

IAHA Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Academy Project (ATSIHAP)

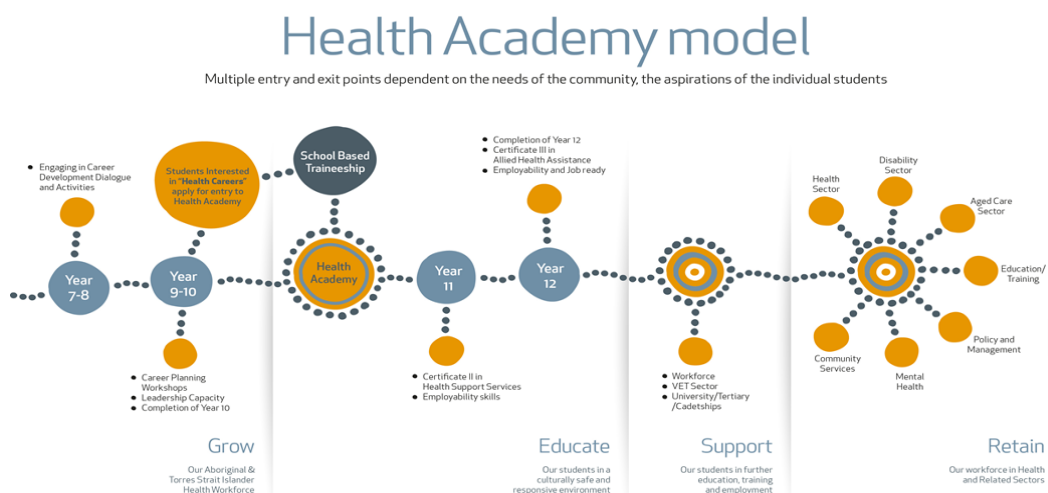
The ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Academy Project (ATSIHAP) is a transferrable and sustainable education and training program aimed at creating opportunities for ACT Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander high school and college students to consider a career in health. The ATSIHAP creates a genuine pathway through a two-year School Based Traineeship in Allied Health Assistance to enable students to gain relevant industry qualifications and gain future employment in the health and related sectors as clinicians, administrators and support workers.

As an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander led education and training model, the success of the program relies on strong collaborative approaches and partnerships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community-controlled organisations and key stakeholders. Working with this approach, a culturally safe and responsive model can be developed across the ACT that is modified to meet the needs of the local students, schools and communities supported by stakeholders and partners to ensure that there are local and regional health workforce plans and models in place now and into the future across the diverse sectors such as disability, mental health, aged care, community services, community clinics, hospitals etc.

A Holistic Model

As the following **Health Academy model** diagram shows, the ATSIHAP will have:

- a clear entry point, but multiple career options and stages – with support during stages and transitions – including exit points; and
- enable participants to enter and pursue a health or related career pathway – overcoming barriers, valuing and enabling connection with community



Health Academy model

Multiple entry and exit points dependent on the needs of the community, the aspirations of the individual students

