



The College of Nursing



The MBF Foundation Nursing Scholarships

Print-out application form

These scholarships provide a registered nurse employed within the private hospital sector in Australia an opportunity to gain a **postgraduate qualification** via a course offered by The College of Nursing. Six scholarships of **up to \$7,000 each** (total value \$42,000) are offered each year.

Postgraduate qualifications in a specific clinical area are offered through Graduate Certificate courses at the College. Choices are outlined in the Graduate Certificate handbook, or on The College website.

Eligibility Criteria Checklist

- The applicant must be a **registered nurse** residing in Australia who is currently employed within the **private hospital sector**.
- The **registered nurse** should be currently working in the clinical area associated with the selected area of study.
- The applicant must be in a position to undertake study at postgraduate level.
- The applicant must undertake to return a minimum of three months service to the hospital, effective from the date of completion of the course.
- The scholarship funds may only be used for course enrolment fees and travel and accommodation in Sydney for study blocks (if applicable).

Documents Required Checklist

- 1. Fully completed application form including correct cover sheet and signed statement of agreement to terms and conditions of award (Section 3).
- 2. Curriculum vitae of applicant.
- 3. Letter from the relevant Head of Department/Manager indicating support for application (see Section 2.5.2).

Selection

The Scholarships Committee of the College of Nursing will undertake assessment of applications within one (1) month of the closing date. The Committee's decision will be final. Applications are competitive and the College reserves the right to withdraw the award should conditions not be satisfied, or to award less than the full amount in any year. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted. The successful applicant(s) will be notified in writing, and will be presented with the Scholarship formally at The College Annual Oration and Investiture.

Applications will close at 5pm on the 31st August

Post your application to: Scholarships Committee
The College of Nursing
Locked Bag 3030
Burwood NSW 1805

The MBF Foundation Nursing Scholarship

Please ensure this cover sheet is attached to the front of your application

Name of Graduate Certificate Course applied for:

SECTION 1 Your details

Preferred title: _____

First name: _____ Last name: _____

Qualifications: _____

Employer: _____

Position held: _____

Specialty area: _____

Full mailing address: _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Mobile _____

Fax: _____ Email: _____

Are you a current financial member of The College of Nursing? If yes, we will check your current details

Yes

No

If no, would you like further information sent to you about the College of Nursing?

Yes

No

2.5 Attachments

2.5.1 Curriculum vitae

Please provide evidence of your current work and experience within the clinical area associated with the selected Graduate Certificate course

Attach a copy of your curriculum vitae outlining your employment history, current role and identified career path

2.5.2 Letters of support from employer

Please attach a letter of support from your employer. Your employer should consider and offer comment on the following when giving support to this application:

- How will the employee add value to the hospital, community or specialty by undertaking this course?
- Is the applicants employment history, current role and career path appropriate to the course selected?
- Will this scholarship assist in meeting hospital/community or individual areas of need?
- Is the employer aware of the impact undertaking the study/course will have on the employee, for example, requirements for study leave?

SECTION 3 Terms and conditions of award

- Six scholarships up to the value of \$7,000 will be offered every year.
- The College reserves the right to withdraw the award in any year, or to award less than the full amount.
- The award will provide funding towards a Graduate Certificate course offered at The College of Nursing. The funds may be used for course enrolment fees and/or travel and accommodation in Sydney to attend study blocks associated with the course.
- Applications will be called every year during May/June and will be advertised in the College journal *nursing.aust* and the College's website www.nursing.edu.au
- Applications should be received on the nominated forms and address all points outlined in the template.
- Evidence of support from the private hospital operator (manager, head of department) must accompany the application.
- The successful applicant(s) must use funds within two years of receipt.
- Successful applicants must agree to return a minimum of three months of service to the hospital at which they were employed when undertaking the course, effective from the date of completion of the course.
- The College reserves the right to publish the names of successful scholarship applicants in its journal *nursing.aust*.
- Successful applicants must also submit a report of the outcomes of their studies and how they intend to contribute to clinical practices as a consequence of their increased knowledge.

I agree to the terms and conditions of the MBF Foundation Nursing Scholarships.

Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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