



Graduate Employment Destination – Selected Major Health and Human Services Disciplines

Charles Sturt University On-Campus Students 2007-2009

Overview

Based on student data collected at enrolment with Charles Sturt University, and responses provided to the Graduate Destination Survey between 2007 and 2009, the following findings were made:

- A total of 69.2% of Charles Sturt University's on-campus health and human service students during the period 2007 to 2009 were from a rural or regional home location (34.6% Inner Regional; 31.1% Outer Regional; 3.5% Remote/Very Remote) and 30.8% from Major Cities (metropolitan home location).
- Of these students, 74.4% of health and human service students who were originally from an Inner Regional area commenced professional practice in a rural or regional area; 75% of Outer Regional origin students; 88.9% of Remote students; and, 71.4% of Very Remote students. A total of 42.9% of metropolitan original graduates in health and human services also commenced professional practice in a rural or regional area.
- The courses that attracted the highest proportion of students from a rural or regional area were: Occupational Therapy (89.6%); Speech Pathology (86.8%); Podiatry (82.8%); Medical Imaging (79.1%); and Nursing (78.5%).
- The courses that retained the highest proportion of rural and regional students in initial practice in a rural and regional area were: Psychology (91.7%); Nutrition and Dietetics (90.5%); Podiatry (88.9%); Nuclear Medicine Technology (85.7%); Pharmacy (83.1%); Social Work (80%).

Degree	Degree Recognised for Professional Practice in the Following Major Field (a)	Percentage of Students of Rural and Regional Origin (b)	Percentage of Rural and Regional Origin Graduates Employed in Rural and Regional Area after Graduation (c)	Percentage of Rural, Regional and Metropolitan Graduates Combined Employed in Rural and Regional Area after Graduation (c)
Bachelor of Clinical Practice (Paramedic)	Paramedic	56.4%	75%	64%
Bachelor of Health Science (Nutrition and Dietetics)	Nutritionist	77%	90.5%	44.8%
Bachelor of Health Science (Occupational Therapy)	Occupational Therapist	89.6%	74.2%	75.7%
Bachelor of Health Science (Podiatry)	Podiatrist	82.8%	88.9%	78.8%
Bachelor of Health Science (Speech Pathology)	Speech Pathologist	86.8%	68.2%	66%
Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science (Medical Imaging)	Radiographer	79.1%	50%	50%
Bachelor of Medical Radiation Science (Nuclear Medicine)	Nuclear Medicine Technologist	75.4%	85.7%	66.7%
Bachelor of Medical Science	Pathologist	59.2%	73.7%	66.7%
Bachelor of Nursing	Nurse	78.5%	73.5%	71.4%
Bachelor of Nursing/Bachelor of Midwifery	Midwife	75%	33.3%	33.3%
Bachelor of Pharmacy	Pharmacist	55.5%	83.1%	69.2%
Bachelor of Physiotherapy	Physiotherapist	75.8%	73.7%	73%
Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology)	Psychologist	56.8%	91.7%	100%
Bachelor of Social Work	Social Worker	65.1%	80%	83.3%

- (a) The degrees listed are recognised or accredited for practice, subject to any post-graduation admission criteria, for practice in the profession listed in this column.
- (b) Student home location is determined by reference to the postcode provided by the student upon enrolment and classified using the ARIA+ classification system into Major Cities (0), Inner Regional (1), Outer Regional (2), Remote (3) and Very Remote (4). Students with a home postcode that falls into category (0) are classified as metropolitan, while students with a home postcode of (1), (2), (3) or (4) are classified as rural and regional.
- (c) Graduate employment destination is determined by reference to the postcode of employment after graduation. Data is collected using responses provided by Charles Sturt University graduates to the Graduate Destination Survey undertaken by the University each year. Employment postcode data is classified using the ARIA+ classification system. Percentages are determined based on the total number of graduates that responded to the survey.

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