

## Nurse Scholarship Guidelines 2018

Cancer Council Victoria's nurse scholarship program supports Victorian nurses to become cervical screening providers. Successful applicants are awarded up to \$1500 (including GST) and are expected to commence an endorsed cervical screening provider training course in 2018.

### Requirements

- Applicants must be Registered Nurses (Division 1) in Victoria.
- Applicants must include a letter from their employer supporting their commitment to undertake the course and confirming the applicant can undertake a cervical screening clinic upon completion of the course.
- Preference is given to applicants who are not already receiving scholarship money from another organisation.
- Successful applicants will apply to become certified cervical screening providers through Cancer Council Victoria within six months of completing the course.
- Applicants must commence the course in 2018.
- Once successful applicants have completed the course they must contribute to a small quality improvement activity in their organisation.

### Accredited Cervical Screening Test Provider Training Courses

Cancer Council Victoria recommends you contact the coordinator of each course to determine vacancies available and which course suits your professional development best before completing an application.

#### Family Planning Victoria

<b>Course Title</b>	Cervical Screening and Introduction to Sexual Health (Nursing)		
<b>Contact:</b>	Clinical Education Unit Coordinator	<b>Phone</b>	03 9257 0129
<b>Email</b>	<a href="mailto:ceu@fpv.org.au">ceu@fpv.org.au</a>	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.fpv.org.au">www.fpv.org.au</a>

#### Melbourne Sexual Health Centre & University of Melbourne

<b>Course Title</b>	Clinical Sexual and Reproductive Health		
<b>Contact:</b>	Hennie Williams	<b>Phone</b>	03 9341 6249
<b>Email</b>	<a href="mailto:nursespapcourse@mshc.org.au">nursespapcourse@mshc.org.au</a>	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.mshc.org.au">www.mshc.org.au</a>

## University of Melbourne, Department of General Practice

<b>Course Title</b>	Women's Health Screening		
<b>Contact</b>	Weilun Nien	<b>Phone</b>	03 9035 3821
<b>Email</b>	<a href="mailto:wnien@unimelb.edu.au">wnien@unimelb.edu.au</a>	<b>Website</b>	<a href="http://www.gp.unimelb.edu.au">www.gp.unimelb.edu.au</a> <a href="#">Course Flyer</a>

### How to apply:

- Complete the [Nurse Scholarship 2018 Application Form](#) online at [www.papscreen.org.au](http://www.papscreen.org.au)
- You must also attach a **letter of support from your current employer** when you apply.

**Applications close on: Friday 17 November 2017**

### Scholarship Payments

If you are successful in obtaining a scholarship you will be notified by Friday 1 December 2017. You will receive a funding agreement and a Grant Payment Request Form which you will need to complete, sign and return to Cancer Council Victoria along with your proof of enrolment. The scholarship amount will be paid via electronic funds transfer. If you do not complete the course, you will be required to return the total scholarship funds to Cancer Council Victoria.

In addition to completing an accredited 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, education and newsletters. For information about Certification, please contact 1800 111 255.

It is also expected that each nurse participate in a small quality improvement activity in their organisation (for example an in service on cancer screening, a cancer screening audit of eligible patients, recall/reminder activity, or improving cultural awareness and access to your practice). Scholarship recipients will be required to provide a brief report on their activity to Cancer Council Victoria (template will be provided).

### More information

For more information about the nurse scholarships and application process contact Ashlee Taylor, Workforce Coordinator - Cancer Council Victoria on (03) 9514 6427 or [ashlee.taylor@cancervic.org.au](mailto:ashlee.taylor@cancervic.org.au)