#### Position Description Dietitian 251111



#### **Position Objective**

To plan, deliver and evaluate discipline specific clinical services and community education activities across the designated area, in accordance with organisational and program funding guidelines.

# **Primary Roles and Responsibilities**

Discipline Specific Scope of Practice - Generalist	<ul> <li>Apply the science of human nutrition to help people understand the relationship between food and health and make appropriate dietary choices to attain and maintain health, and to prevent and treat illness and disease by:</li> <li>1. planning diets and menus, and instructing people on the requirements and importance of diet and on the planning and preparation of food</li> <li>2. collecting, organising and assessing data relating to health and nutritional status of individuals, groups and communities</li> <li>3. interpreting and communicating scientific information and providing advice, education and professional opinion to individuals, groups and communities</li> <li>4. monitoring food intake and quality to provide nutritional care</li> <li>5. calculating nutritional values of food served</li> <li>6. planning, conducting and evaluating nutrition intervention programs and compiling educational material</li> <li>7. providing nutrition assessments, nutrition management, and nutrition education, research and training</li> <li>8. assisting health and community groups to improve the health of individuals and the community by raising awareness of healthy lifestyles, disease and disability, and other health-related issues.</li> </ul>
Generic Allied Health Requirements	NWRH is a community based Primary Health Care Organisation. A generalist scope of practice will be followed by all Allied Health Staff. Allied Health Staff are only to see clients with non- acute conditions that can effectively be managed in line with the frequency of visits and follow up resources available to NWRH staff. All acute conditions, or conditions which require intensive treatment to ensure best practise is met must be referred on to providers capable of delivering this service. Any exception to this would be subject to agreement between organisations and require specific credentialing of NWRH clinicians involved.
	<ul> <li>In delivering services Allied Health staff are expected to:</li> <li>1. work with other Health Professionals in overall case management of clients</li> <li>2. work with other professionals in providing specialist advice to specific client groups</li> <li>3. record clients' progress and maintaining professional relationships in accordance with relevant legislative requirements and ethical guidelines</li> <li>4. design treatment programs to address patients' health needs</li> <li>5. educate, inform, discuss with or teach patients and their families in procedures to be continued at home</li> <li>6. record treatments given and patients' responses and progress</li> <li>7. evaluate effectiveness of clinical interventions</li> <li>8. triage clients, schedule appointments and perform other client related administrative tasks as per local guidelines</li> <li>9. communicate and deliver care with cultural competence</li> <li>10. incorporate the use of Telehealth in service delivery where possible</li> <li>11. maintain discipline specific professional registration including supervisory requirements</li> <li>12. maintain credentialing with NWRH and other partner organisations as required.</li> </ul>

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Efficient and Effective Service	Comply with organisation processes in carrying out:
Delivery	1. Timely and accurate completion of data relating to service delivery
	2. Reporting of outcomes/deliverables in line with funding agreements
Professional Conduct	<ol> <li>In your position, you are responsible for the interchange and management of communication with internal and external stakeholders.</li> <li>Compliance with organisational code of conduct</li> <li>Compliance with organisational policies and procedures, including infection control and confidentiality</li> <li>Compliance with relevant legislation such as work health and safety, equal opportunity and anti-discrimination</li> <li>Compliance with Code of Professional Conduct and Statement of Ethical Practice for National body relevant to this discipline</li> <li>To behave in a professionally responsible and accountable manner at all times</li> <li>Flexibility in working role related to changing job requirements including:</li> <li>Willingness to take on activities or tasks that may fall outside of regular duties</li> <li>Capacity to identify and/or respond to areas of need within the workplace in</li> </ol>
	negotiation with Line Manager

# **Key Performance Indicators**

Contract Deliverables (70%)	<ul> <li>OOS/ Client Direct Hours – 6 per day</li> <li>minimum of 80% of available work time with direct client contact</li> <li>Telehealth – 15% of all OOS</li> <li>DNA - 15% over a month/community</li> <li>Clients serviced – 80% of active list</li> </ul>
Compliance (20%)	<ul> <li>Procura – Error Report</li> <li>TICKIT – incidents/WHS</li> <li>HR – supplies info on time 100% – registration, drivers licence, blue/yellow, police checks as and when due</li> <li>High levels of client satisfaction</li> </ul>
Business Development (10%)	<ul> <li>Contacts with GP's – timely formal correspondence eg. Discharge summary; care plan updates and assessment summaries</li> <li>Book growth – 15% annually</li> </ul>

### Reporting

This position reports to the Team Leader.

# **Additional Information**

Salary package:	Commensurate with qualifications and experience Salary Sacrifice entitlement up to \$15900pa Employer contribution to superannuation 10% Annual leave loading 17.5%
Hours:	This position is 1.0 full time equivalent (FTE), based on a 76 hours per fortnight.

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Location:	This position is based in Townsville and provides outreach services to NWRH catchment area.
Travel Requirements:	Travelling by road and/or in small planes to communities within the place catchment area
Criminal History Check:	All final applicants for this position will be asked to consent to a criminal record check. Please note that people with criminal records are not automatically excluded from applying for this position. Each application will be considered on its merits.

### **Selection criteria**

#### Essential

- Possession of a degree or equivalent qualification from an approved course recognised by the appropriate professional association. Current registration with the appropriate Registration Board. Eligibility for membership of the appropriate professional association.
- 2. Demonstrated ability to provide high quality discipline specific assessment, prevention, treatment and intervention to achieve maximal outcomes for a broad range of clients and conditions.
- 3. Demonstrated high level communication skills.
- 4. Demonstrated knowledge or the motivation and ability to gain knowledge of Primary Health Care principles and issues in rural and remote communities. Preparedness to undertake further study in this area, if required.
- 5. Demonstrated ability to operate independently and participate in a multidisciplinary team.
- 6. Awareness of local health issues and a demonstrated ability to work with people of diverse cultural backgrounds.
- 7. Current Influenza/COVID vaccinations and ability to provide evidence
- 8. Current unencumbered 'C' class driver's licence.
- 9. Computer literacy in Microsoft Office Suite, or willingness and capacity to learn.
- 10. To be considered you must be an Australian or NZ Citizen or Permanent Resident, or have a relevant visa allowing you to live and work in Australia with no restrictions. NWRH does not undertake visa sponsorships.

#### Desirable

1. Experience working for a not for profit organisation.