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Coastal students get the lowdown on health careers

Learning about blood samples, broken bones and bandaging will be just a small sample of what's on offer for 80 coastal students at the UTAS Rural Clinical School Health Careers Workshops.

The UTAS Rural Clinical School (RCS) is hosting the annual Year 9 Health Careers Workshops in both **Burnie (Tuesday 2 October)** and **Devonport (Friday 19 October)**. Workshops will involve around 80 students at each location, and will run for a full day, with students being exposed to a variety of interactive sessions across a broad spectrum of health careers.

The main message at the workshops will be that health careers are wide and varied and not limited to the traditional fields of nursing and medicine.

Therese Evans, Manager, Marketing and Community Engagement at RCS said she wants young people to expand their thinking when considering career options in the health industry.

“Take one letter of the alphabet – P – and look at the number of careers available that begin with that letter. As a sample at the workshops we have Psychology, Physiotherapy, Pathology, Prosthetics, Pharmacy, Podiatry and Paramedics. There are just so many choices available in the health sector.”

The RCS is running the workshops in partnership with the Tasmanian Health Organisation - North West, with professional health staff volunteering their time to contribute career advice to the workshop participants, and the Tasmanian Department of Education, through the Pathway Planning Program.

“Health is a field where it is often extremely difficult to provide school students with safe and meaningful work experience placements in the traditional school format, so we have developed the Health Careers Workshops to cater for the need for information and interactive experiences for students with an interest in health career,” said Ms Evans.

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