

CHART A COURSE

High-flying roles for critical carers

Course Postgraduate certificate of aeromedical retrieval.

With one of the most decentralised populations in the world, aeromedical retrieval is essential for the wellbeing of rural and regional Australians. But it's also useful for urbanites. "The time an aeromedical response can save compared to negotiating a gridlocked peak-hour traffic system may mean the difference between life and death for the severely ill or injured," says Dr Stefan Mazur of James Cook University.

Most graduates choose to stay in Australia. "It means all Australians receive the best medical care no matter where they live," he says.

Aimed at medical, nursing and paramedical staff with a background in critical care, the four modules are taught by experts. There is a foundation unit, an essential skills subject with a focus on pre-hospital medicine and trauma management, and modules covering the clinical care, equipment, procedures and logistics necessary for retrievals.

Duration Each module is completed over six months (part-time and full-time options).

Time Online study with one three-day face-to-face component.

Where Face-to-face components run at the Gold Coast, Adelaide and, soon, Townsville.

When Entry usually twice a year.

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