

Health Access Program
HEALTH ACCESS PROGRAM (HAP) GENERAL PRACTITIONER
15.2 Hours per fortnight & 0.2 FTE
Fixed Term to June 2025

The Position

The HAPs General Practitioner (GP) will play a critical role in the implementation of the Health Access Program, delivering direct primary healthcare services to individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The GP will provide comprehensive clinical care, including health assessments, treatment, preventative care, and chronic disease management, while working collaboratively with community organisations and social services to ensure holistic, wrap-around care.

Bendigo Community Health Services is piloting a trauma-informed, low-barrier program designed to improve healthcare access for individuals at risk of or experiencing homelessness. The Health Access Program (HAP) priority is to increase engagement with primary healthcare services, providing community-based health support, and addressing barriers to care. The low barrier model of care aims to ensure vulnerable populations receive necessary health services, including preventative care, chronic disease management, and allied health support, in a way that is accessible, person-centred, and delivered with dignity and respect.

About Bendigo Community Health Services

BCHS has cared for the health and wellbeing of the Bendigo community for 50 years. We employ more than 280 people across a broad range of services.

The success of BCHS starts with our staff, who have a high level of professionalism and dedication, allowing us to deliver quality services for the community, with a particular focus on vulnerable people.

Added benefits of working with BCHS include:

- Salary packaging
- Purchasing leave
- Study assistance
- Training programs
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To successfully apply for this position, you will need:

Key Selection Criteria

- Registration as a medical practitioner with Medical Board (AHPRA).
- Demonstrated ability to provide trauma-informed, non-judgmental, and person-centered healthcare to individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness, with an understanding of the social determinants of health and how housing insecurity, mental health, and systemic barriers impact health outcomes.

- Experience providing comprehensive primary healthcare, including health assessments, preventative care, and chronic disease management.
- Proven ability to work within a multidisciplinary team, including Nurse Practitioners, Community Connectors, and Social Services, with a commitment to shared decision-making, harm reduction principles, and interdisciplinary care planning.
- Experience working with vulnerable populations, including those facing barriers to healthcare access, with the ability to support patients in navigating the healthcare system, facilitate referrals, and coordinate care across multiple services.
- Strong commitment to cultural competency and inclusive practice, with experience providing culturally safe and gender-affirming care, particularly for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, Multicultural peoples, LGBTQIA+ individuals, and other marginalised communities.
- Willingness to participate in ongoing professional development, training, and quality improvement initiatives, contributing to service evaluation and program development.
- Previous experience in homeless healthcare, outreach medicine, addiction medicine, or public health and an interest in preventative and holistic healthcare approaches within a social care model.
- Current Working with Children Check and a commitment to completing Multiagency Risk Assessment and Management (MARAM) training and integrating family violence risk assessment into patient care.
- The successful applicant will also be required to undertake and complete a Satisfactory National Police Check.

For further information about the position contact Dale Hardy on 0405 992 656.

To view the position description please go to <https://www.bchs.com.au/careers/current-jobs>

Applications addressing the **Key Selection Criteria** should be emailed to recruitment@bchs.com.au by 10pm Monday, 14 April.

Bendigo Community Health Services encourages applications from individuals of all backgrounds and abilities.

Applications will be acknowledged upon receipt. Applicants are requested to contact People and Culture on telephone 5406 1227 if an automatic acknowledgement has not been received.