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REGISTERED NURSE: NORTHWEST
TASMANIA

ABOUT THE NORTH WEST

This role covers the geographical area from Port Sorrell heading westwards along the coast to Wynyard, including Latrobe, Devonport, Ulverstone, Sheffield, Penguin and Burnie.

ABOUT RURAL PLACEMENTS

A rural placement offers you:

- First-hand experience of a rural lifestyle and work environment
- Exposure to a more diverse range of experiences
- Extra support including learning and teaching, social and accommodation support
- Opportunities to connect with other students
- Potential job opportunities – there is a shortage of rural health professionals ... experiencing rural practice and engaging with the community could entice you to work here
- An opportunity for so many great experiences and to see and do things that you otherwise might not

ABOUT ME

I trained as a Registered Nurse in the UK in the early 80s and undertook many roles including as a nurse practitioner in general practice. I have lived and worked in Tasmania since 2008, working as a lecturer in nursing with UTAS, teaching across both undergraduate and postgraduate programs and as a Whole of Community Facilitator since early 2018.

RURAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE PLACEMENTS

YOUR WHOLE OF COMMUNITY FACILITATOR

The University's College of Health and Medicine has initiated the employment of Whole of Community Facilitators in rural and remote communities across Tasmania.

Our role is to provide local support for you to get the most from your rural placement and to enjoy the opportunity to live and work in our community.

We are here to guide and mentor you while you are on placement and to support you in your learning.

This may include:

LEARNING SUPPORT

Helping you with your learning strategies and plans

Making sure you have access to one-on-one support

Liaising with your supervisor/preceptor or Unit Coordinator – either with you, or on your behalf

In some cases we may be involved in your supervision and assessment – either directly or indirectly

RESOURCES

Helping you access the resources you need

Arranging orientation tours of the facility that is hosting you on placement

Providing lists of key contacts at the University and in the community and who are the "go to" people if you have any issues or problems

SOCIAL SUPPORT

Showing you where things are and how to get around

Helping you work out what to do while you are here

Putting you in touch with other students on placement in your local placement environment

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