



Job Title:	Public Health Nutritionist/ Dietitian		
Classification:	Professional 2 P2	Department:	Primary Health Care (PHC)
Location:	This position is based in Darwin and provides services to 5 West Arnhem communities. It requires extensive travel for up to a week at a time either by 4WD or light aircraft.		
Position Status:	This is a shared position supporting two Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOs) – Mala’la Health Service Aboriginal Corporation and Red Lily Health Board and providing services across five remote Aboriginal communities: Maningrida, Gunbalanya, Jabiru, Minjilang and Warruwi.		
Collaborations:	Manayingkarirra Primary Health Care Centre, Mala’la Aged Care, Red Lily Health Board Community Health Centres in Gunbalanya, Jabiru, Minjilang and Warruwi.		
Reports to:	Mala’la Executive Health Manager and Red Lily Health Board Director of Primary Health Care		
Employment Conditions:	Mala’la Health Service Aboriginal Corporation Enterprise Agreement 2024-2027		
JOB DESCRIPTION			
POSITION FUNCTION			
THE PUBLIC HEALTH NUTRITIONIST / DIETITIAN PROVIDES HIGH-QUALITY PUBLIC HEALTH NUTRITION, HEALTH PROMOTION AND CLINICAL DIETETIC SERVICES ACROSS FIVE REMOTE ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES.			
THE POSITION WORKS ACROSS TWO ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY CONTROLLED HEALTH ORGANISATIONS (ACCHOs), BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS WITH ABORIGINAL COMMUNITIES, HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND LOCAL SERVICE PROVIDERS TO IMPROVE NUTRITION AND HEALTH OUTCOMES.			
THE ROLE COMBINES PUBLIC HEALTH NUTRITION, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH PROMOTION AND ROUTINE CLINICAL DIETETIC SERVICES , WITH A STRONG FOCUS ON CULTURALLY SAFE, COMMUNITY-INFORMED AND EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE.			
THE POSITION REQUIRES A HIGH LEVEL OF AUTONOMY, REGULAR TRAVEL BETWEEN COMMUNITIES AND THE ABILITY TO MANAGE COMPETING PRIORITIES ACROSS GEOGRAPHICALLY DISPERSED SERVICES.			
ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES			
Public Health Nutrition & Health Promotion			
- Develop, implement and evaluate nutrition and health promotion programs in response to community needs and priorities. - Work with communities and stakeholders to promote healthy eating, healthy food environments and healthy lifestyles. - Provide specialist nutrition advice to health teams, community organisations and other service providers. - Support nutrition initiatives with schools, community stores and aged care services, including menu review and healthy food policies. - Provide support and advice to staff involved in nutrition and health promotion activities.			
Clinical Dietetics			
Provide routine clinical dietetic assessment, intervention, education and follow-up within professional scope.			



- Provide nutrition advice and support to clients with chronic disease, malnutrition and other nutrition-related conditions.
- Contribute to multidisciplinary care and provide dietetic advice to health professionals.
- Maintain appropriate clinical documentation and professional standards.

Community Engagement & Partnerships

- Develop respectful and effective relationships with Aboriginal communities, Aboriginal Health Practitioners/Workers, health professionals and other stakeholders.
- Ensure nutrition services and programs are culturally safe, locally relevant and responsive to community priorities.
- Work collaboratively across the two participating ACCHOs and contribute to shared service planning and priorities.

Planning, Reporting & Quality Improvement

- Contribute to annual work plans and agreed Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).
- Monitor and evaluate programs and use information to support continuous quality improvement.
- Prepare regular reports on community, clinical and program activities.
- Identify emerging nutrition needs, service issues and opportunities for improvement.

Professional & Organisational Responsibilities

- Maintain professional competency, APD requirements and relevant professional standards.
- Participate in supervision, professional development and performance management.
- Comply with organisational policies, procedures, confidentiality, information management and Work Health and Safety requirements.
- Undertake regular travel to remote communities, including overnight stays where required.
- Undertake other duties within the scope of the position as reasonably directed.

SHARED POSITION ARRANGEMENT

The position operates across two participating ACCHOs and five remote communities. The position holder will work within the agreed governance and reporting arrangements between the organisations and maintain effective communication with relevant managers.

Where competing priorities arise, the position holder will work through the agreed management and escalation process to establish priorities.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Essential

- Tertiary qualification in Dietetics and eligibility for, or current, Accredited Practising Dietitian (APD) status.
- Demonstrated experience as a practising Dietitian, including experience in public health nutrition and/or community development.
- Demonstrated ability to plan, implement and evaluate nutrition or health promotion programs.
- Understanding of the social determinants of health and issues affecting Aboriginal health in remote communities.



- Demonstrated ability to work respectfully and effectively with Aboriginal people, communities and Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services.
- Ability to work independently, manage competing priorities and organise work across geographically dispersed communities.
- Highly developed communication, interpersonal and relationship-building skills.
- Ability to communicate effectively with people from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds.
- Competency in Microsoft Office and relevant information systems.
- Current NT Manual Driver Licence.
- Satisfactory Criminal History Check.
- Current NT Working with Children Clearance (Ochre Card), or ability to obtain one.

Desirable

- Experience working within an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisation.
- Experience working in a remote Aboriginal community.
- Experience working with schools, community stores and/or aged care services on nutrition initiatives.
- Experience in chronic disease prevention and management or other relevant public health programs.

ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITIES

I have read the requirements and responsibilities outlined in this Position Description, MHSAC Code of Conduct, Employment Terms and Conditions and agree to meet and adhere to these, and have my performance monitored and evaluated in relation to my performance in the role as detailed through this document.

Signature of Appointee:		Date:	
Signature of Mala'la authorized representative:		Date:	