

Nursing & Midwifery Policy Communiqué

September 2011

The Nursing and Midwifery Communiqué is produced monthly for Directors of Nursing of public health services. Communiqués are also available on the Nursing in Victoria website: www.health.vic.gov.au/nursing

During this busy time, here are a few items and opportunities that may have relevance or importance for your organisation.

Re-entry to nursing forum - 7 September

Nursing and Midwifery Policy are hosting a forum on current return to nursing options and funding. Directors of Nursing, education managers and those interested in nursing/midwifery workforce in public health services are welcome to attend.

The forum will be held from 2 - 4 pm on **7 September 2011**, at 50 Lonsdale Street Melbourne.

RSVP nursepolicy@health.vic.gov.au by **5 September 2011**.

Contact: Catherine Duck on 909 67154 or catherine.duck@health.vic.gov.au

Enrolled nurse (EN) grants for 2011-12

EN up-skilling funding is now being offered **annually** as a block grant (formerly Paid Study Leave grants) to employers. Applications from public health services and eligible public residential aged care providers are now invited for 2011-12 funding.

Up to \$26,000 for 20 participants is available to assist with providing eligible courses and to facilitate local workforce planning priorities. Initial priority will be given to medication administration courses but other courses at diploma level are also eligible.

Guidelines and application forms are available on the *Nursing in Victoria* website. Applications close **COB 19 September 2011**.

Contact: Cathrine Klomp on Ph: 9096 7947
www.health.vic.gov.au/nursing/furthering/div2paid

Nurse Practitioner (NP) models & candidates 2011-12 round – Chronic disease management & aged care

The Victorian Nurse Practitioner Project will be calling for submissions in **September 2011** for model development and NP candidate support packages (NPCSP) in chronic disease management and aged care. Funding of \$50,000 for model development and one NP candidate will be available to eligible services.

Applications and grant guidelines will be available from **1 September** on *Nursing in Victoria* website.

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/nursing/furthering/practitioner>

National workforce development fund

The Commonwealth Government has announced a new National Workforce Development Fund of \$558 million to be offered over four years to support training and workforce development in the areas of current and future skills.

Applications close **16 September 2011**.

https://www.cshisc.com.au/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=736&Itemid=828

AHWMC communiqué

The Communiqué contains a summary of decisions from the 5 August 2011 AHWMC meeting including:

- Approval of NMBA revised English Language Skills Standard
- Extension of the PII exemption for privately practising midwives for a further 12 months
- Noting the ACM Homebirth Position Statement which, with the NMBA professional practice framework and registration standards, provides the regulatory practice framework for midwives who care for planned home births.

<http://www.ahmac.gov.au/site/home.aspx>