



# APNA STUDENT NURSE PLACEMENT PROGRAM

**How you can help APNA support student nurses to gain experience in primary health care.**

APNA works with education providers to provide high quality student placements for undergraduate and postgraduate students in a wide variety of primary health care settings, including General Practice, Aged Care, Schools and Community Health.

We are looking for registered nurses or nurse practitioners who are equally as passionate about the development of the nursing profession to join our program as hosts and mentors, giving nursing students clinical experience and showcasing primary care as a diverse and rewarding career choice.

## OVERVIEW

- Provide opportunities for nursing students to gain practical experience and hands-on learning.
- Increase your leadership skills and share your expertise.

APNA's Student Nurse Placement Program provides the opportunity for supervising nurses to participate in the education of Australia's future nurses. The program allows access to a network of like-minded professionals, education and continuing professional development.

The aim is to increase the confidence, competencies, skills and knowledge of the participating student nurse and to highlight primary health care nursing as a rewarding career choice.

## JOIN THE PROGRAM

We are looking for registered nurses from a range of primary health care settings to join the program, including:

- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander health services
- Aged Care
- Community health including council and home care
- General practice
- School nursing

## REQUIREMENTS

The Nurse Supervisor must:

- Be a registered nurse or nurse practitioner
- Have 2 years nursing experience
- Work a **minimum** of 38 hours per week (job share is acceptable)
- Be passionate about primary health care
- Be willing to participate fully in the program, including all documentation for the student and APNA

## PLACEMENT SCHEDULE

Student placement dates will vary between education providers, however they may take place any time throughout the year.

The length of a placement also varies from two to four weeks depending on clinical hours required.

## BENEFITS AND SUPPORT

All nurse supervisors will have the opportunity to participate in the education of nursing students, contributing to their development in building confidence, competence, knowledge and skills.

Throughout the program, nurse supervisors will have access to:

- Education, resources, and support
- The opportunity to connect and network with primary health care nurse
- Increased CPD hours

All nurse supervisors will contribute to the program's quality improvement process. This is to ensure the program meets the needs of the student and the supervisor.

## FUNDING

Participating workplaces will be paid per day/per student for each placement day completed.

There is no limit on how many students you host. Either way, whether one student or 10, you're contributing to a nurse's career and Australia's health care future.



## Help shine a light on primary health care

“Realising the depth of skills and knowledge that goes into community health and how it differs from hospital was really great. The nurses were fantastic... I got to triage, care, document and assist patients from the moment they entered the clinic to seeing them out. It felt really wholistic and I have a new appreciation and love for GP nursing.”

—Student Nurse from APNA's Student Nurse Placement Program.