

Office of the Chief Nurse Communiqué

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Please circulate me to wards/areas where nurses and midwives work in your organisation!

Message from Chief Nurse

The past few months have been harrowing with the force of the environment being experienced right across the nation. Now our thoughts turn (again) to the north island of New Zealand where there has been such destruction and loss of life.

Amongst all of that, many of you have been busy ensuring that the cyclical tasks and processes of running a nursing and midwifery service also get done - confirming the registration of staff and preparing for the commencement of our new graduates to name a few.

This Communiqué has some updates/opportunities that may be relevant for your organisation.

Culturally competent nursing and midwifery practice workshop

Thursday March 24, 1 to 4.30pm

There are 16 places in this workshop for nurse/midwife educators, mentors or other personnel who support overseas qualified nurses and midwives commencing in Victorian public health services. **Booking is essential by 5pm 10 March 2011.**

NP contact: Christine.breakwell@health.vic.gov.au
Weblink: www.health.vic.gov.au/nursing/whats_new

Caring For Older Australians - Draft report

The Productivity Commissions draft report was released on 21 January 2011. There is now an opportunity for interested parties to read the draft and make written submissions to the Productivity Commission by **Monday 21 March 2011.**

Weblink: <http://www.pc.gov.au/projects/inquiry/aged-care/draft>

Enrolled nurse (Div 2) Paid Study Leave (medication administration) grant

Applications from public health services and eligible public residential aged care providers are invited for a block grant. The aim of the grant is to assist in upskilling Enrolled nurses (Div 2).

The grant of up to \$26,000 is available to assist in the provision of courses with priority given to medication administration courses.

The closing date for applications is **COB 16 March 2011** no extensions will be possible.

NP contact: Cathrine Klomp 90967947
Weblink: www.health.vic.gov.au/

Infection prevention on-line training

On-Line interactive education modules for staff who undertake infection prevention as part of other clinical roles or staff in small healthcare facilities in Australian Hospitals are available from the Australian Commission on Quality and Safety in Health Care website.

Australian Commission on Safety & Quality in Health Care
<http://infectionprevention.e3learning.com.au/>

Worth a read:

"Nursing unit managers, staff retention and the work environment"

Reference: Duffield, C.M. Rocke, M.A., Blay, N. & Stasa, H. *Journal of Clinical Nursing* Vol 20, 2010. pp. 23-33

"Calculating outcomes potentially sensitive to nursing. A literature review. Report to the Ministry of Health (NZ)".

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