

Apply Now: Authorised Nurse Immuniser training for registered nurses in South Eastern NSW

EOI reference number: EOI-2526-23

Application closes on 20 April 2026 or (earlier if all places are filled).

1. Introduction

COORDINARE, the South Eastern NSW Primary Health Network (SENSW PHN), is committed to fostering healthier communities across our region, with a strong focus on addressing health inequities. We work in close partnership with communities, general practices, aged care providers, and other key stakeholders to design and deliver solutions that improve access to high-quality health care, including preventative services such as immunisation. More information about COORDINARE – SENSW PHN is available on our website.

To support the delivery of safe and effective immunisation services in both **primary care and aged care settings**, COORDINARE is offering fully funded scholarships for Registered Nurses to enhance their immunisation knowledge and skills and to become an **Authorised Nurse Immuniser in NSW**. This opportunity aims to build clinical confidence, strengthen evidence-based practice, and support nurses to provide high-quality, accessible immunisation services across general practice, community, and residential aged care environments.

Successful applicants will receive access to the program from **April 2026** and are expected to complete the course within **20 weeks of commencement**.

2. About Understanding Vaccines and the National Immunisation Program

The **Understanding Vaccines and the National Immunisation Program** course is:

- **Developed by immunisation and education experts** from the Communicable Disease Control Branch, Department for Health and Wellbeing (SA Health), in collaboration with WA Health and the Women's and Children's Hospital, Adelaide.
- **Accredited by Health Education Services Australia (HESA)** against the National Immunisation Education Framework for Health Professionals, with **up to 70 CPD hours** recommended by SA Health.
- **Delivered 100% online**, flexible and self-paced, with **20 weeks of access** from enrolment.
- **Structured into four sequential modules**, covering immunology principles, vaccine-preventable diseases, the National Immunisation Program in Australia, legislation and ethics, and the requirements for providing a safe and effective immunisation service.
- **Designed for registered nurses and midwives**, particularly those seeking authorisation to possess and administer vaccines without a medical order, with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health professionals strongly encouraged to enrol.

The course equips health professionals with the **knowledge and practical skills required to deliver high-quality, safe immunisation services**. It supports confident, evidence-based practice through a strong grounding in public health principles, legislative requirements, and best-practice use of immunisation resources.

On successful completion, participants will be able to administer vaccinations independent of a medical officer as per [NSW Health Authority](#).

More information about the course is available via: [Understanding Vaccines and the National Immunisation Program – Course information.](#)

What You'll Learn

By completing this course, you will:

- **Develop a comprehensive understanding of immunisation as a public health measure**, including its role in disease prevention in Australia and globally.
- **Gain foundational knowledge of immunology**, including how vaccines work, different vaccine types and components, and how immune responses are generated.
- **Understand the epidemiology of vaccine-preventable diseases**, including disease transmission, risk groups, and population-level impacts.
- **Build detailed knowledge of the Australian National Immunisation Program (NIP)**, including recommended vaccines, schedules, and eligibility considerations.
- **Strengthen your ability to deliver safe and effective immunisation services**, including preparation, administration, cold-chain management, documentation, and post-vaccination care.
- **Develop skills to identify, manage, and respond to adverse events following immunisation (AEFI)** in accordance with best-practice guidelines.
- **Understand the legislative, ethical, and professional responsibilities** associated with immunisation practice, including informed consent and jurisdictional requirements.
- **Improve confidence in communicating with patients and communities about vaccination**, supporting informed decision-making through clear, evidence-based, and respectful conversations.

Financial support under this Scholarship

Each scholarship (valued at \$385) covers:

- **Full course access** to the *Understanding Vaccines and the National Immunisation Program (HESA Accredited)* via <https://immunisationeducation.sahealth.sa.gov.au/>.
- **Four self-paced, sequential modules** designed to build knowledge and practical capability in immunisation practice, including immunology principles, vaccine-preventable diseases, the Australian National Immunisation Program, and the legislative and ethical requirements for safe immunisation delivery.
- **Multiple assessments within each module**, along with a course evaluation survey, all of which must be successfully completed to obtain a **Certificate of Completion**.
- **Up to 20 weeks of access from the enrolment date**, allowing participants to complete the course flexibly and at their own pace.
- **Accreditation by Health Education Services Australia (HESA)**, with **up to 70 CPD hours** recommended by SA Health upon successful completion.

Out of scope: This scholarship does not cover any additional fees or expenses associated with participation in the course, including but not limited to accommodation, transportation, internet access, time off work, or other incidental costs.

3. Eligibility

Forty-five grants are available for Practice Nurses working within South Eastern NSW. To be eligible for this scholarship opportunity, applicants must:

- Be currently employed at either a General Practice or Residential Aged Care Home within the South Eastern NSW PHN region, **who have not** previously attained qualification as an authorised nurse immuniser in NSW.

- Hold current registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).
- Have an interest in expanding their knowledge and skills in immunisation.
- Be available to commence the *Understanding Vaccines and the National Immunisation* program from April 2026 and commit to completing the course within six months.
- Have access to a computer and internet connection to complete the online course.

4. How to apply?

Applications can be submitted via [electronic form](#) on the [COORDINARE website](#). Applications must be received by **5:00pm AEST 20 April 2026**. Late applications will not be accepted.

Please note that applications may close earlier if sufficient Expressions of Interest have been received. In this case, your application will still be assessed and may be placed on a waiting list.

For any questions regarding this process please email Commissioning Business Team at commissioning@coordinate.org.au.

5. Timeline

An **indicative** timeline is outlined below. COORDINARE reserves the right to modify these timeframes. Any changes to this EOI will be updated on COORDINARE’s website.

Scholarship opens	31 March 2026
Last day for applications to be received	Up to 20 April 2026
Assessment of applications	Within 2 weeks from the date of receiving applications
Application outcome	Within 3 weeks from the date of receiving applications
Course commences	Access to the course will be granted to each successful applicant no later than 27 April 2026
Course completion	All eLearning modules must be completed within 20 weeks of enrolment.

6. Assessment criteria and evaluation

All applications will be assessed on their response to the assessment criteria found within the application form.

To ensure broad regional representation, COORDINARE may prioritise applications that contribute to a diverse geographic distribution across the South Eastern NSW PHN catchment.

7. Scholarship outcomes

All applicants will receive a formal letter from COORDINARE confirming the outcome of their applications.

8. Conditions of this Expression of Interest

General	Applicants should familiarise themselves with this document and the separate application form and ensure that their proposals comply with the requirements set out in these documents.
Acceptance	A non-complying submission may be rejected. COORDINARE may not accept any application.
Explanations	Verbal explanations or instructions given prior to acceptance of a proposal shall not bind COORDINARE.
Legal entity	COORDINARE will only enter into a contract with an organisation or individual, or a natural person at least 18 years of age with mental capacity to understand the agreement.
Expenses	All expenses and costs incurred by the applicants in connection with this EOI including (without limitation) preparing and lodging a submission, providing COORDINARE with further information, attending interviews and participating in any subsequent negotiations, are the sole responsibility of the applicant.
Additional information	If additional information to that requested in this document is required by COORDINARE when application are being considered, written information may be requested to obtain such information at no cost to COORDINARE. COORDINARE may also provide additional information or clarification.
Process	COORDINARE reserves the right to withdraw from, or alter, the EOI process described in this document for whatever reason, prior to the signing of any agreement/contract with any party.
Ownership	All submissions become the property of COORDINARE once lodged. COORDINARE may copy, or otherwise deal with all or any part of a submission for the purpose of conducting evaluation of submissions.
Notification of Probity Breach	Should any applicant feel that they have been unfairly excluded from responding or unfairly disadvantaged by the process, the applicant is invited to write to the Business Team at commissioning@coordinare.org.au
Lobbying	Any attempt by any Respondent to exert influence on the outcome of the assessment process by lobbying COORDINARE staff, directly or indirectly, will be grounds for disqualification of the application from further consideration.
No contract	Nothing in this EOI should be construed to give rise to any contractual obligations or rights, express or implied, by the issue of this EOI or the lodgement of submission in response to it. No contract will be created unless and until a formal written contract is executed between COORDINARE and a Respondent. Respondents will not be considered approved until a final service agreement is in place.