

Lyn Gardner Scholarship Award

Graduate Certificate in Drug and Alcohol



Expression of Interests are now open!

The Centre for Alcohol and Other Drugs is awarding 10 Scholarships of up to \$10,000 each!

The Lyn Gardner scholarships are for registered nurses or midwives to undertake the

Graduate Certificate in Drug and Alcohol Nursing through the Australian College of Nursing - for 2025 Commencement

The scholarships honour Lyn's remarkable career and significant contributions to alcohol and drug services, and in supporting individuals affected by substance use.

Take advantage of this exciting opportunity to enhance your skills in the alcohol and other drugs sector and advance your career into management, clinical education, or specialised roles. Additionally, participants will have opportunities to network and engage in forums that shape AOD care in NSW

For the 2025 commencement, applications from nurses and midwives who identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander will be prioritised.

Nurses from other specialties are also encouraged to apply.



Australian College of Nursing

Full Course overview can be found at
<https://www.acn.edu.au/education/postgraduate-course/drug-and-alcohol-nursing>

Eligibility criteria

Expressions of interest are invited from practicing Nurses and Midwives:

- currently working in the AOD sector, including LHDs, NGO's and Justice Health services in NSW
- interested in furthering or pursuing a career in the AOD sector
- practicing in rural, regional and metropolitan areas (priority may apply to areas of need)

Testimonials

"I am more understanding towards patients, and I approach my work more from a trauma informed perspective."

"I Increased my knowledge and skill in drug and alcohol nursing but also general leadership and professional practice skills."

"Many of our patients have pain management issues, and struggle with substance misuse. This course enabled me to give patients better, holistic and person centered care."

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Application process

To apply please email a copy of your **CV and answers to the following questions, using the application form provided:**

1. What motivates your interest in the Graduate Certificate in Drug and Alcohol Nursing?
2. How will these studies help to provide better outcomes for individuals using alcohol or other drugs in your service?
3. Confirmation that you meet the course entry requirements and your capacity to commence the course in January 2025 and continue to meet study commitments for the duration of the course (1 year part-time delivered online).
4. Do you identify as being Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander?

For further information about the opportunity, contact Tracey Leonard: Tracey.Leonard@health.nsw.gov.au

Please send completed applications to: MOH-AODSafetyQualityFeedback@health.nsw.gov.au
by **midnight Wednesday 6th November**

IMPORTANT DATES

Closing date:	Wednesday 6th November 2024
Applicants notified:	late November 2024
Course of study commences:	20th January 2025

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