



Movement Disorder Nurse Specialist Scholarships

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The PHN is offering three (3) specialist scholarships to currently registered nurses to undertake postgraduate study and professional development in the area of Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorder.

SCHOLARSHIP FEATURES

The scholarship offers participants access to the following:

- A **postgraduate unit of study** from the Australian College of Nursing designed for health professionals who care for people diagnosed with both typical and atypical Parkinson's Disease. The 'Parkinson's Care' course is of 10 weeks duration and commences on 12th July 2021.
- A **Parkinson's Education for Aged Care Facilities study module** from Parkinson's NSW. This self-guided learning module provides an overview of Parkinson's as a disease and highlights the support and services necessary to provide for people living with Parkinson's.
- **Membership of the Australasian Neuroscience Nurses Association (ANNA)**, offering opportunities to connect and network with other healthcare professionals with an interest in the nursing management of patients with neurological conditions.
- **Attendance at ANNA Conference (11-12 November 2021)**
- **Membership of the International Parkinson and Movement Disorder Society (MDS)** including access to Unified Parkinson's Disease Rating Scale Training Program (MDS-UPDRS).

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PHN SCHOLARSHIP OBJECTIVES

- To provide financial support for nurses to upskill in Parkinson's Care.
- To build capacity in the New England region to provide sound and best practice care for people with Parkinson's Disease.
- To facilitate a community of nurses and other health professionals who are confident and equipped to provide care and support for people living with Parkinson's Disease and their carers

SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to apply for one of the Movement Disorder Nurse Specialist Scholarships, applicants must fulfil the following criteria:

- ✓ Applicants are required to be currently registered with AHPRA.
- ✓ Have a minimum of one year of post graduate experience
- ✓ Be currently employed in an appropriate clinical Parkinson's setting (e.g. hospital, aged care, General Practice)
- ✓ Be an Australian Citizen or Australian Permanent Resident, and not be under bond to any foreign government to be eligible. Applicants holding any other stipend are not eligible to apply.
- ✓ Must be living in working in the New England Northwest region.
- ✓ Must be able to complete all scholarship requirements by 20th December 2021.

INTERESTED IN THIS SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY?

For further information about scholarship content and objectives contact Movement Disorder Nurse Pilot Program Manager, Shannon Richardson, at SRichardson@thephn.com.au or ☎ 0437 864 363

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Scholarship applications must be submitted using the online form. The application form may be accessed by [clicking here](#).

Closing date for applications is **COB Friday 18th June**. Successful applicants will need to be enrolled in the *Parkinson's Care Course* to commence study on 12th July 2021.

NOTE:

Successful applicants **may** be eligible to apply for the Health Workforce Scholarship Program through NSW Rural Doctors Network to attend the ANNA conference. The Health Workforce Scholarship Program (HWSP) provides scholarships and bursaries to help health professionals in rural and remote Australia retain and enhance their skills, capacity and scope of practice. To find out if you are eligible head to [NSW Rural Doctors Network](#)