Health
- There are 18 qualifications at the Certificate III level, including health support services, Aboriginal primary health care, allied health assistance, sterilisation services, hospital pharmacy support, nutrition and dietetic assistance, dental assistance and pathology.
- All of the above qualifications have a Certificate IV pathway. There are another 20 qualifications at the Certificate IV level, including massage therapy, aromatherapy, and medical practice assisting.
- Almost all of the above have a Diploma and an Advanced Diploma pathway, and the Diploma of Nursing (Enrolled/Division 2 nursing) is the entry level qualification for nursing.

Health related University Degrees include:
- Bachelor of Health Sciences
- Bachelor of Nursing or Bachelor of Nursing (Pre-Registration)
- Bachelor of Physiotherapy
- Bachelor of Applied Science (with various specialisations)
- Bachelor of Oral Health
- Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery
- Bachelor of Speech Pathology

EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS
The Community Services and Health industry employs 88,000 South Australians, which is just over 11% of the workforce.

Just over 15,000 jobs are expected to open up over the next five years due to industry growth and replacement of people who will retire.

Over half of the people working in this industry work in a hospital, medical clinic or other health services. These people are mostly health professionals who work full time and have a university degree.

Other people in this industry work in residential or community settings providing care and support to people of all ages – from babies through to older people. As well as working with individuals, people in this industry work with families and communities to support their wellbeing and participation. There is also a generous proportion of administrators in this industry.

You can expect to find most of the jobs in the metropolitan area (northern, southern, eastern and western Adelaide), but there are very good opportunities in regional areas across the state too.

QUICK FACTS ABOUT THIS INDUSTRY
- Slightly more people work full time (54.8%) in this industry than part time (45.2%).
- Most people have completed Year 12 and have a Certificate III qualification or higher.
- The number of men in the industry is growing, but it’s still mostly women that work in the industry.
- People working in the industry are generally older than in other industries. Community services and health are very diverse, with literally hundreds of occupations making up the industries.
- For many roles in this industry you need to be calm under pressure and be able to communicate well with people from all backgrounds and cultures.
- Many of the skills acquired in this industry are in demand around Australia and internationally – and some of the ‘people skills’ often developed in this industry are useful for the whole of life and in any industry.
- Wages generally depend on qualifications, for example, a full time pharmacist earns $1300 per week, while a registered nurse earns $600-$800 per week.
- A full time social worker earns between $800 and $1000 per week and a welfare worker earns $600 - $800 per week.

TRAINING PATHWAYS
See SACE www.sace.sa.edu.au for VET in SACE recognition options.

VET in SACE options include:
- Community Services (CHC08)
- Health (HLT07)

Vocational Qualifications include:
- Community Services
- There are 10 qualifications at the Certificate III level, including community services, active volunteering, aged care, home and community care, disability, children’s services, education support, and employment services.
- All of the above qualifications have a Certificate IV pathway. There are another 14 qualifications at the Certificate IV level, including alcohol and other drugs work, mental health, leisure and health, community development, community services advocacy, pastoral care, youth work, community services (information, advice and referral), and volunteer program coordination.
- All of the above have a Diploma pathway.
- There are three Advanced Diploma pathways in disability work, children’s services and community sector management.

Community Services related University Degrees include:
- Bachelor of Social Work or Bachelor of Social Work and Social Planning
- Bachelor of Social Science (with specialisations in Justice Administration, Human Services, Aboriginal Studies etc)
- Bachelor of Psychology
- Bachelor of Disability and Community Rehabilitation

TOP 5 OCCUPATIONS
1. Registered Nurses
2. Aged and Disabled Carers
3. Child Carers
4. Nursing Support and Personal Care Workers
5. Enrolled and Mothercraft Nurses
OCCUPATIONS IN THIS INDUSTRY

Community Services
The Community Services industry provides services to the most vulnerable in our society, including:
- care of children, youth, disabled people, aged people, homeless people, and abused people
- counselling (e.g., marriage, career, welfare, addictions, etc)
- working with prisoners and people on parole
- working with Aboriginal people
- working with new migrants

Health
This sector is responsible for public and private hospitals, and specialist medical services such as immunology, dermatology, neurology, ophthalmology, paediatric medicine, medical imaging services and many others. It also provides specialised health services in such fields as mental health or alcohol and other drug treatment services. Public health services, such as cancer screening, immunisation and food safety, and primary care services, including general practitioners, community nursing, and allied health services, such as dental services, physiotherapy, chiropactic, and ambulance services are another critical part of the sector.

Related Occupations
Doctors/ Medical Practitioners
Registered Nurses
Dentists
Pharmacists
Occupational Therapists
Optometrists
Physiotherapists
Speech Pathologists
Chiropractors
Osteopaths
Podiatrists
Medical Imaging Technologists
Radiation Therapists
Nuclear Medicine Technologists
Dietitians
Natural Therapists
Acupuncturists
Audiologists
Orthoptists
Life Scientists