Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship and Support Scheme: Emergency Department Postgraduate

Overview
The Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship and Support Scheme: Emergency Department Postgraduate is funded by Australian Government Department of Health and administered by Australian College of Nursing (ACN). The scheme is an Australian Government initiative to support nurses and midwives working in an emergency department to undertake postgraduate studies at an Australian university or registered training organisation.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nurses and midwives are encouraged to apply.

Application dates
Applications are now closed. Notification of the outcome of applications to study in 2014 is expected in December 2013.

Value of scholarship
Scholarship recipients will receive $7,500 per semester for full time study or $3,750 for part time study up to a maximum scholarship value of $15,000. The level of funding provided is determined by the period of study required. These funds are intended to assist successful recipients in meeting the cost of their chosen postgraduate course.

Funding is only available for courses studied in Australia. These scholarships are not bonded.

Eligibility criteria
Applications will be considered from applicants who are:
- Australian citizens or permanent residents
- An enrolled nurse, registered nurse or midwife with current Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) registration
- Working in an emergency department
- Studying or intending to study a postgraduate nursing course at an Australian university or registered training organisation.

Eligibility requirements for New Zealand citizens.

Eligible courses
Courses must be provided by Australian universities or registered training organisations. The course selected must provide the student with greater skills and knowledge in a field of direct relevance to emergency department nursing or midwifery. Eligible courses include:
- graduate certificate
- graduate diploma
- masters.

Ineligible courses
The following courses are not considered eligible for a postgraduate scholarship:
- Ph D
- vocational graduate certificate or vocational graduate diploma
- masters by research
- entry level nursing and midwifery courses
- courses not offered in Australia (either face to face, on line or external study).
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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