



# Graduate Certificate of Aeromedical Retrieval



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# Why JCU?

## **A STUDENT EXPERIENCE LIKE NO OTHER**

- Access to world-class teachers
- Develop skills in state-of-the-art facilities
- Achieve exceptional employment outcomes
  - Benefit from small class sizes
- Connect with professional networks
- Flexible study, online and face-to-face

## **SPECIALIST EXPERTISE**

Gain the knowledge and skills required for the successful management of aeromedical retrievals. Learn to manage pre-hospital trauma and emergency situation for patients, from neonatal and paediatric patients to adults.

## **INTERNATIONAL OPPORTUNITY**

Open up new worlds of career potential in Australia and globally. JCU offers the longest running postgraduate aeromedical retrieval course in Australia, marking 13 years in 2020.

## **FLEXIBLE LEARNING**

Fit your study into your working and personal life with flexible programs and subjects offered in several different learning modes including external, limited, online and block mode study.



# Graduate Certificate of Aeromedical Retrieval

- ✓ Graduate with the expertise to manage patient transportation in fixed-wing aircraft and helicopters in both domestic and international contexts.
- ✓ Build on your qualification as a medical doctor, nurse, or paramedic to work with aeromedical evacuation systems.
- ✓ You will gain specific skills in pre-hospital and secondary retrieval situations in accordance with Australian and international health care standards.
- ✓ Develop a broad understanding of the foundations of aeromedical retrieval and the essential skills required. Choose from various elective subjects and tailor your degree to your interests.

## COURSE DETAILS:

<b>Locations:</b>	Townsville, External
<b>Commencing:</b>	February, July
<b>Duration:</b>	12 months full-time, part-time available
<b>Prerequisites:</b>	AQF level 7 bachelor degree in a relevant health discipline and two years of relevant postgraduate experience; or equivalent

Please visit the [handbook](#) for a detailed outline of the course structure. Note: Information is for domestic students only

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Aeromedical retrieval is an exciting, challenging and rewarding career path for health and medical professionals. One of the highlights of JCU's Graduate Certificate of Aeromedical Retrieval is a three-day, face-to-face subject in Townsville, instructed by clinical experts from several of Australia's aeromedical retrieval services, in which students also view operational rotary wing, fixed wing and military aeromedical retrieval assets. Students then apply their knowledge by solving practical problems and engaging in simulation based scenarios around the university.

The core subjects in JCU's Graduate Certificate of Aeromedical Retrieval cross the spectrum of care from patient management, whether that be pre hospital or at the bedside in the referring hospital, through to inflight care and the handover process at the end of the mission. Students can build on these foundational subjects by expanding their knowledge about adult secondary retrievals or paediatric and neonatal retrievals.

In the fourth and final subject, students can study a fourth specialist Aeromedical Retrieval topic or choose from a diverse list of more than 30 Public Health and Tropical Medicine subjects that include diving medicine, health promotion, global health and development, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, medical entomology and many more.



*"I have a big love for pre-hospital trauma and I would really love to pursue a career in aeromedical retrieval in a civilian and military capacity. This course is the only one of its kind in Australia and it is giving me the foundation and knowledge I need to expand my career. I absolutely love it. The staff are great and so are the facilities. I'm not a learner who does everything by lectures; I have to get my hands dirty and do it again and again until I perfect it, and this course lets me do that. What I love about this course is that it gives me the freedom to study what and when I want. I work full-time, study full-time and am a new father, so when I've got a spare hour here or there, or a week or so off, I can hammer out as much as I can. I absolutely would recommend it to everyone."*

**Ben Turner, Registered Nurse**

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE OF AEROMEDICAL RETRIEVAL



*“Aeromedical retrieval is a highly specialised clinical environment. This course, and our job is to teach students how to apply their critical care training and experience, be that from medicine, nursing or paramedicine in the unique retrieval environment. A highlight of the course is the three-day, face-to-face block in which clinical experts from various aeromedical retrieval services throughout Australia instruct students and bring a wealth of knowledge and enthusiasm. The students are given practical problems and simulation based scenarios at various locations around the university. Students also view operational rotary wing, fixed wing and military aeromedical retrieval assets during the block.”*

**Anita Robertson**

AEROMEDICAL RETRIEVAL LECTURER

## Career Opportunities

JCU Aeromedical Retrieval graduates have dynamic and engaging careers in health care. You could find employment as a retrieval physician, a flight nurse, or a flight paramedic.

Graduates work in not-for-profit, government health services, military and non-government organisations. Your work is likely to take you to remote and interesting locations, either in Australia or internationally. JCU Aeromedical Retrieval graduates learn and develop very specialised skills working in high-pressure situations that can broaden career options.





# Postgraduate coursework applications

Apply directly to JCU, either by a form you download, complete and return, or by using the [Online Application Portal](#).

Your application must reach us before the deadline for your course.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Postgraduate courses will usually require completion of an appropriate undergraduate degree for entry. You'll need to include certified copies of qualifications and academic records with your application. For some programs, appropriate work experience or equivalent qualifications will be considered.

## FURTHER INFORMATION

To find out more, call 1800 246 446  
or contact the [Student Enquiry Centre](#).

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