



PROJECT SUMMARY FORM

Project Title	Understanding the experience of CHS for people with a disability and their families and carers
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Lead discipline (please select one)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Nursing and Midwifery | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Economics |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allied Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Biostatistics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> Epidemiology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-clinical | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Policy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

Does this project involve research led by, or relating to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islanders?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – not directly but may include Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander as participants in the research |
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Outline of the project (250 words max)

Canberra Health Services (CHS) continues to implement their Disability Action and Inclusion Plan 2022-2025. The goal of this plan is to improve the experience and outcomes of people with disability, their families and carers who access our health care services.

To achieve this goal, CHS needs to understand the current experiences of people with a disability, their families and carers who access CHS services. CHS wants to establish a baseline of how well the needs of people with a disability, their families and carers are considered when interacting with the NDIS, NDIS funded services, and non-NDIS funded services. To attain a comprehensive baseline and understanding of the experience of CHS' service users, a reasonably large data collection will need to be undertaken to ensure representation of the multiple areas of clinical service delivery provided within CHS.

The aim of this project will be to develop the data collection method/tool and implementation strategy that enables this data to be collected. This will include establishing the scope of the required data collection, developing an appropriate method/tool for collecting this data, and developing an implementation plan. Consideration of the reasonable adjustments people with disability, their family and carers may need in collecting this information will also need to be considered.

If time allows, the project may progress to implementation of data collection.

Proposed research methods

Research into optimal data collection methodology and reasonable adjustment options for people with disability and their families and carers will need to be undertaken to ensure the creation of the optimal data collection strategy.

This evidence will then need to be applied to the development of a data collection tool that will achieve optimal data collection in the most efficient manner.

Research into data analysis options for post data collection will also need to be considered in the development of the research strategy and data collection tool.

Preferred study discipline being undertaken by the student

This would suit anyone from any of the study disciplines who is passionate about improving the experience and outcomes of people with a disability and their families and carers.

Benefits to the student and to the department

The student will attain significant learning about the experience of people with disabilities, their families and carers. They will also learn about disability adjustments that can be implemented to achieve optimal outcomes for this cohort. This would be very helpful for anyone studying within or looking to move into a health or disability related field.

The student will also gain learning in research methodologies, planning and data evaluation options.

This project will help CHS by providing a dedicated person to undertake the research required to develop the optimal data gathering methodology for this project. The data collected will form a baseline which CHS will use to identify positive areas of support for persons with disabilities, their families and carers, as well as areas where it can make improvements to their experience and outcomes. This will be critical to the way CHS continues to provide health care to people with a disability and their families and carers.

How does this project align with any or all of the three strategic objectives of *Better Together: A strategic plan for research in the ACT health system* (100w max)

[Better together - A strategic plan for research in the ACT health system 2022–2030](#)

This project meets the core goals and deliverables of Objective 1 of the strategic plan for research – The ACT becomes a learning health system. This project will “capture information about the consumer experience to improve policy, initiatives, services and health outcomes”. This project will generate much needed evidence that will enable performance evaluation and inform implementation of improvements based on captured contemporary and localised evidence.

ACTHD/CHS Department where the student will be based

The student will be based in the NDIS Support Unit, within the Rehabilitation, Aged and

Community Services division of Canberra Health Services

Will the student be in a patient facing role at any time during the project?

Not for the majority of the project. The student may need to engage with consumers in the design of the research tool to ensure it appropriately meets their needs.

Will the student require access to CHS and/or ACTHD network / DHR / applications / database? If yes, please identify

Yes -
CHS network and Q drive
Possibly redcap subscription

Will the student require CHS / ACT Health building access? If yes, please identify

Yes – Village Creek centre, CHS general campus

Supervisor availability across key dates

Friday 10 Nov – Preplacement presentation session, Canberra Hospital Auditorium <i>Approximate duration 9am-12pm – supervisors are not required for full session. Possible Webex option.</i>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / No
Placement period 10 Nov – 9 Feb Please indicate availability across this time. <i>E.g. leave over Christmas/New Year</i>	The NDIS unit will close for ACT government shutdown period. There will be capacity for appropriate support and supervision for the remainder of the student's available placement timing
At least two face-to-face sessions with the student each week during their 6-week placement.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / No
Friday 9 Feb – Final presentation session, Canberra Hospital Auditorium <i>Approximate duration 9am-1pm – supervisors are not required for full session. Possible Webex option.</i>	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes / No

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