Our College is on Larrakia Land

We acknowledge the Larrakia people as the traditional custodians of the land upon which our college is based. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and future.

The Larrakia people are an Aboriginal Australian people in and around Darwin in the Northern Territory. The Larrakia, who refer to themselves as ‘Saltwater People’, had a vibrant traditional society based on a close relationship with the sea and trade with neighbouring groups such as the Tiwi, Wadjiginy and Djerimanga.

Welcome to the College of Health and Human Sciences

Thank you for expressing an interest in joining us here in the College of Health and Human Sciences. Our College brings together scholars who are passionate about tackling real-world issues and opportunities, and I look forward to passionate and inspirational colleagues joining us in the future.

Our courses span medical laboratory science and clinical sciences, allied health, health science, exercise sport and science, psychology, and social work.

Located in Australia’s Top End we are uniquely positioned to explore issues of national and regional importance such as tropical medicine, Indigenous health and mental health.

Many of our staff and students link to the Menzies School of Health Research, and other partners both nationally and globally, completing internationally recognised research with a worldwide impact.

Whatever your aspirations, our College will help you broaden and expand your horizons and realise your ambitions. I look forward to meeting you in the future.

Professor Dominic Upton
Dean, College of Health and Human Sciences
Working in the College of Health and Human Sciences

In the College of Health and Human Sciences we offer you a career with many opportunities, ensuring you are supported and fulfilled. We provide attractive benefits, we support colleagues and, most importantly, we aim for our staff to be content, happy and healthy.

- Dynamic, growing and inclusive working environment
- State of the art learning and teaching facilities
- Access to funds to support and drive forward both your research and teaching aspirations
- Friendly, supportive and collegiate working environment
- Relaxed, environmentally friendly and spacious campus
- Capacity to grow your impact and your career locally, nationally and internationally
- On campus resources include coffee shops, restaurants, gyms, post office and book shops
- Impressive growth in all key aspects of the College’s performance
- Competitive salaries and incremental progression within position classification

- Access to Unisuper including employer contribution of 17% of their salary to their fund (subject to conditions)
- Opportunity for tax-efficient salary packaging
- Secondments, mentoring and higher duty allowances available
- Up to 6 weeks paid annual leave, paid maternity and parental leave, carer and compassionate leave
- Accomplished and empowering leadership driving the success of the College, individual performance and collective achievements
- Opportunities to contribute to your community and beyond
- Work in an intellectually stimulating environment with the opportunities to further your career and aspirations
- Flexible work options throughout your career
- Celebrate the strength of our community diversity
- Positive work-life balance
- Socially responsible and community engaged College
- Learn from our deep connections with our local Indigenous communities

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Did you know?

- Darwin is the tropical capital city of the Northern Territory, which makes up one sixth of the Australian continent.
- It has an estimated population of 150,000 people, boasting a lively mix of more than 60 nationalities.
- Over 1200 students are enrolled in the College of Health and Human Sciences with over 70% studying through e-learning or blended mode.
- The average age of the Darwin population is 33 years.
- Over 15 Aboriginal languages are spoken in the Northern Territory (the most common in Darwin being Yolngu Matha).
- A total of 22 new courses were launched in 2020 through the College.

- Darwin has developed into a vibrant, dynamic modern capital city offering a wide range of accommodation, cafes, restaurants, and nightlife options for business and leisure travellers.
- Darwin is described as Australia’s gateway with South East Asia being closer to Indonesia and Singapore than Sydney or Melbourne.
- The Northern Territory has the highest proportion of Indigenous people (30% of the Northern Territory’s population), making a significant positive impact on culture and lifestyle.
- The College has launched a new Wellness Centre in 2019, a new Fitness Centre in 2020 along with a Health Immersive Virtual Education (HIVE) lab to support staff and students.

- Darwin’s traditional owners, the Larrakia people, are active and prominent members of the local community.
- Darwin enjoys a year-round tropical climate averaging 30°C (86°F).
- Indigenous Australians have the oldest living culture in the world - over 50,000 years (with some arguing it to be over 65,000 years).

- The University has over 50 delivery sites across the Northern Territory and facilities in both the NT (Darwin, Palmerstone, Katherine, Nhulunbuy, Alice Springs) as well as interstate (Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Brisbane).

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- The UK has 275 persons per square kilometre, while Australia has only 3.1 persons per square kilometre and the Northern Territory has 0.2 persons.

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Our Strategic Plan
Connect Discover Grow
2015 - 2025

“At Charles Darwin University we have a passion and a vision to use our skills and knowledge to help shape a brighter future. Through Connect Discover Grow we intend to become outstanding achievers across all areas of our core business—teaching and learning, research, engagement, Indigenous leadership and internationalisation.

We can only do this through a collective effort, understanding that the advancement of every individual in our university community translates into the greater good.”

Professor Simon Maddocks
Vice-Chancellor and President

The five pillars of Connect Discover Grow

1. A provider of transformative skills and learning
2. Globally recognised for Indigenous leadership
3. A critically engaged university of the region
4. A truly international university
5. A successful research intensive university

Casuarina (main campus):
Ellengowan Drive, Darwin NT 0909

Alice Springs:
Grevillea Drive, Alice Springs NT 0870

Palmerston:
University Avenue, Palmerston NT 0830

CDU Sydney:
815 George Street, Haymarket, Sydney NSW 2000

CDU Waterfront:
21 Kitchener Drive, Darwin NT 0800

Katherine:
19 Second Street, Katherine NT 0850

Jabiru:
PO Box 121, Jabiru NT 0886

Tennant Creek:
PO Box 1425, Tennant Creek NT 0861
The university for your new world

Charles Darwin University is the university for your new world. We think differently, we innovate and embrace change; we challenge conventions and look for better ways.

At the College of Health and Human Sciences, we do the same. The College of Health and Human Sciences is one of six academic colleges at CDU. The College provides education, research and consultancy that reflects a deep commitment to the health of individuals and communities in the Northern Territory, Australia and globally. Located in Australia’s Top End, our students, teaching staff and researchers are uniquely positioned to explore health issues that are of national and regional significance. These include tropical medicine, exercise and sport science, Indigenous health, community wellbeing and mental health.

Our focus areas

1. Creating INDUSTRY-READY GRADUATES that contribute to a skilled workforce locally, nationally and internationally.
2. Building a TEAM OF COMMITTED EDUCATORS AND RESEARCHERS who tackle important health issues facing our society.
3. Conducting RESEARCH THAT DELIVERS MEASURABLE IMPACT on the health of individuals and communities.
4. Establishing STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS WITH INDUSTRY AND GOVERNMENT to share and leverage expertise and value.

“We think differently; we innovate and embrace change”
We specialise in:

Biomedical sciences
• Clinical sciences
• Medical laboratory sciences

Psychology
• Clinical psychology
• Counselling
• Creative therapies

Health sciences
• Public health
• Health service management
• Health promotion

Allied health
• Occupational therapy
• Speech and language therapy
• Nutrition

Social work
• Social Work (Qualifying)
• Safe Communities (Child Protection)

Exercise and Sport Science
• Sport management
• Coaching

Discover more
cdu.edu.au/health-human-sciences

Immerse yourself
As a leader in teaching and innovation, our new Health Immersive Virtual Education Learning Space highlights our capacity to produce industry-ready graduates, that contribute to a skilled workforce locally, nationally and internationally.

The laboratory includes augmented reality, virtual reality and mixed reality technologies, allowing our students to literally step inside and move through the material they’re learning in class.
Our research

The College’s research spans a wide range of themes and leverages our team’s broad expertise, connections and abilities.

Introducing the Australasian RISC Centre

The Australasian Resilience Implementation for Sustainable Communities (RISC) Centre is a research and consultancy centre that brings together top minds from the College of Health and Human Science, industry, government and the community.

Together, we develop evidence-based strategies for building more resilient communities in the face of increasing natural and man-made hazards.

Collaborating with Menzies School of Health Research

The College collaborates closely with the Menzies School of Health Research, which is also based at Charles Darwin University.

Menzies School of Health Research is Australia’s leading medical research institute. It is dedicated to improving the health and wellbeing of Indigenous Australians and is a global leader in research into tropical, life-threatening illnesses.

Opportunities for research students

The College welcomes students seeking to complete a higher degree by research.

Our research supervisors span a range of disciplines and can help you develop your project outline and support you to complete your degree.

Discover more
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Our commitment to Indigenous leadership

Charles Darwin University is deeply engaged with and informed by Australia’s Indigenous people. The College of Health and Human Sciences aspires to play a key role in producing the next generation of Indigenous leaders in health and human sciences.

We do this by:

> fostering a culturally-safe environment for all
> providing opportunities for all staff to develop cultural competency
> recognising and appreciating the contribution that Indigenous knowledges bring to our work, research and teaching
Charles Darwin University at a glance

#1 in Australia
for graduate employment outcomes

Rising Star
Class of 2030

#2 in Australia
for graduate full-time salary outcomes

Source: Good Universities Guide 2020,
Times Higher Education Rankings 2020

Charles Darwin University is a sustainable and innovative multi-sector university. We are based in Australia’s Northern Territory, but our footprint extends nationally and regionally. We teach more than 24,000 students at 11 campuses and training centres, in over 100 regional and remote locations; and across the nation through flexible, online learning.

Our students and communities benefit from CDU’s exciting, progressive research and strong partnerships with industry and government. The distinct characteristics of the Northern Territory and CDU’s proximity to the Asia Pacific position us to tackle the complex challenges and issues facing these regions.

Discover more
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Course List

Psychology
- Diploma of Alcohol and Other Drugs
- Diploma of Counselling
- Diploma of Psychology
- Bachelor of Psychological Science
- Bachelor of Psychological Science (Graduate Entry)
- Bachelor of Psychological Science (Honours)
- Graduate Certificate in Creative Therapies
- Graduate Diploma in Creative Therapies
- Master of Psychology
- Master of Psychology (Clinical)

Health sciences
- Diploma of Health Science
- Bachelor of Health Science
- Bachelor of Health Science (Honours)
- Bachelor of Health Services Management
- Bachelor of Public Health

Exercise and sport science
- Diploma of Exercise and Sport Science
- Associate Degree of Exercise and Sport Science
- Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Science

Biomedical sciences
- Bachelor of Clinical Sciences
- Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science
- Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science (Honours)
- Master of Medical Laboratory Science

Allied health
- Bachelor of Health Science/
  Master of Nutrition
- Bachelor of Health Science/
  Master of Occupational Therapy
- Bachelor of Health Science/
  Master of Speech and Language Therapy
- Master of Nutrition
- Master of Occupational Therapy
- Master of Speech and Language Therapy

Social work
- Diploma of Social Care
- Bachelor of Social Work
- Graduate Certificate of Safe Communities (Child Protection)
- Graduate Diploma of Safe Communities (Child Protection)
- Master of Social Work (Qualifying)