

Health Workforce New Zealand (HWNZ)
Nursing Scholarship 2012
Post Graduate Nursing Education Information
Applications close on 31st October 2011.

Tairāwhiti District Health distributes Health Workforce New Zealand (HWNZ) Post Graduate Nursing Education funding by way of Scholarships to individual nurses.

HWNZ funded Nursing Scholarships are limited in number and are contestable by all nurses (hospital, private, and non-governmental sectors) across the Tairāwhiti region.

It is vital that you discuss and gain the support of your employer/manager before embarking on the study; they will need to approve your study options. A career plan is a requirement for HWNZ funding and therefore this needs careful consideration to ensure the work involved is manageable and meaningful to both you and your employer. For the application form, information and associated templates go to <http://www.taimned.co.nz/HWNZ/default.asp>

Who can get a HWNZ Funded Nursing Scholarship 2012?

To be eligible for HWNZ funding you need to:

- * be registered as a nurse under the HPCA Act 2003 with a current APC; and
- * be employed as a registered nurse; and
- * be a New Zealand citizen or have a residency permit; and
- * have the support of your employer to meet the course requirements; and
- * meet the entry criteria of the education provider.

For the 2012 academic year, the application form is in **electronic format** and all boxes must be completed before emailing the completed document to Robyn.Dymock@tdh.org.nz

It is recommended that you save the document onto your desktop, complete it and then email it as an attachment. Associated documents can be either scanned and emailed or sent as hard copy by mail

Please ensure you supply all course information using the drop down boxes where required. Cost information and the number of study days is also required; occasionally estimates have to be made.

Please refer to the Policy relating to HWNZ funded Postgraduate Education for Registered Nurses on the intranet.

Which courses can I study?

The course you choose to study needs to:

- Lead to a post graduate Certificate; a post graduate Diploma or a Masters, and
- Integrate theory and clinical practice, and
- Acknowledge the cultural characteristics of New Zealand, and
- Be accredited and NCNZ approved

Māori Support Funding:

In 2012 HWNZ will be offering Māori Support Funding to enhance the likelihood of Māori trainees successfully completing HWNZ funded training programmes. This funding is open to nurses who are an eligible trainee enrolled in a HWNZ funded training programme AND who have whakapapa and cultural links to whānau, hapu and iwi. For additional information click onto the link <http://www.taimned.co.nz/HWNZ/default.asp> Please contact Robyn (ext 8220) in Nursing and Quality Services if you require clarification

Pacific Island Support Funding:

In 2012 HWNZ will be offering Pacific Island Support Funding to enhance the likelihood of Pacific Island trainees successfully completing HWNZ funded training programmes. This funding is open to nurses who are an eligible trainee enrolled in a HWNZ funded training programme AND who have are of Pacific Island origins and have cultural links to the Pacific Islands. For additional information click onto the link <http://www.taimned.co.nz/HWNZ/default.asp> Please contact Robyn (ext 8220) in Nursing and Quality Services if you require clarification

More applications than funds?

If there are more applications than funds available, all applications will be reviewed by the Workforce Development Advisory Committee based on the following criteria:

- DHB workforce development needs;
- District Annual Plan and District Strategic Plan priorities;
- The Workforce Action Plan;
- Health Work Force New Zealand priorities <http://www.healthworkforce.govt.nz/>
- Support to continuing current education pathways.

Think about these points when you complete your application, **especially Section G “Rational for Career Plan”**.

Accepting a Scholarship

If your application for a HWNZ Funded Nursing Scholarship 2012 is successful, part of accepting the scholarship is undertaking to:

- supply a range of information required by HWNZ; and
- comply with monitoring required by HWNZ,
- understand that travel and accommodation funding is a subsidy only, and
- agree to be bonded for the period of your course, so that you will repay (pro-rata) the scholarship if your employment is terminated, you fail to complete, or withdraw from the course.

How to apply

- * Discuss your study plans with your manager and gain their support for your plans.
- * Complete the HWNZ Funded Nursing Scholarship **2012 electronic application form**.
- * Populate every box, using the drop down boxes where required and taking care to clearly identify the paper(s) you are planning to study.
- * If you are planning to study two consecutive papers in the same academic year, please identify this on the application form
- * Email your fully completed application to your CNM for approval
- * CNM will then forward your application with approval to Robyn.dymock@tdh.org.nz and
- * Send all associated documents either by email as attachments or post to
Nursing and Quality Services (Ward 10)
Tairāwhiti District Health,
Private Bag 7001,
GISBORNE

Before 31st October 2011

**If your paper starts in the 2nd semester (Jul to Nov 2011) you still need to apply NOW
– there is no application round for the second semester.**

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Other funding streams

For NZNO members have a look at the scholarships and grants offered by the NZNO at: <http://www.nzno.org.nz/Site/Members/scholarshipgrants.aspx> You will need your member number to login.

Also check the BreakOut database. <http://www.fis.org.nz/index.php?app=BreakOut> Access at Internal Affairs Department and Tairāwhiti REAP

For any additional information or advice, please contact Robyn Dymock 8690500 ext 8220 or email Robyn.Dymock@tdh.org.nz