

HISTORY

AHWI was established in December 2007 by the University of Queensland and the University of Melbourne. AHWI is a 'virtual institute' drawing on research expertise from the School of Health Sciences at the University of Queensland and the Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences at the University of Melbourne. The Institute engages in collaborative research between these faculties, as well as with other leaders in health including other universities, state and federal government, hospitals, private industry, and consumer groups.

The Institute's head office is located at the University of Melbourne.

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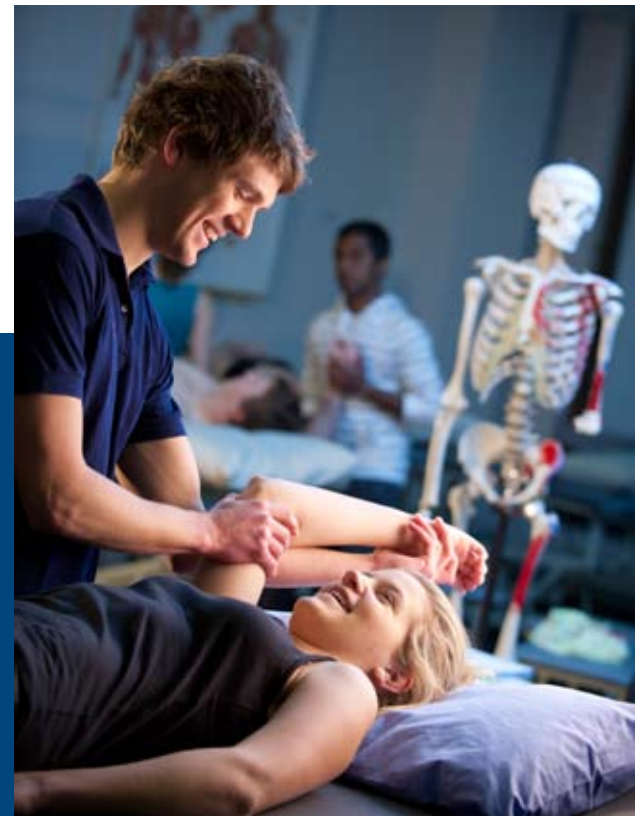
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THE INSTITUTE

The Australian Health Workforce Institute (AHWI) is an innovative, research-driven organisation dedicated to achieving health workforce sustainability in Australia by 2020.

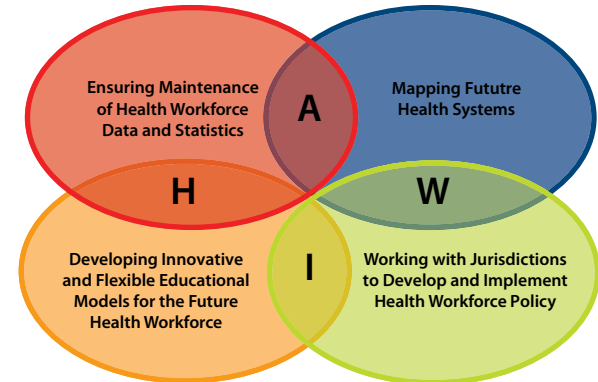
A CRISIS AHEAD?

We know that there are significant challenges to be addressed in sustaining Australia's world class health system:

- An immediate shortage of health professionals such as nurses, pharmacists, physiotherapists and dentists
- A growing number of Australians suffering from preventable chronic diseases
- An ageing population and workforce
- Demands for new skills in the workplace
- Ballooning government expenditure on health care

LEADERS IN HEALTH WORKFORCE RESEARCH

AHWI is at the forefront of Australian health workforce research for four main strategic areas:



AHWI is working towards making the Australian health system more efficient: injecting good business practice into this billion-dollar industry, expanding the health workforce by creating new models of care, involving nurse practitioners, physician assistants, carers and other doctor extenders. As leaders in health workforce research, AHWI has a significant role in shaping future Australian health workforce policy and practice.

