

Digital Health for the Rural and Remote Health Workforce Course

Course Overview – Free Online Digital Health for the Remote and Rural Health Workforce Course Micro-credential

Delivering health services to people living in rural and remote areas is challenging due to the geographic dispersion, high burden of illness, limited infrastructure, and higher costs of delivering rural and remote health care. Digital technologies offer an opportunity to assist in delivering rural and remote health care. A digitally capable rural health workforce can leverage these opportunities to transform how health care is delivered to rural and remote patients, how data is accessed and used, and how decisions about health are made.

JCU has partnered with DESE, CSIRO, Optus, CRCNA, NQPHN, and other digital health proponents to promote a focus on digital health technologies, workforce capabilities and digital transformation in rural and remote areas through the Northern Australian Regional Digital Health Collaborative (NARDHC). The Digital Health for Rural and Remote Health Micro credential is a fully online, flexible set of modules that explores and equips health and allied health practitioners with the “what”, “when”, and “how” of using digital health to augment and support healthcare delivery in rural and remote areas.

Whatever your digital health training needs, refreshing your digital health knowledge, or equipping yourself with knowledge about emerging digital health technologies, the Digital Health for Rural and Remote Health Workforce Micro credential will help.

Course learning outcomes

By completing this course, you will have demonstrated your ability to:

- Interpret concepts, theoretical perspectives and opportunities related to digital health.
- Appraise digital health tools and technologies to improve equitable healthcare access and outcomes for regional, rural and remote communities.
- Illustrate digitally enabled workflows and the patient journey in virtual care
- Assess digital health governance and cyber-security maturity.
- Examine your own digital professionalism and leadership in digital health.
- Outline effective use, monitoring and safeguarding within digital health.
- Model cultural safety within digital health use.

- Investigate consumer digital literacy and inclusion and design a consumer engagement strategy.
- Evaluate barriers and enablers of digital health uptake and use within regional, rural, and remote areas.
- Analyse complex problems within the implementation of digital health initiatives in regional, rural, and remote Australia.
- Plan to evaluate the implementation and outcomes of a digital health initiative.