

**Better Skills, Best Care - DHS Workforce Design strategy  
Summary of pilot projects 2005**

Health network	Site	Work role	Setting	Project description
Austin Health	Austin Hospital	Amended Allied Health Assistant (Physiotherapist support)	Acute	Development of an amended allied health assistant role providing cardio/respiratory and related physiotherapy support services in acute care
Austin Health	Austin Hospital	Division 1 Nurse	Radiology	Exploration of a role for Division 1 nurses in radiology that involves insertion of PICC lines in defined patients (scope being finalised)
Austin Health	Austin Hospital	Physiotherapist	Orthopaedic Outpatient	Evaluation of an existing amended physiotherapy role providing primary contact and management of patients with defined low back pain referred to an orthopaedic outpatient clinic
Austin Health	Austin Hospital	Speech Pathologist	Outpatients	Evaluation of the use of fiberoptic endoscopic evaluation of swallowing procedure by speech pathologists in an outpatient setting
Austin Health	Austin Hospital	Speech Pathologist	Inpatients	Implementation of the use of fiberoptic endoscopic evaluation of swallowing procedure by speech pathologists in an inpatient setting
Ballarat Health Services	Ballarat Base Hospital	Amended Allied Health Assistant	Acute inpatients	Development of a combined stream allied health assistant role in acute care setting, focusing on support for physiotherapy and occupational therapy
Ballarat Health Services	Ballarat Base Hospital	Physiotherapist	Emergency Department	Development of an amended role for clinical physiotherapists involving assessment and treatment of minor injuries in emergency
Bayside Health	Caulfield Community Health Service	Podiatry support worker	Community health	Development of a support role for podiatry services focusing on basic tasks in relation to foot care in a community health setting
Bayside Health	The Alfred	Division 2 Nurse	Intensive Care Unit	Exploration of a potential role for Division 2 nurses in ICU (scope being finalised)
Bayside Health	The Alfred	Pharmacist	Outpatient disease management unit	Introduction of a clinical pharmacist into an outpatients disease management unit to provide medication reviews and recommend solutions for medication related issues
Bayside Health	The Alfred	Speech Pathologist	Inpatients & Outpatients	Implementation of the use of fiberoptic endoscopic evaluation of swallowing procedure by speech pathologists in an inpatient setting
Bayside Health	The Alfred Centre	Professional & Support	Elective surgery	Development of a range of new and amended roles that focus on the patient's journey through episodes of care to support enhanced delivery of elective surgery
Bendigo Health Care Group	Bendigo Hospital Campus	Amended Allied Health Assistant	Rehab	Development of a combined allied health assistant role to support allied health professionals in the provision of rehabilitation services
Bendigo Health Care Group	Bendigo Hospital Campus	Division 1 Nurse	Emergency Department	Exploration of a role for Division 1 nurses to enhance the quality and efficiency of care for patients in emergency
Goulburn Valley Area Mental Health Service	Shepparton	Psychiatric Services Officer	Community	Identify opportunities to amend the role of psychiatric services officers in a community mental health setting
Latrobe Regional Hospital	Latrobe Regional Hospital	Dietetic Assistant	Acute	Development of a dietetic support worker to improve dietary compliance and nutritional status in a hospital setting
Lorne Community Hospital	Lorne Community Hospital	Amended Allied Health Assistant	Community, at home	Development of a multiskilled community support worker role, providing health promotion, health screening and intervention support services in the home
Melbourne Health	Gardenview House	Amended Allied Health Assistant	Slow stream rehab residential	Evaluation of existing multiskilled allied health assistant in acquired brain injury rehabilitation in a residential care setting
Melbourne Health	Royal Melbourne Hospital	Physiotherapist	Emergency Department	Evaluation of an existing amended role physiotherapist working in emergency to improve the quality of care for patients with soft tissue injuries

Melbourne Health	Royal Melbourne Hospital	Speech Pathologist	Inpatients	Implementation of the use of fiberoptic endoscopic evaluation of swallowing procedure by speech pathologists in an inpatient setting
Mercy Health & Aged Care	Werribee Mercy Hospital	Amended Allied Health Assistant	Acute & GEM/rehab	Development of a combined allied health assistant role to provide intensive therapy in an inpatient setting
Northern Health	Craigieburn Super Clinic	Intake/access staff	Acute ambulatory	Development of a range of new and amended roles to support the super clinic service delivery model focusing on primary injury/urgent care, dialysis and day oncology services
Northern Health	Craigieburn Super Clinic	Patient Care Assistant	Dialysis & oncology	Development of a range of new and amended roles to support the super clinic service delivery model focusing on primary injury/urgent care, dialysis and day oncology services
Northern Health	Melton Super Clinic	Amended professional	Acute outpatients	Development of a range of new and amended roles to support the super clinic service delivery model focusing on primary injury/urgent care, dialysis and day oncology services
Northern Health	Northern Hospital	Physiotherapist	Orthopaedic Outpatient	Development of an amended physiotherapist role within orthopaedic/musculoskeletal service settings to provide primary care for suitably triaged patients
Northern Health	Panch Health Service	Amended Allied Health Assistant	Community based paediatrics	Development and implementation of a combined stream allied health assistant role to support the provision of allied health services in community paediatric care
Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre	Box Hill Campus	Radiation Therapist	Specialist acute	Development of an amended role for radiation therapists to include breast mark-up
Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre	East Melbourne	Radiation Therapist	Specialist acute	Development of an amended role for radiation therapists to include breast mark-up
Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre	Moorabbin	Radiation Therapist	Specialist acute	Development of an amended role for radiation therapists to include breast mark-up
Royal Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital	RVEEH (East Melbourne)	Orthoptist	Glaucoma Outpatients	Development of an orthoptist-led glaucoma eye monitoring service to improve access and monitoring for stable glaucoma patients
Royal Victorian Eye & Ear Hospital	RVEEH (East Melbourne)	Orthoptist	Diabetic Outpatients	Development of an orthoptist-led diabetic eye monitoring service to improve access, screening and monitoring for diabetic patients
Southern Health	Monash Medical Centre - Clayton	Amended Allied Health Assistant	Acute	Development and implementation of amended allied health assistant role (occupational therapy and physiotherapy) to support the provision of allied health services in the acute setting
Southern Health	Monash Medical Centre - Clayton	Speech Pathologist	Inpatients & Outpatients	Implementation of the use of fiberoptic endoscopic evaluation of swallowing procedure by speech pathologists in inpatient and outpatient settings
Southern Health (Mental Health Program)	Monash Medical Centre - Clayton	Psychiatric Services Officer	Acute inpatient	Identify opportunities to amend the role of psychiatric services officers in an acute inpatient mental health setting
St Vincent's Health Melbourne	St Vincent's Hospital	Speech Pathologist	Outpatients	Implementation of the use of fiberoptic endoscopic evaluation of swallowing procedure by speech pathologists in an outpatient setting
Victorian Institute of Forensic Mental Health	Thomas Embling Hospital (Fairfield)	Psychiatric Services Officer	Specialist services	Identify opportunities to amend the role of psychiatric services officers in a specialist mental health setting
Western Health	Western Hospital	Pharmacy Technician	Acute	Development of a clinical pharmacy support role in an acute inpatient setting
Western Health	Western Hospital	Physiotherapist	Orthopaedic outpatient	Evaluation of an existing amended role physiotherapist working in orthopaedic outpatients with patients most likely to receive conservative management