The NSW Ministry of Health, Centre of Population Health Aboriginal Policy Pathway Program (APPP) has been established to support the career pathway of Aboriginal health workers into the Ministry, in a policy analyst role.

The aims of the APPP include to:

- build the health policy knowledge and skills of participants, in the context of practice in the Ministry;
- increase the proportion of Aboriginal staff working in the health system, in line with the NSW Health Aboriginal Workforce Strategic Framework 2011 – 2015, in particular in policy analyst, management and senior management roles in the Ministry;
- contribute to maximising the reach, sustainability, cultural appropriateness and effectiveness of population health initiatives led by the Centre of Population Health, in order to improve the health outcomes of Aboriginal people in NSW; and
- support a whole of Centre of Population Health approach to the development and implementation of population health programs for Aboriginal people in NSW in a coordinated, integrated and collaborative manner, in line with the NSW 10-year Aboriginal Health Plan 2013-2023.

APPP participants are employed in the Centre of Population Health for two years. Participants complete a formal program of study and are supported in their policy work through a combination of formal and informal mentoring.

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