Health And Families Workforce Strengthened With Graduating Apprentices

The NT Government is continuing to invest in training and keeping young Territorians working in the Territory with seven Department of Health and Families (DHF) apprentices and cadets completing their qualifications this year.

Health Minister Kon Vatskalis said he was proud to see people who are dedicated to learning and studying while making a difference in the community.

“The five cadets and two apprentices graduating this year are all local people doing their bit to better the health and family support services in the NT,” Mr Vatskalis said.

“The NT Government invests in our people by offering considerable training and professional development programs and opportunities – by investing in this area we are more likely to see students stay and work in the Territory.”

The DHF apprentices and cadets undertaking their qualifications this year are:

- Louise Mills – Apprentice in Darwin, has now completed Diploma of Dental Technology
- Sharni Cardona – Aboriginal Cadet, has now completed Bachelor of Nursing at Charles Darwin University, Darwin
- Jenna March – Aboriginal Cadet - Bachelor of Nursing at the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education
- Brooke Wheeler – Aboriginal Cadet - Bachelor of Nursing at Charles Darwin University, Alice Springs
- Naomi Asling – Aboriginal Cadet - Bachelor of Social Work at Deakin University, Alice Springs
- Elisha Wright – Apprentice at Gove, completing Certificate III Community Services
- Patricia Harvey – Aboriginal Cadet - Bachelor of Nursing at the Batchelor Institute of Indigenous Tertiary Education

Ms Mills recently completed her studies and has been offered a permanent position within the Department. Ms Cardona has also recently completed her studies. While Ms March, Ms Wheeler, Ms Asling, Ms Wright and Ms Harvey should complete their qualifications by the end of this year.

“Working within the Department of Health and Families in the Territory offers unique and diverse career opportunities where you can make a real difference to the lives of others,” Mr Vatskalis said.

“Medical staff have the opportunity to practice in remote areas, medical retrievals, the National Critical Care and Trauma Centre, tropical medicine and research, and be exposed to leading and innovative acute care.”

The cadets and apprentices will join the team at the Department of Health and Families as qualified employees.

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