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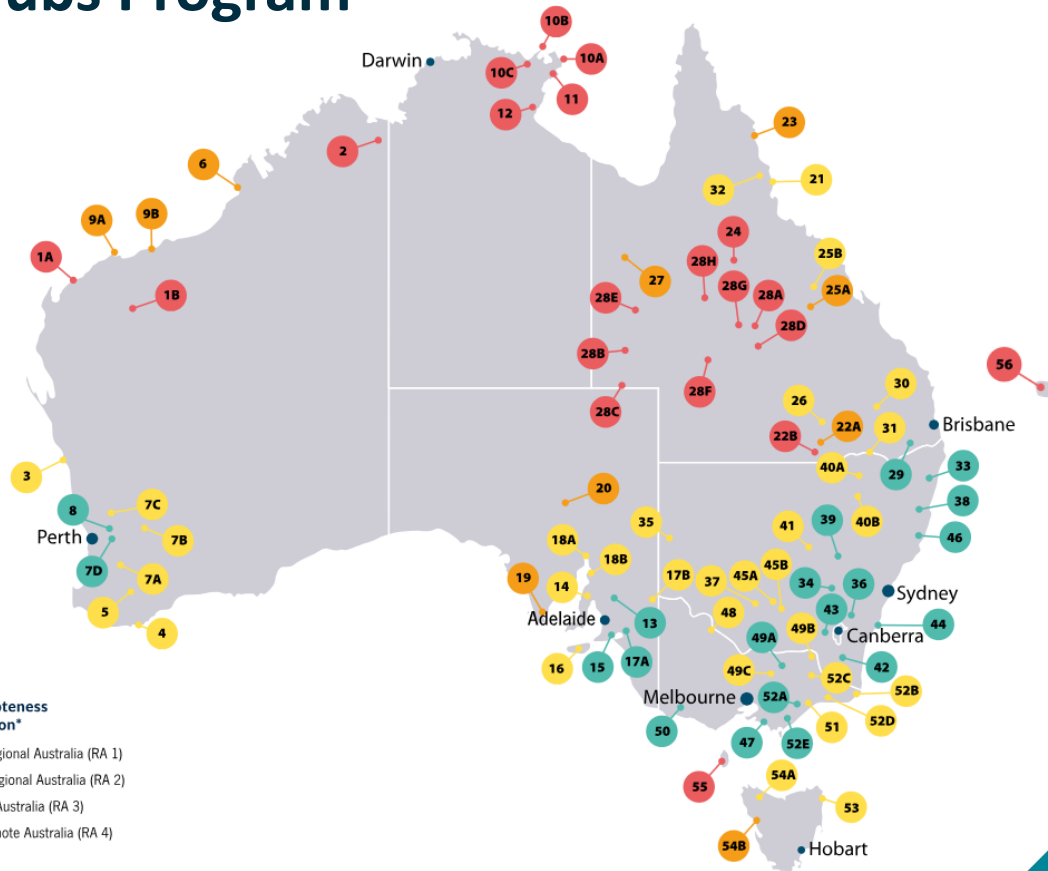
Regional University Study Hubs Program

Health Students in Focus – March 2025



Regional University Study Hubs Program

- Regional University Study Hubs help students in regional and remote areas access higher education without having to leave their community.
- They provide student support and study facilities for students who study online.
- There are **56** Regional University Study Hubs located in all states, the Northern Territory, and one external territory. **45** are currently operating, with **11** still establishing.





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Regional University Study Hubs Key Facts

October/November 2024



5,270
STUDENTS

are supported by Regional University Study Hubs, a **32% increase in the past year.**

15,253
STUDENTS

have been supported by Regional University Study Hubs since the program's establishment.

Regional University Study Hubs

44%

of students supported by Regional Hubs identify as **First in Family to undertake tertiary education**

75%

of students supported by Regional Hubs identify as **Female**

12%

of students supported by Regional Hubs identify as **First Nations**

57%

of students supported by Regional Hubs **are over the age of 25**

91%



of students surveyed in 2024 said the support provided by their Hub **increased their motivation for their studies.**



68%

of students supported by Regional Hubs study courses at the **Bachelor level or above**

The **most popular fields of education** among students supported by Regional Hubs are:



Health
(34%)



Education
(17%)



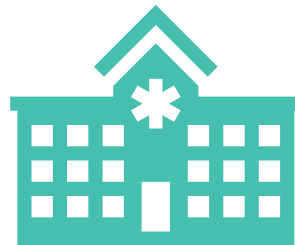
Society and Culture
(17%)

More information about the Regional University Study Hubs Program can be found at www.education.gov.au/regional-university-study-hubs

For questions or inquiries, please contact us at regional@education.gov.au

Health Students in Focus

- The Field of Education of **Health** is the most popular among Regional University Study Hub students, with **1,767 (34%)** students.



- Most popular Health disciplines:

1. Nursing (**44%**)
2. Health Science (**13%**)
3. Medicine (**10%**)
4. Physiotherapy (**3%**)
5. Paramedicine (**3%**)

- Most popular Health course levels:

1. Bachelor Degree (**64%**)
2. Masters Degree (**11%**)
3. Diploma (**5%**)
4. Graduate Certificate (**3%**)
5. Certificate III (**3%**)

- RUSHs with the most students studying Health:

1. Taree Universities Campus (**10%**)
2. Uni Hub Spencer Gulf (**8%**)
3. Pilbara Universities Centre (**5%**)
4. Geraldton Universities Centre (**5%**)
5. Great Southern UniCentre (**5%**)

Health Students in Focus

- Regional University Study Hubs enable local people to upskill or reskill to meet the workforce needs of their local community, and to forge strong and productive partnerships with local business and industry, to the benefit of their students.

- In early 2024, 11 Charles Sturt University Nursing students, all supported by Taree Universities Campus, filled roles at Manning Base Hospital in Taree and Gloucester Soldiers Memorial Hospital.
- In late 2024, Uni Hub Spencer Gulf Port Lincoln secured a sponsorship of \$60,000 from the local Bendigo Community Bank to support their Nursing students studying with Central Queensland University.

“I don’t know how I would’ve got to the end (of my studies) without TUC (Taree Universities Campus)” – a CSU Nursing graduate supported by TUC.



Rebecca Marley (Nursing Student Support Officer) with Charles Sturt University Nursing students at Taree Universities Campus



Uni Hub Spencer Gulf Port Lincoln Centre Manager Cate Wuttke and School Engagement Coordinator Kelly Thorpe receive a sponsorship cheque from Bendigo Community Bank board chairperson Rob Donaldson.