The National Rural Health Students’ Network (NRHSN) is the peak body that harnesses the passion of health students throughout Australia representing the future health workforce. Through representation, networking, professional development and other initiatives the NRHSN aims to increase the health workforce and boost the health outcomes of rural and remote Australians.

The NRHSN represents 28 Rural Health Clubs with over 9500 members located at universities throughout Australia. The NRHSN is a multi-disciplinary network representing allied health, nursing and medical students from rural, urban, Indigenous and non-Indigenous backgrounds. The network is supported by financial assistance from the Australian Government with Rural Health Workforce Australia proudly auspicing the network.

The NRHSN Allied Health portfolio endeavours to build strong links with professional organisations representing allied health, to share ideas and advocate together.

**Accommodation survey** – We’d like to find out about accommodation for health students while away on placements. Allied health students have voiced this as an area of difficulty associated with rural placements, and there is also question of a disparity between accommodation costs for allied health, nursing and medicine students. This survey will help us to find out the facts & specific areas of concern so that we can lobby for improved accommodation on placement.

The accommodation survey will gather information related to (but not restricted to):

- metropolitan vs rural placement accommodation experiences
- differences in experiences between disciplines (allied health, medicine and nursing) in terms of accommodation
- the availabilities of scholarships from a student’s viewpoint
- amount of university support
- any recommendations for improvement

The survey will be sent to students of ranging health disciplines (including, but not limited to; allied health, nursing and medicine) who are commencing or have completed a placement in rural Australia.

For the SARRAH conference, we will present our results, findings, and recommendations.