



The value of embedding the HealthInfoNet into the teaching curriculum: *Griffith University - First Peoples Health Unit*



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Australian Indigenous HealthInfoNet (HealthInfoNet) has partnered with Griffith University's First People's Health Unit since 2016 to provide resource support for the teaching of the First People's Professional Practice course.

The aim of the course is to teach culturally safe health care for students in a broad range of health disciplines. The course is designed to give students a deeper understanding of the factors that impact on the social, emotional and physical well-being of First Peoples health care.

HealthInfoNet mapped, identified and provided links to key practice resources, publications and web pages which were relevant to the course content. Examples of relevant links to resources includes; *Cultural ways – health promotion and practice resources*, a national online *map of Aboriginal medical services*, *information on the social determinants of health* and specific content such as *Creating cultural empathy and challenging attitudes through Indigenous narratives*.

The partnership with HealthInfoNet has enabled Griffith University to embed these resource links across health courses as part of the implementation of the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Curriculum Framework at Griffith University. Evaluation provided by Griffith University about the inclusion of HealthInfoNet resources found that 'Most participant responses (97%) indicated that they gained new knowledge or skills taking the course'.

FIRST PEOPLE'S PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE COURSE EVALUATION



97%

of participants gained new knowledge or skills taking the course



84%

indicated that they had shared their learning with others.

“ I think this is fantastic... for our students! I will definitely be adding it to their online learning platform.”

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