

Nursing & Midwifery Policy Communiqué

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

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

Postgraduate Nursing and Midwifery Scholarships

Health Services have now been provided with their allocation of scholarships for 2012. This process is now managed and allocated locally by the health service, based on local need.

For further information on the application process, contact your Nursing and Midwifery Education area in your organisation.

The application process occurs between **October 2011 and March 2012**.

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

Graduate Handbook

A handbook for graduate nurses and midwives is available with information about job seeking and options for securing a graduate program.

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

Return to Nursing

Applications for the Return to Nursing program are due **19 December 2011**.

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/nursing/returning/information-for-public-health-services>

Report on emergency nurses responding to disaster

Flinders University have completed a study of the willingness of Australian emergency nurses to respond to disasters. The findings will be of importance to planning for disaster response by emergency nurses.

<http://flinders.edu/nursing/DRG>

Expression of interest (Round 2) for Value Added intervention projects

Victorian public health services and public residential aged care facilities are invited to submit an short expression of interest by **Friday 23 December 2011** to undertake intervention projects (round 2) that address the issues raised in *Value Added: The wisdom of older nurses at work* (DH 2010).

<http://www.health.vic.gov.au/nursing/workforce/valuing-older-nurses>

The Nursing and Midwifery Policy team wishes Everyone a very Merry and safe Christmas and New Year!

