

University of Canberra Graduate Certificate Scholarship Program

- Graduate Certificate in Health Research
- Graduate Certificate in Health Leadership and Management
- Graduate Certificate in Mental Health

2024 Applicant Information

Applications close Friday 24 November 2023

NOTE: All applicants must read and understand this information before applying or accepting an offer:

- The University of Canberra scholarship provides 50% of course fees to study the Graduate Certificate in Health Research, the Graduate Certificate in Health Leadership and Management, or the Graduate Certificate in Mental Health. Additional costs incurred (e.g. remainder of course fees, textbooks, amenities fees etc) are payable by the student.
- Scholarship applications are assessed by a selection committee comprised of representatives from the University of Canberra and ACT Health Directorate.
- Scholarship funded places are limited and allocated at the discretion of the selection committee.
- The decision of the selection committee is final and not appealable.
- Successful scholarship recipients will be notified in writing of their scholarship offer and must formally accept or decline the offer in writing within the identified timeframe.
- Following acceptance scholarship recipients are required to enrol in the relevant program of study through the University of Canberra [portal](#).
- Once accepted into the program of study by the University of Canberra, students will receive a letter of offer and must complete the steps outlined in the letter to accept the offer of enrolment.
- Scholarship funding arrangements are between the student and the University of Canberra however scholarship funding is not paid directly to successful scholarship recipients. Recipients will receive an invoice from the University each Semester. This invoice will request payment of 50% of the unit fees, in addition to other related costs that are payable by the student.
- To maintain scholarship funding for the duration of the program of study students must continue engagement with the University of Canberra, pass all units and complete the course within 2 years.

- Students must have the support of their current manager / supervisor to undertake the program of study.
- Students must complete the [ACT Public Service Studies Assistance Application Form](#) for Approval as a Student and may be eligible to access paid or unpaid study leave during semester.
- Each unit of study within the degree requires an estimated time commitment of 10 hours per week and students are expected to study in their personal time to meet this commitment.
- Students must not undertake any other post graduate study while completing the program of study.
- Students must notify the Office of the Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer or the Office of the Chief Allied Health Officer if they defer or withdraw from the course, fail a unit of study, or are unable to continue for any reason.
- Scholarship funding is only provided to undertake a unit of study once. If a student fails a unit of study, they are responsible for full payment of course fees to re-sit that unit. Students may continue to access scholarship funding for any subsequent units of study that have not previously been attempted.
- Students who cease employment with Canberra Health Services, ACT Health Directorate or North Canberra Hospital will no longer be eligible to receive scholarship funding.
- Students are not eligible to apply for additional funding through an alternate scholarship program (such as the Nurses and Midwives or Allied Health Postgraduate Scholarship Scheme) for the same course.
- Research project(s) undertaken as part of the Graduate Certificate in Health Research must be relevant to the student's work area or a specific organisational need.
- Students may be required to present learnings gained from the course or outcomes of research project(s) to members of their work area, team, branch, division, or organisation.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to apply for scholarship funding applicants must:

- be a permanent or temporary Nursing, Midwifery, or Allied Health employee with ACT Health Directorate, Canberra Health Services or North Canberra Hospital, with 12 or more consecutive months service;
- be an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia;
- be able to provide evidence of current registration for practitioners registered through the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA); **OR**

- where the applicant is from an allied health profession not registered through AHPRA, be able to provide one of the following:
 - a certified copy of their allied health qualification; or
 - a certified copy of their membership certificate of the relevant allied health professional association; or
 - evidence of their listing on the publicly available register of professionals for their allied health profession;
- have a minimum tertiary qualification of a Bachelor degree, or [equivalent graduate status](#) as determined by the University;
- meet admission requirements for the relevant program of study, as determined by the University of Canberra;
- for the Graduate Certificate in Health Research, have experience in research or quality improvement in Nursing, Midwifery or Allied Health;
- have identified the Graduate Certificate in Health Research, the Graduate Certificate in Health Leadership and Management, or the Graduate Certificate in Mental Health, or a similar postgraduate program, in their current professional development plan;
- have support from their current supervisor / manager.

Need More Information?

For more information on the courses of study please view University of Canberra course information:

- [Graduate Certificate in Health Research](#)
- [Graduate Certificate in Health Leadership and Management](#)
- [Graduate Certificate in Mental Health](#)

For more information on scholarship options contact:

- Office of the Chief Nursing and Midwifery Officer: N-MScholarships@act.gov.au or Ph. 5124 4978
- Office of the Chief Allied Health Officer: alliedhealthscholarships@act.gov.au or Ph. 5124 9451