

Nurse scholarship guidelines 2016

PapScreen Victoria's nurse scholarship program supports nurses to become cervical screening providers. Successful applicants are awarded up to \$1000 (including GST) and are expected to commence an endorsed Pap test provider training course in 2016.

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 credentialled cervical screening providers within six months of completing the course.
- Applicants must commence the course in 2016.

Accredited Pap test provider training courses

PapScreen 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

Course Title Cervical Screening (Pap test) and Introduction to Sexual Health (Nursing)

Contact: Clinical Education Unit Coordinator Phone 03 9257 0129

Email <u>ceu@fpv.org.au</u> Website <u>www.fpv.org.au</u>

Melbourne Sexual Health Centre & University of Melbourne

Course Title Clinical Sexual and Reproductive Health

Contact: Hennie Williams **Phone** 03 9341 6249

Email nursespapcourse@mshc.org.au Website www.mshc.org.au

University of Melbourne, Department of General Practice

Course Title Women's Health Screening

Contact Weilun Nien Phone 03 9035 3821

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How to apply:

• Complete the Nurse Scholarship 2016 Application Form online at www.papscreen.org.au

You must also attach a letter of support from your current employer when you apply.

Applications close on: Monday 7 December 2015.

Scholarship payments

If you are successful in obtaining a scholarship you will be notified by Monday 18 January 2015. You will receive a funding agreement and a Grant Payment Request Form which you will need to complete, sign and return to PapScreen 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 PapScreen Victoria.

In addition to completing an accredited training course, each nurse must also become 'credentialled'. The credentialling process is undertaken by PapScreen Victoria and enables nurses' access to a practice number from the VCS Pathology to have their Pap tests processed. Nurses using alternative laboratories must also credential. Participation in the credentialling program ensures that a high standard of practice is maintained and delivered on an ongoing basis. Credentialled nurses also have access to PapScreen Victoria professional development workshops and newsletters. For information about credentialling, please visit PapScreen's website www.papscreen.org.au or contact the credentialling secretariat on 1800 111 255 or credentialling@papscreen.org.au

More information

For more information about the nurse scholarships and application process contact Harriet Wynne, Health Professionals Coordinator, PapScreen Victoria on (03) 9514 6424 or harriet.wynne@cancervic.org.au