MAKE CARING YOUR CAREER
HEALTHCARE INDUSTRY INSIGHTS
Australian healthcare is a high priority which means there are excellent job opportunities in the health sector.

The greatest increases in employment are predicted for aged care and carers for people with a disability as well as nursing support and personal care workers.

Working in this profession involves providing direct treatment to patients, or performing auxiliary services in support of treatment. There has never been a better time to move into the industry as evolving health technologies are providing those entering the field with increased compensation, greater job security and improved work-life balance.

TOP 5 INDUSTRY TRENDS

TECHNOLOGY CHANGES & SYSTEM ADVANCEMENTS
The future of technology in the healthcare sector sees great changes to a range of systems such as patient administration, clinical information systems and procedures. Information and communications systems provide real-time access to patient information.\textsuperscript{i}

GROWTH IN HEALTH SERVICES
Australia’s growing and ageing population, combined with expanding private health insurance coverage, has generated strong demand for health services over the past five years. While rising private health coverage has provided significant benefits to allied health services; the ageing population has strengthened demand across the industry.

DEMAND FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PREDICTED TO RISE
By 2027 the demand for mental health services is set to rise between 135% and 160%\textsuperscript{ii}. This includes treatment of depression, anxiety, suicide prevention, self-harm and self-injury, pregnancy and early parenthood, grief and loss.

INCREASED UTILISATION OF ASSISTANT LEVEL ROLES AND ADVANCED CARE ROLES
Health providers are increasing their workforce capacities by introducing new assistant level roles\textsuperscript{iii}. Queensland is expanding the use of allied health assistants in specific clinical and geographical areas (especially rural and remote regions). There are also great advancements in care roles, with allied health assistants being introduced across a range of acute, ambulatory and community care settings. The expansion of these roles is providing new opportunities for support workers across the care and support industry to develop more specialised health knowledge and acquire new clinical skills.

KEY ECONOMIC DRIVERS IN THE HEALTH SERVICES
Federal funding for Medicare, government funding for public hospitals, the ageing population, private health insurance memberships and household disposable income continue to be the economic drivers of this industry\textsuperscript{iv}.

\textsuperscript{i} Ibisworld, 2016. Home > Industry Market Research > Australia Industry Reports (ANZSIC) > Health Services, s.l.: s.n.
\textsuperscript{ii} Job Outlook, 2015. SMER Queensland Gold Coast: Market Analysis> Aged Care, Community Services & Health, s.l.: s.n.
\textsuperscript{iii} Yu, S., Braden, T. & Buchanan, J. (2013). Defining vocational streams: insights from the engineering, finance, agriculture and care sectors, National Centre for Vocational Education Research, Adelaide.
\textsuperscript{iv} Ibisworld, 2016. Home > Industry Market Research > Australia Industry Reports (ANZSIC) > Health Services, s.l.: s.n.
JOB SATISFACTION, SALARY & KEY BENEFITS

An enrolled nurse working for Queensland Health could expect an annual wage of $57,929 - $61,482. Continued studies and career progression could see a nurse unit manager earn approximately $107,804 per annum.

The healthcare industry offers flexibility in terms of work hours. Shift work and part-time work leaves time for family commitments, travel and other interests.

Working in nursing and allied health is extremely rewarding. Sharing in other people’s recovery, rehabilitation and medical wellbeing is very satisfying.

There are ongoing career pathways available through continuous innovation and advancements in technology.

A career in healthcare often offers great variety, by meeting new people and encountering different situations every day.

Continued learning, to stay current in the healthcare industry, it is often a requirement to stay up to date with medical policies and procedures.

SKILLS IN DEMAND

INDUSTRY GROWTH

DO IT YOUR WAY

MAKE GREAT HAPPEN

TAFE Queensland is a well-known, established educator in healthcare and can provide the stepping stones to launch a career in nursing and allied health. With some of Queensland’s best health professionals onboard to teach and share their experiences with students, we are able to pass knowledge down to the next generation of industry experts.

The best way to learn is to get practical hands-on experience within simulated environments, providing early insight into future job conditions. We believe in a well-rounded approach to teaching so we ensure both theory and industry skills are learnt. We also offer study pathways to encourage continued professional development.

Let us help you Make Great Happen in the healthcare industry.
“Save one life, you’re a hero. Save a hundred lives, you’re a nurse.”

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