



Initiatives for aged care nurses

The Australian Government is supporting and boosting the skills of aged care nurses.

Aged Care Registered Nurses' Payment

The Aged Care Registered Nurses' Payment rewards clinical skills and leadership. Registered nurses working for the same aged care provider over the eligibility periods can receive the payment.

The eligibility periods for employment are:

- 1 November 2021 – 31 October 2022
- 1 November 2022 – 31 October 2022

Full time nurses can receive \$3,700. Payments for part-time or casual nurses are on a pro-rata basis.

Six-month payments will also be available to nurses who miss the 1 November deadlines.

A half-payment will be available for nurses who work for the same provider during:

- 1 May 2022 – 31 October 2022
- 1 May 2023 – 31 October 2023.

Extra payments of up to \$2,300 will be available to nurses who meet further criteria including:

- working in a rural or remote location
- holding a postgraduate qualification
- taking on training responsibilities.

Find out more about the [Aged Care Registered Nurses' Payment](#) on the Department of Health website.

Nurses play an integral role in providing high quality care for senior Australians.

Aged Care Transition to Practice Program

The Aged Care Transition to Practice Program supports new aged care nurses with training and professional development opportunities.

Participants receive specialist training in aged care nursing and mentorship from senior nurses.

The Aged Care Transition to Practice Program is open to:

- › newly graduated registered nurses
- › newly graduated enrolled nurses
- › experienced registered nurses who have recently transitioned to the aged care sector.

Find out more about the [Aged Care Transition to Practice Program](#) on the Department of Health website.

Aged Care Nursing and Allied Health Dementia Care Scholarships

The Aged Care Nursing Scholarship Program is expanding. 1,500 new scholarships will be available over 3 years to nurses (registered and enrolled), personal care workers and allied health professionals.

This includes a guaranteed minimum of 20 scholarships per year for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

The program aims to increase nursing leadership and clinical management skills in priority study areas such as palliative care, dementia care, and infection prevention and control.

Students will be eligible if they are studying a Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma or Masters in a course relevant to the care of older people, or leadership and management.

Scholarship recipients will be eligible for a completion bonus on finishing their course.

The program is being delivered by the Australian College of Nursing (ACN). Find out more about the [Aged Care Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship Program](#) on the ACN website.