

Innovation in Field Education Support



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Student Placements

- Positives & negatives for practitioners and their workplaces
- “Can I or can’t I?”



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Well-supported placements = a symbiotic arrangement

- Students
- Workplaces
- Universities



Rural students

- Do they equal a rural workforce?
- Which students will return to work for us?



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Rural Secondary Students



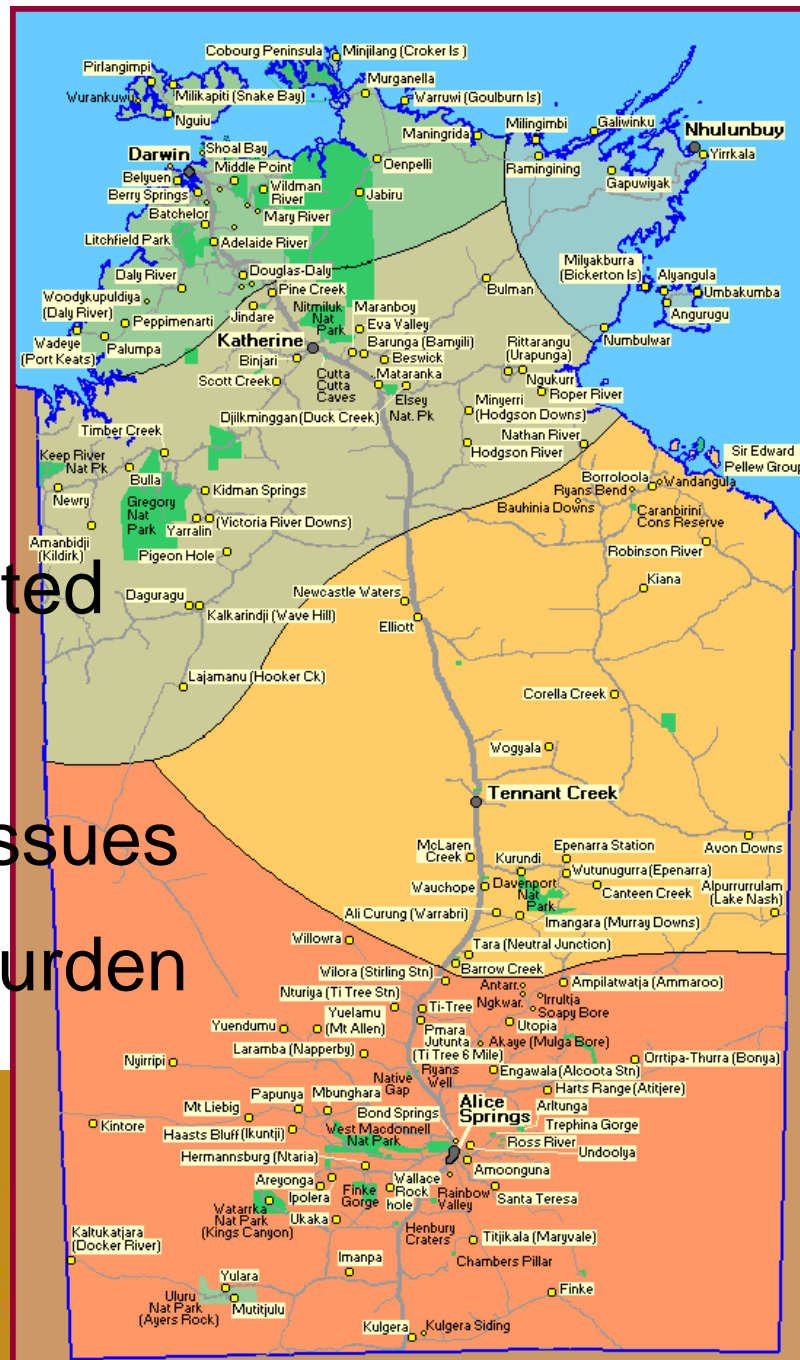
- 2/3 take up rate for tertiary study



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The NT

- Vast
- Remote
- Sparsely populated
- Indigenous
- Chronic health issues
- Large disease burden



Allied Health Tertiary Education

- Almost none in the traditional sense
- Many student placements in both urban and remote settings



Allied Health Student Coordinator Model

- NT Clinical School-
Flinders Uni
- Audiology
- Nutrition/Dietetics
- Speech Pathology



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Allied Health Student Coordinator Model...

- Enhancing placements for students, supervisors and workplaces
- Sustainable student recruitment



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The Model: Administration and planning

- Arrange placement
- Early email contact
- Strategic planning for authentic learning



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The Model: Establish a relationship of trust & support



For students

Initially:

- Orientation detail
- Reflection
- Learning outcomes

Follow up at regular intervals



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The Model...

For supervisors:

- Avoid burnout
- Debrief
- Support



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Results 04/05

- 43 students- 51 placements



“Somebody was really interested in how the placement was going”



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Excellence

- Accommodation

“Not a day went by on my whole placement that I wasn’t grateful for the facilities & services for students in Darwin”



Excellence...

Computers

“I really appreciated and found it useful to have 24 hour computer and internet access”



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Excellence...



AH Coordinator Role

“Having that support and the opportunity to raise any concerns was important for a sense of feeling valued”



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Other Benefits

- Allied Health Profile
- Corporate knowledge base expanding as AH becomes incorporated as core business
- Quota formalisation



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Quota Formalisation



- Dedicated admission places for NT residents.
- Marketing to fill quota.
- Aim to facilitate a pathway from secondary student through to workforce recruit.



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Successful student placements producing a cohort of 'rural and remote-wise' graduates.



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