



**Queensland
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Queensland Primary Health Care Network meeting

17 March 2022 – DESBT update on Training and Skills programs

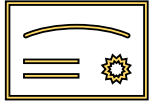
Qld VET investment - Health (HLT)



Investment trends – 2019-20 to 2020-21

Funding – increased from \$30.5M to \$36.9M (> 20%)

Students – increased from 14,195 to 18,795 (> 30%)



Priority Qualifications/Skill Sets

27 active HLT training pathways in 2020-21

85% of funding & 75% of students in top 5 pathways



Skills Assure Suppliers (SAS)

45 active SAS enrolled HLT students in 2020-21

85% of funding through top 5 SAS (2 public, 2 private, 1 community/enterprise)

Top 5 Health Qualifications

Pre-employment

HLT23215 Certificate II in Health Support Services

- Second highest volume HLT pathway – almost 6,000 students attracted funding of over \$10 million in 2020-21
- Majority of students enrolled while at school – VET in Schools
- 16 active SAS in 2020-21, with 4 enrolling almost 80% of students

Entry level

HLT33115 Certificate III in Health Services Assistance

HLT37215 Certificate III in Pathology Collection

HLT35015 Certificate III in Dental Assisting

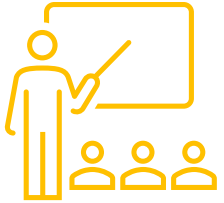
- Highest volume Certificate III pathways – 450 to over 1,000 students in 2020-21, funding of over \$1 million each
- Available as traineeship pathways – majority of students for Dental Assisting, 5% for other qualifications
- Between 5 and 8 active SAS in these qualifications, including niche RTOs

Higher level

HLT54115 Diploma of Nursing

- Highest volume HLT pathway – around 5,600 students attracted funding of over \$16 million in 2020-21
- High proportion of student fees funded through VET Student Loans
- 3 active SAS in 2020-21, with TAFE Queensland enrolling almost 80% of students

Student diversity – Health



Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

8.3% of HLT students, 4.4% for Nursing, 7.7% Qld

Student numbers increased by 15% in 2021-22 YTD

Students with a disability

7.4% of HLT students, 6.2% for Nursing, 7.9% Qld

Student numbers increased by 35% in 2021-22 YTD

Culturally and linguistically diverse

7.8% of HLT students, 7.3% for Nursing, 8.8% Qld

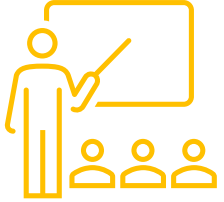
Female students

85.6% of HLT students, 88.0% for Nursing, 48.7% Qld

Regional profile – Health students

Region	Nursing	Certificate II	Certificates III	HLT Total	QLD Total
Far North Qld	2.9%	6.0%	5.6%	5.4%	6.5%
North Qld	4.2%	9.1%	4.5%	6.9%	6.4%
Central Qld	3.4%	6.8%	4.0%	5.5%	8.2%
North Coast	18.7%	18.5%	20.9%	20.9%	21.0%
Darling Downs	4.1%	4.9%	3.7%	5.6%	7.4%
Metropolitan	29.5%	28.7%	32.1%	28.1%	25.7%
South East	33.9%	25.6%	29.3%	28.3%	24.6%

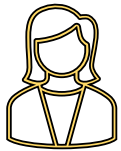
Possible opportunities – Health (HLT)



Employment-based training (Grow Your Own)

User Choice – only 2% of HLT students are trainees

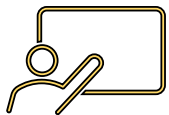
Total VET investment – almost 40% under User Choice



Diversity

Increase regional delivery – Nursing primarily coastal

Student diversity – Nursing, disability, CALD



Partnerships (Employers & RTOs)

Increase work placements, recruit graduates

Influence elective choice & contextualise content

Future National Skills Reforms



National reform agenda

Immediate – industry engagement, quality, qualifications

Pathways – VET for school students, Foundation skills, Apprenticeships, Micro-credentials



Pricing – National Skills Commission

NSC Efficient VET prices and student fees



National Skills Agreement

Negotiating approach outlined in Heads of Agreement

Questions

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