Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship and Support Scheme: Continuing Professional Development: Emergency Department

Overview
The Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship and Support Scheme: Continuing Professional Development: Emergency Department is funded by Australian Government Department of Health and administered by Australian College of Nursing (ACN). The scheme is an Australian Government initiative supporting nurses and midwives working within a hospital emergency department to undertake continuing professional development (CPD) activities, short courses and conferences.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nurses and midwives are encouraged to apply for the CPD: ED.

Application dates
Applications are now closed with notification of the outcome of applications to study in 2014 expected in December 2013

A further round of scholarships for activities undertaken between 1 January and December 2014 will open on 3 March 2014.

Value of scholarship
Maximum available funding is $1,500. Funding is not available for activities conducted outside of Australia.

Eligibility criteria
Applicants must be:
- an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- an enrolled nurse, registered nurse or registered midwife with current Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) registration
- currently working in a hospital emergency department
- delivering clinical services
- participating in an activity that is eligible to accrue Continuing Professional Development hours as prescribed by the NMBA
- attend a course or conference commencing on or after 1 January 2014 and before 31 December 2014.

For the purposes of this scholarship, delivering clinical services involves client contact providing treatment, intervention or assistance, assessment, client management and education across the health care system.

Eligibility requirements for New Zealand citizens.

Eligible activities
Scholarships will be awarded as a contribution toward the cost of:
- Short courses
- Workshops
- Conferences or seminars

Ineligible activities
The following are not considered eligible for a continuing professional development scholarship:
- postgraduate courses
- entry level nursing & midwifery courses
- activities not conducted in Australia.

Scholarships are to fund individual recipients for continuing professional development. Persons seeking to deliver continuing professional development activities to a health professional group are not eligible to apply.
Selection Criteria
These are competitive scholarships and will be awarded on the recommendation of a selection committee whose assessment will be based on how you address the following questions:

- How will your course benefit:
  - your nursing practice
  - your longer term goals
  - those for whom you care within your area of health?
- Describe your commitment to your area of health.

Important links
- [Information on the impact of scholarships on Centrelink payments](#).
- [Taxation implications of a scholarship](#).

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