

Health



Did you know that about half the workforce in the health and disability sector are in non-clinical roles? Non-clinical roles are those which do not provide any type of medical treatment, or testing. These roles include medical attendants, clerical staff, clinical coders, administrators, and anyone who works "behind the scenes" at a hospital or health practice, such as human resources, IT, project managers, etc. Some non-clinical workers do interact with patients, but do not actually provide medical care. There are a lot of other non-clinical roles in the health industry such as pharmaceutical reps, medical recruiters, claims adjusters, underwriters, medical device sales, biomedical engineers, biostatisticians, patient advocates, case workers, and more!

INDUSTRY ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Each role will have specific entry requirements, including no criminal convictions. However, employers will prefer you to have a tertiary qualification in health. There are many potential combinations of skills and knowledge required for these roles, therefore we recommend the Bachelor of Health Science degree. Because this option doesn't specialise in a major, it provides you with the opportunity to develop your skills in a number of disciplines across the University such as; business, information technology, communication, education, social sciences and many more.

HOW MUCH COULD I EARN AFTER MY DEGREE?

Pay varies depending on your qualifications, experience, employer, workplace and your role, eg:

- Hospital Orderly's can earn about \$30,000 and work between 30-40 hours per week
- Health Care Assistants earn about \$35,000 and work between 30-40 hours per week
- Clinical Coders can earn between \$35,000 and \$60,000
- Underwriters can start on \$42,000 and go on to earn up to \$100,000
- Human Resources Officers can earn about \$61,500, while Human Resources Managers earn on average around \$100,200

WHAT ARE THE CHANCES OF GETTING A JOB?

There will always be a need for non-clinical roles in the health and disability sector, so chances of getting a job are good.

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WHAT TYPES OF EMPLOYERS CAN I WORK FOR?

You can choose to work in the healthcare sector, insurance or pharmaceutical industry, or in private companies contracted to work with a health organisation. Roles can include:

- Health administration and management
- Education and research
- Sales and marketing
- Health advocacy
- Human resources
- Information technology

CAREER PROGRESSION

You can progress to work in management positions or transfer into other areas of the organisation. There is also opportunity to work overseas in the area of health and disability.

We always recommend you seek career and course counselling advice before choosing your course of study.



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