

# Flinders University Rural Health SA

*Actively engaging with rural communities  
through health education and research*





Flinders Rural Health South Australia facilitates high quality multidisciplinary health education and research in our State's regional areas.

We have a strong national and international reputation for providing community-engaged inter-professional training for medical, nursing and allied health students. Through this practice, we bring new and exciting opportunities to actively engage and work with rural communities through:

- medical, nursing and health care education;
- research; and
- clinical and health care services

Our wide geographical footprint encompasses rural South Australia and western Victoria, with campuses in the Barossa Valley, Burra, Mount Gambier, Murray Bridge, Renmark and Victor Harbor.

### Rural Medicine

Flinders University Rural Health SA maintains a vital role in medical and clinical education in regional South Australia and western Victoria through a variety of initiatives, including:

**Rural Sub-Quota Program** – a unique opportunity for rural applicants to the Doctor of Medicine degree to be selected not only by Flinders, but also by local community representatives. Sub-Quota students spend time in our regions throughout their degree including their entire third year as part of the PRCC program.

**Parallel Rural Community Curriculum (PRCC) program** – Doctor of Medicine students have the option to spend their third year in a rural community setting, actively participating in the care of patients through a local medical practice during their placement.

**Rural Placements** – Students in the fourth year of the Doctor of Medicine program are supported through regional placements across South Australia.

### Junior Doctor Medical Education Program

Graduates from the Doctor of Medicine can apply to complete accredited Intern and Postgraduate Year Two (PGY2) programs at Mount Gambier hospital in conjunction with Flinders Rural Health SA through funding from Country Health SA.

The Mount Gambier and Districts Health Service is the only rural hospital in South Australia to offer a full year of internship in a rural environment with full support from the Medical Board of South Australia, SAMET, and Flinders University.

### Rural Nursing and Allied Health

Students in nursing and allied health disciplines undertaking rural placements are given the opportunity to access subsidised accommodation and pastoral support provided by Flinders University Rural Health SA.

Nursing students also have the opportunity to undertake the entire Bachelor of Nursing degree through the Flinders University Renmark campus, with opportunities to complete their placements and training in a friendly and supportive rural environment.

### Aboriginal Student Support Services

Flinders University Rural Health SA employs a dedicated team of Aboriginal academic support staff, always on hand to assist students as they undertake their rural studies or placements. Our staff maintain strong links with the local community, as well as Aboriginal support services at the Bedford Park campus.

### Research

Our research team is active in the local community, undertaking strategic research into the key themes of rural health workforce, clinical education, health services, mental health and Aboriginal health.



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