginal peoples
- rural NSW Primary Health Networks (PHNs) to support remote, rural and regional GPs
- local communities, governments and rural Local Health Districts (LHDs) on medical workforce matters
- university medical faculties to promote rural medicine.