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EXPO AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE NURSING AS A CAREER

Around 2000 visitors are expected to pack the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre this weekend for the ACN Nursing and Health Expo Perth 2017.

Following on from last year's success, the free expo aims to connect visitors with a range of organisations including hospitals, educational institutions, health care services and specialty nursing groups.

Appealing to practicing nurses, nursing students or high school students interested in pursuing a career in nursing, the expo will allow visitors to find out about:

- * The difference between nurses and midwives
- * What nurses and midwives really do
- * Entry requirements and alternative entry pathways
- * Courses available to become a nurse or midwife
- * Employment prospects and opportunities including presentations on how to apply using GradConnect
- * Pay rates and working conditions
- * The GREAT Work Experience Program for Year 10 students
- * The range of specialties, hospitals and health services nurses and midwives can work in

"Nurses are the backbone of the Australian health care system. Nursing is an extremely diverse and rewarding career with a number of entry pathways," Australian College of Nursing (ACN) CEO, Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward said.

"Do not miss this fantastic opportunity to engage with the nursing profession and connect with industry leaders here in WA. Come along with questions, an open mind and realise the endless possibilities that a nursing career offers," Adjunct Professor Ward said.

Visitors can gain practical take-home advice and skills from a range of educational seminars covering CV and interview skills, rural and remote employment opportunities, choosing a career in mental health and graduate opportunities.

The ACN Nursing and Health Expo Perth 2017 is being hosted by the Australian College of Nursing and is proudly supported by the Nursing and Midwifery Office of WA Health.

EVENT DETAILS

DATE: Sunday 18 June 2017

TIME: 8.30am-1.30pm

LOCATION: Perth Convention & Exhibition Centre, Pavilion 2, 21 Mounts Bay Road, Perth

This event is free and everyone is welcome to attend.

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Notes to Editors:

The Australian College of Nursing (ACN) is the national professional organisation for all nurse leaders and its aim is to ensure that the Australian community receives quality nursing care now and in the future. ACN is a membership organisation with members in all states and territories, health care settings and nursing specialties. ACN is also the Australian member of the International Council of Nurses headquartered in Geneva.

ACN, an organisation not afraid to intelligently challenge industry issues affecting the nursing profession or Australia's health care, is a well-connected and educated national body that drives change with people of influence to enhance the delivery of health services to the Australian community. ACN advances the skills and expertise of nurses to provide leadership in their contribution to the policy, practice and delivery of health care.

A membership organisation with members in all states and territories, health care settings and nursing specialties, ACN's membership includes many nurses in roles of influence, including senior nurses, organisational leaders, academics and researchers.

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