



Hannah Morganson

Studying Bachelor of Nursing

My journey to JCU began straight from high school when I moved to Townsville from Mackay in January 2016. I used the IHCAP pathway to get into the Bachelor of Nursing Science as my OP wasn't quite good enough to enter the traditional way. This pathway course really helped me gradually increase my study load. I starting with 3 subjects which was great as I was not as stressed as my other friends who were doing 4 subjects. I have really enjoyed having the extra support around me and used the Indigenous Education and Research Centre a lot for academic and student support, especially the tutoring program they offer. I am expected to graduate in 2019 and have plans to go onto postgraduate study once I have found a job. Eventually I would like to work in the area of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and give back to the people of my community.



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*Front Image: Michale Chandler,
final year Bachelor of Physiotherapy*

Indigenous Health Careers Access Program (IHCAP)



If you are an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Australian considering a professional career in health and you do not meet the entry requirements of your chosen course, James Cook University's Indigenous Health Careers Access Program (IHCAP) may be for you.

What is IHCAP?

IHCAP is an alternate pathway into a health degree at JCU for Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander people. The program is designed to build your skills and strengthen your capabilities for successful study at university. As an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander student, you are provided with academic and social support services by dedicated IHCAP Officers and Academic Advisors within the health degree programs.

When you enrol through IHCAP, you commence your study with a compulsory 3 to 4 week orientation program. The first year of the degree is spread over two years and where you will complete a combination of pre-requisite subjects and subjects from the first year level of your chosen course. Then you move onto the second year level of your degree and follow the standard course structure.

IHCAP Disciplines Include:

- Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences
- Bachelor of Dental Surgery
- Bachelor of Exercise Physiology (Clinical)
- Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science (Honours)
- Bachelor of Nursing Science
- Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Honours)
- Bachelor of Pharmacy
- Bachelor of Physiotherapy
- Bachelor of Speech Pathology
- Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science
- Bachelor of Veterinary Science

www.jcu.edu.au/ihcap

*Right:
Cheyenne Gamble
Bachelor of Occupational Therapy*

*Below: Racquel Ball used the
IHCAP Nursing pathway to get
into her medicine degree.*



IHCAP Orientation

The IHCAP Orientation is a 3 to 4 week intensive course where you will do a variety of activities including study skills and complete your first subject: CU1010 Effective Writing. The orientation is held in January prior to the start Semester 1 at the JCU Townsville Campus. Attendance at the IHCAP Orientation is compulsory. Your offer will be confirmed and enrolment finalised at this time.

Associated Costs

There are no accommodation or meal costs associated with IHCAP Orientation and you can also apply for travel assistance through the ABSTUDY's Away from Base program. Contact: ABSTUDY direct on 1800 132 317.

How to Apply

Check out the JCU website for information about the various health degrees. Some courses have additional application requirements, this means you may have to submit an application and/or attend an interview as well.

IHCAP degrees requiring additional information include Dentistry, Veterinary Sciences and Physiotherapy. Your written application must be received by September 30 for you to be considered for a place in this course in the following year.



Apply online at QTAC: www.qtac.edu.au

- Fill in the application form online
- Indicate you are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- Choose JCU as your first preference

If you are successful in gaining a place in your preferred degree, you will be contacted by JCU's Indigenous Education and Research Centre and informed of your options to participate in IHCAP.

When to Apply

Applications open early August. Please check the following website for more information AND contact the Indigenous Student Support Advisor on the number provided in this brochure for further assistance. www.jcu.edu.au/ihcap