

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Medical Education Scholarship 2026/27

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Information and application form to attend the Sexual and Reproductive Health Australia National Certificate for Doctors

SHQ acknowledges the 'Close the Gap' campaign as an important step in working towards improved health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. As a group, Indigenous Australians experience widespread disadvantage and health inequality.

To achieve health equality in Australia, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people should be able to access:

- ▶ Quality health care in the location of choice
- ▶ A health care system which is culturally safe and which responds to health needs
- ▶ Healthy Housing

SHQ recognises that to achieve health equality more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are needed in the health work force. To work towards this SHQ would like to offer a scholarship to one Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander doctor and one Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nurse to participate in one of our Certificate Programs per year.

SHQ will cover the full cost of the course, however other costs such as travel, accommodation and meals etc. whilst on the course will need to be met by the participant.

Please note supervised clinical attachment can only be completed by Doctors with the equivalent of 6 months full-time general practice or sexual health experience.

This scholarship is only available to Doctors that work in WA, priority will be given to those doctors and nurses who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and who have a strong interest in sexual and reproductive health.

If you are interested in applying for the scholarship, please complete the application below and submit to the clinical education coordinator at clinic.ed@shq.org.au or fax to 08 9227 6871.

I identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander ☐ Name: _____

Gender: _____ Pronouns: _____

Mobile No: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Workplace including address: _____

RACGP No: _____ Your current role: GP ☐ GP Registrar ☐ RMO ☐ Other _____

Briefly describe the nature of your present work: _____

What are your reasons for wanting to do this course? _____

How might your work, or the way you carry out your work change as a result of completing this course: _____

Outline the reasons why you should be chosen as the recipient of this scholarship. _____

Sexual and Reproductive Health Australia National Certificate for Doctors

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This national certificate course covers sexual and reproductive health issues at a postgraduate level.

The course is an RACGP accredited activity. Accreditation by ACCRM will be applied for when required. The course is held in high esteem and thought to be very practical in nature, giving participants the confidence and skills to work at a high level in this area. The course focuses on primary care aspects of sexual and reproductive health, a core aspect of both general practice and specialist training in obstetrics and gynaecology.

Course content – five-day theory

- Reproductive physiology
- Contraception: information on different contraceptive options, both hormonal and non-hormonal, and management of problems associated with their use
- Management of unintended pregnancy, including medical, psychosocial, counselling and legal aspects
- Diagnosis and management of sexually transmitted infections
- Cervical and breast screening
- Menopause management
- Management of couples with subfertility
- Gynaecology: menstrual problems, vulval disorders, fertility
- Men's sexual health: office urology, male sexual difficulties

Please note: SHQ may cancel this course if there are insufficient enrolments by the last date for registrations. If this occurs, participants will be notified as soon as possible, and a full refund will be made.

Please do not book flights until you receive the course confirmation email (a minimum of four weeks prior to the course).

Full course:

Five day theory and seven clinical sessions for doctors who want to obtain the Sexual and Reproductive Health Australia National Certificate for Doctors. Participants must complete:

- Pre-course reading and activities (approximately 6 hours)
- A five-day theoretical component, including submission of a take home assessment within one week after completion of the theory.
- A minimum of seven clinical sessions consisting of three and a half hours each. Sessions are to be arranged at times suitable to the applicant and SHQ

SCA is to be completed after the theory course, ideally within one year. In difficult circumstances, up to two years may be possible. To organise SCA, email the Clinical Education Coordinator, clinic.ed@shq.org.au

Please note: GP Registrars who are selected to do the Extended Skills term at SHQ do not need to enrol for the clinical attachment.

To complete the clinical component, participants must have current registration with AHPRA, and SHQ requires that doctors obtain their own medical indemnity insurance.

Please note: Interns are not permitted by AHPRA to do the clinical component.

Theory only

Designed for participants who wish to obtain up to date knowledge in the field of sexual health. This option consists of the five-day theoretical component only. A Certificate of Attendance is issued on completion of the course.

Individual modules

Doctors may choose to complete individual modules according to their needs or areas of interest. These modules may be credited towards the Certificate in Sexual and Reproductive Health, provided that all theoretical modules are completed within one year from the commencement of the first module.

Venue

The theory course is held in the Lecture Theatre at SHQ, 70 Roe St (cnr Lake St) Northbridge, Western Australia daily from 8.30am to 5.00pm Monday to Thursday, 8.30am to 3.00pm on Friday.

Supervised clinical attachment is held in the SHQ Clinic, 70 Roe St Northbridge WA.

For further information, please contact either:

Clinical Education Coordinator clinic.ed@shq.org.au or
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