

Workshop 8: Allied Health Assistants: A Structured Approach to Workforce and Professional Development.

National Allied Health Conference workshop information

Confirmed title

Allied health Assistants: A structured approach to workforce and professional development

Brief paragraph description

This workshop will provide delegates with an opportunity to explore different initiatives to support the development of the Allied Health Assistant (AHA) workforce and drive change to enable the workforce to adapt to the evolving health environment. The workshop will be set in the national context and will use examples from NSW of the development, implementation and evaluation of relevant workforce enabling strategies for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal AHAs. In addition, participants will be provided with an opportunity to explore the issues related to the future training requirements for allied health professionals, AHAs and managers, as well as implications for practice in emerging AHA service models for both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal AHAs.

Presenters and facilitators

Sue Steele-Smith has worked for 30 years as an Occupational Therapist in a range of clinical settings and has a Masters of Health Science Education. Prior to commencing at HETI she was involved with training allied health assistants across the state and developing the Allied Health Assistant Framework.



Kim Bulkeley is an occupational therapist with a long career in front line community service delivery. In recent years Kim has moved into academia, completing her PhD in 2016 and lecturing and supervising occupational therapy students as part of her commitment to building the future generations of occupational therapists. Kim is a research fellow with the POCHÉ centre for Indigenous health, partnering with communities in north west NSW to enhance allied health service access.

