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Scholarships to boost aged care workforce

Applications open this week for the latest round of Aged Care Nursing and Allied Health Scholarships.

Australian College of Nursing (ACN) CEO, Adjunct Professor Kylie Ward FACN, said today that these important scholarships are helping to train and retain the skilled workforce needed to meet the needs of the ageing Australian population.

Adjunct Professor Ward said the Aged Care Nursing and Allied Health Scholarships will upskill nurses, personal care workers, and allied health professionals to be part of the aged care workforce to care for older Australians.

“Careers in aged and disability care were in the top three most in-demand occupations according to the latest Australian Bureau of Statistics data released last week,” Adjunct Professor Ward said.

“Healthcare professionals play an integral role in providing high quality care for older people. ACN is proud to administer these scholarships to help build a workforce that can meet the needs of Australia’s aging population.

“There are 400 Aged Care Scholarships for nurses and personal care workers to complete qualifications in 2023.

“And there are up to 100 allied health scholarships per year for allied health professionals to obtain dementia related qualifications.

Of these, there will be a guaranteed minimum number of scholarships available for First Nations applicants.

“Since their inception, we have nearly 1000 nurses and allied health professionals who have or who have had a scholarship to support their work in aged care.”

The final round of these scholarships will open on Wednesday 30 August 2023 and will close on Tuesday 10 October 2023.

ACN administers these scholarships for the Australian Government via the Department of Health and Aged Care.

More details on the Aged Care Nursing and Allied Health Scholarships are available at the following links:

[Aged Care Scholarships: Allied Health Postgraduate – Australian College of Nursing \(acn.edu.au\)](https://www.acn.edu.au/aged-care-scholarships/allied-health-postgraduate)

[Aged Care Scholarships: Nursing Postgraduate – Australian College of Nursing \(acn.edu.au\)](https://www.acn.edu.au/aged-care-scholarships/nursing-postgraduate)

[Aged Care Scholarships: Undergraduate – Australian College of Nursing \(acn.edu.au\)](https://www.acn.edu.au/aged-care-scholarships/undergraduate)

[Aged Care Scholarships: Vocational Education Training – Australian College of Nursing \(acn.edu.au\)](https://www.acn.edu.au/aged-care-scholarships/vocational-education-training)

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Notes to Editors:

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Kylie Ward. Policy Reformer. Nurse. For-Purpose Leader. Equality Warrior. Adjunct Professor. Transformation Specialist.

Kylie is the CEO of Australian College of Nursing. She has led a program of transformation at ACN, which has now become Australia's beacon for Nurse Leadership.

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