# SA Health Allied and Scientific Health Position Statement

**2019 - 2022**

**SA Health** has over 4000 allied and scientific health professionals who provide a range of diagnostic, technical and therapeutic services to South Australians.

## Workforce Leadership

- Improve the delivery of safe, high quality care contributing to sustainable and effective services
- Use evidence based practices aligned with national standards for informed decision making and care implementation

## Value & Impact

- Reduce wait for services and improve efficiency whilst maintaining high quality care with extended scope practitioners and therapy led clinics
- Establish strong research links and work to full scope of practice to have a continuous positive impact
- Have a culture of strong clinical governance fostered at all levels of the workforce

## Enabling Recovery & Wellbeing

- A dynamic workforce that enables appropriate, timely and equitable access to care and improves patient outcomes
- Provides evidence informed, high quality services to consumers across the care continuum
- Communicate with our patients to establish patient directed goals with transparency and purpose

## Partnering with Consumers & Communities

- Enhance patient experience across our communities with a multidisciplinary approach
- Connect patients, carers and community providers to deliver safe and reliable care
- Engage and establish strong links with organisations and services and assist patients to navigate systems

## Allied & Scientific Health Office (ASHO)

- Provides statewide clinician engagement, advocacy, professional leadership and system advisory functions
- Responds to and informs national legislation, standards, frameworks and evidence-informed clinical practice
- Establishes and disseminates statewide clinical directives, guidelines and standards
- Manages funding to enhance professional development, quality improvement processes, clinical research and workforce capacity

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Art Therapists  
Allied Health Assistants  
Allied Health Technical Officers  
Audiologists  
Cardiac Physiologists  
Dental Therapists  
Dietitians & Nutritionists  
Epidemiologists  
Exercise Physiologists  
Genetic Counsellors  
Medical Physicists  
Medical Scientists  
Music Therapists  
Nuclear Medicine Technologists  
Occupational Therapists  
Optometrists  
Orthoptists  
Orthotists & Prosthetists  
Perfusionists  
Pharmacists  
Physiotherapists  
Podiatrists  
Psychologists  
Radiographers  
Social Workers  
Sonographers  
Speech Pathologists