

VACCHO and its Members work with the four Regional Training Providers to support general practice training across Victoria.

For more **information** please contact the Australian GP Training Liaison Officer at VACCHO on 03 9411 9411.

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## General Practice training in Aboriginal health in Victoria



Bogong extends beyond the Victorian State border



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*Together Healing Hands: Making a difference* 2010, Lynn Briggs

**What:** You can train and work in Aboriginal health in Victoria!

Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHSs) offer a unique comprehensive primary health care setting experience where you work as part of a supportive, multi-disciplinary clinical team.

**Where:** ACCHSs that are accredited Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health training posts are located in urban and regional centres throughout Victoria (see map overleaf).

**Why:** Training or working in an ACCHS gives you the opportunity to gain exposure to a wide range of complex clinical presentations including managing chronic disease, implementing preventative health care, and addressing public health concerns with Aboriginal people.

Experience the Aboriginal holistic model of health, become a culturally safe practitioner and enjoy the flexibility of a family-friendly workplace with 9-5 hours!

**When and how:** For key training dates and availability, contact VACCHO or your nearest Registered Training Provider (listed overleaf).

## A challenging and rewarding training experience:

- Locations in Victorian metropolitan and regional areas
- Comprehensive primary health care delivery - support by an onsite multi-disciplinary clinical and holistic health team
- Onsite cultural mentoring and support
- Cultural immersion - learn about the Aboriginal holistic model of health
- Work to close the gap in Aboriginal health outcomes

### Dr Liz's Story

**GP Registrar to GP Supervisor and Medical Educator**

When I began my training in 2006 the opportunity to work in an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service (ACCHS) as a registrar was a big draw card for me; and I've now had a close association with the East Gippsland ACCHSs for some years. I feel very fortunate to now be supporting other registrars in their ACCHS experiences as a Medical Educator.

I am very proud of what I do. The work has unique challenges but immeasurable rewards. I learn so much each day from the fantastic networks of Aboriginal Health Workers, cultural mentors and other staff in our ACCHSs and value the continuing connections with community. The model of healthcare in ACCHSs enables us to practice more holistically and collaboratively for the ultimate benefit of the patient and their family.

I am honored to be able to work in this field and would encourage all registrars to consider working some sessions in their local ACCHS. Our team at Southern GP Training is working hard to develop new and dynamic ways of supervising and supporting registrars in these posts. It is my hope that one day all GP Registrars will have the opportunity to access training in these wonderful workplaces.

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