

Improving Cancer Screening in Primary Health

- cervical screening nurse scholarship 2019

Applications close: Friday 15 March 2019

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An Australian Government Initiative

Together with our partners and communities, Western Victoria PHN identifies priority health care needs, improves access through government funding, and co-designs localised solutions to improve health care systems across western Victoria.

Overview

Western Victoria Primary Health Network (Western Victoria PHN) is pleased to announce an initiative to improve cervical cancer screening rates in western Victoria, as part of the Community-led Cancer Screening Program (CLCSP).

The CLCSP is funded through the Department of Health and Human Services and aims to increase participation in bowel, breast and cervical cancer screening programs by building capacity within primary care settings and facilitating targeted community-led interventions.

Nurse Scholarship Guidelines 2019

The Western Victoria PHN nurse scholarship program is to support registered nurses working within the Western Victoria PHN region to undertake an endorsed cervical screening provider training course in 2019. Successful applicants will be awarded \$1,000 (including GST) to go towards the cost of the course.

Requirements:

- Applicants must be Registered Nurses (Division 1) working in the Western Victoria PHN catchment area.
- Applicants must include a letter from their employer outlining their support of the applicant undertaking the course and confirming the applicant can undertake a cervical screening upon completion of the course.
- Preference is given to applicants who are not already receiving scholarship money from another organisation.
- Criteria weighting will prioritise nurses working with under screened communities.
- Successful applicants will apply to become a 'Certified' cervical screening provider through Cancer Council Victoria within six months of completing the course.
- Applicants must commence the course in 2019.

Endorsed Cervical Screening Test Provider Training Courses

It is recommended to contact the coordinator of each course to determine vacancies available and which course would suit your professional development needs before completing an application.

Family Planning Victoria

Course Title: Cervical Screening and Introduction to Sexual Health (Nursing)

Contact: Clinical Education Unit Coordinator

Phone: 03 9257 0129

Email: clinicaleducation@fpv.org.au

Website: www.fpv.org.au

Melbourne Sexual Health Centre & University of Melbourne

Course Title: Clinical Sexual and Reproductive Health

Contact: Hennie Williams

Phone: 03 9341 6249

Email: nursespapcourse@mshc.org.au

Website: www.mshc.org.au

University of Melbourne, Department of General Practice

Course Title: Women's Health Screening

Contact: Weilun Nien **Phone:** 03 9035 3821

Email: wnien@unimelb.edu.au **Website:** www.gp.unimelb.edu.au
[Course Flyer](#)

How to apply

Complete the Nurse Scholarship 2019 Application Form below.

You must also attach a **letter of support from your current employer** when you apply.

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Scholarship Payments

If you are successful in obtaining a scholarship you will be notified by Friday, 22 March 2019.

Scholarship of \$1,000 (inc GST) will be transferred to your nominated bank account upon proof of enrolment and receipt of payment.

In addition to completing an endorsed training course, each nurse must also become 'Certified'. The Certification process will be undertaken by Cancer Council Victoria and enables nurses' access to a practice number from VCS Pathology to have their Cervical Screening Tests processed. Nurses using alternative laboratories must also become Certified. Participation in the Certification Program ensures that a high standard of practice is maintained and delivered on an ongoing basis. Certified nurses also have access to Cancer Council Victoria professional development opportunities, education and newsletters. For information about Certification, please contact 1800 111 255 (Workforce Coordinator, Cancer Council Victoria)

More information

For more information about the Western Victoria PHN Cervical Screening Nurse Scholarships and application process contact Kirsten Hausknecht, Cancer Lead at Western Victoria Primary Health Network on P: 5304 5640 or kirsten.hausknecht@westvicphn.com.au

Cervical screening nurse scholarship 2019: Application form

Applications close **Friday, 15 March 2019**

Please ensure that you have read the above guidelines prior to completing your application.

Complete this form and return it along with a **letter of support from your current supervisor** to:

Email: kirsten.hausknecht@westvicphn.com.au

Mail: Kirsten Hausknecht
Cancer Lead
Western Victoria Primary Health Network
PO Box 36W
Ballarat, VIC 3350

Personal details

First name: Click to enter text

Surname: Click to enter text

Postal address: Click to enter text

Postcode: Click to enter text

Phone: Click to enter text

Email: Click to enter text

Academic qualifications

Qualification: Click to enter text

Institution: Click to enter text

Year graduated: Click to enter text

AHPRA registration number: Click to enter text

Other qualifications: Click to enter text

Please provide details of your preferred course

Institution: Click to enter text

Course title: Click to enter text

Course coordinator's name: Click to enter text

Course start date: Click to enter text

Course end date: Click to enter text

Total course cost: \$ Click to enter text

When do you estimate you will complete the course? (including all assessments)

Click to enter text

Employment details

Please provide details of your current employment:

Organisation/Practice: Click to enter text

Street address: Click to enter text

Postcode: Click to enter text

Postal address (if different from above): Click to enter text

Supervisor's name: Click to enter text

Supervisor's email: Click to enter text

Telephone: Click to enter text

Number of years in current position: Click to enter text

If you become a cervical screening provider would you be doing any of the following in your current practice?

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| a) Working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Working with women from culturally diverse backgrounds | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Working with rural women | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Providing an out of hours service | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e) Providing an outreach service | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f) Providing a free/ bulk billed service | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

Does your workplace currently:

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| a) Allocate time and facilities for a nurse cervical screening clinic? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b) Have nurse(s) who are certified cervical screening providers? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c) Promote other cancer prevention screening services such as breast screening, bowel screening, HPV vaccination and/ or viral hepatitis screening and management | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d) Work primarily with women with disabilities | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e) Work primarily with women who have experienced sexual assault | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| f) Work primarily with women who have experienced FGC | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

Additional information

Please provide a brief statement outlining why you are interested in working in the area of cervical screening and applying for a scholarship:

Click to enter text

When you return this form, please attach a letter from your supervisor outlining:

- Their support for you to undertake the course
- Their commitment to support you in providing cervical screening at the service upon satisfactory completion of the course and certification

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you receive a Western Victoria PHN cervical screening nurse scholarship and do not successfully complete your Cervical Screening Test provider course, you will be required to refund the full amount of scholarship funding to Western Victoria PHN.

Agreement

Name of applicant: Click to enter text

Date: Click to enter text

In submitting this application form, I agree that I understand and will follow the conditions of funding as outlined in this document if I am successful in obtaining a scholarship.

Signature: