

# Scholarship opportunity - applications now open

## Gerontological Nursing Competencies program

**EOI reference number: EOI-2526-11**

**Application Due: 07 September 2025.**

### 1. Introduction

COORDINARE, as the South Eastern NSW Primary Health Network, is dedicated to fostering healthier communities. We focus our efforts on those who face the biggest inequities. To do this, we collaborate with the community, general practices and other stakeholders to design solutions that make it easier for people to get the health care they need. **More information about COORDINARE – SENSW PHN can be found on our [website](#).**

COORDINARE - South Eastern NSW Primary Health Network (SENSW PHN) invites applications from Practice Nurses in a training opportunity aimed at enhancing the skills, confidence, and experience of the primary care nursing workforce to better support healthy ageing and the care of older adults within the community, reducing the need for more complex services and/or early entry into residential aged care.

Successful applicants can enroll in the **October 2025 intake** for the Gerontological Nursing Competencies (GNC)s program.

### 2. About Gerontological Nursing Competencies (GNCs) - Aged Care Transition to Practice Program (ACTPP)

The Gerontological Nursing Competencies (GNCs) program is an evidence-based mentorship program developed to equip registered nurses with skills to assist older people in living well across all communities and groups. More information about the program can be found via the [Gerontological Nursing Competencies \(GNCs\) Aged Care Transition to Practice Program \(ACTPP\)](#) website.

#### *What will you gain from completing the GNCs program?*

- Skills and knowledge to work effectively with older people and families,
- Portfolio showcasing essential and advanced practice nurse capabilities,
- Mentor support and guidance,
- Career pathways for graduates, early-career, and experienced nurses,
- Credit towards postgraduate study for your portfolio and quality project,
- CPD points for re-registration.

#### *Required activities funded under this program*

The scholarship will cover the cost of accessing the Gerontological Nursing Competencies (GNC) course and its associated activities. This includes enrolment, active participation, and completion of the 6-month GNC program, which involves:

- 4 x virtual workshops (12 hours) held during business hours,
- 6 weekly group mentoring sessions (12 hours) held during business hours,
- 2 hours per fortnight on self-directed work-based learning,

- Optional access to participate in a community of practice post completion of the GNC essential course.

Additional participation hours required include:

- contributing to online discussion forums,
- preparation activities prior to workshops,
- completing assessment tasks,
- creation of a practice portfolio.

Participants may choose to continue engaging in the community of practice (CoP) for a further six months, culminating in the delivery of a proposed quality improvement project that could be implemented in general practice.

Refer to following documents for further information:

- Frequently Asked Questions: [GNC Frequently asked questions](#).
- Example of program timelines and commitment in [Handbook](#).

**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

There are up to 5 grants available for practice nurses working and residing in South Eastern NSW. Priority will be given to practice nurses located in **Bega Valley, Eurobodalla Shire, Goulburn Mulwaree, Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional, Snowy Monaro, Upper Lachlan Shire** and **Yass Valley**. This course is aimed at:

1. Nurses passionate about promoting the health and well-being of older people.
2. Nurses willing to undertake professional development to develop their knowledge and skills in a specialist area of practice.

Interested practice nurses residing and working in general practice in Southern NSW and meet the eligibility criteria below are encouraged to apply:

1. Are registered nurses who are either new graduate, early in their career, experienced or nurse practitioners;
2. Have capacity and willingness to participate in and complete the program by the nominated course date and willing to participate in a post-education evaluation on the program quality and usefulness in practice.

Registered Nurses who have previously received funding from COORDINARE to support training in Gerontological Nursing Competency **will not be eligible** for this scholarship.

### 4. How to apply?

Applications can be submitted via [electronic form](#) on the [COORDINARE website](#). Applications must be received by **7 September 2025**. Late applications will not be accepted.

For any questions regarding this process please email Commissioning Business Team at [commissioning@coordinate.org.au](mailto: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 released	Tuesday 26 August 2025
Last day for applications to be received	Sunday 7 September 2025
Assessment of applications	W/C 8 September 2025
Clarification/negotiation with the applicant	W/C 15 September 2025
Scholarship awarded	Late September 2025
GNC course enrolment deadline	24 October 2025
Course commences	30 October 2025
Course completion	Mid 2026 with ongoing mentoring via a CoP
Informal presentation and Q&A, participation in an interview, or by writing an article for a COORDINARE e-newsletter (up to a total of 1 hour).	July 2026

## 6. Assessment criteria and evaluation

All applications will be assessed on their response to the assessment criteria found within the application form. Priority will be given to applications from practice nurses located in the **Bega Valley, Eurobodalla Shire, Goulburn Mulwaree, Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional, Snowy Monaro, Upper Lachlan Shire and Yass Valley**. Where multiple applications are deemed suitable for funding, consideration for maximising reach across the region and practice level support will form part of the evaluation process.

## 7. Scholarship arrangements

Successful respondents will be required to enter into a scholarship agreement with COORDINARE. The term of the agreement will be from the date of execution **to completion of the course in July 2026**.

Please read the draft Scholarship Agreement (see [Appendix 1](#)) and familiarise with the terms of conditions. You are required to agree to the Terms and Conditions as part of the application process.

### Delivery requirements:

Upon completing the training, funding recipients will be required to:

- Provide a Certificate of Completion upon completion of the GNC course,
- Contribute up to one hour of post-program engagement, which may include one of the following:
  - An informal presentation and Q&A session (20–30 minutes) with the COORDINARE Health Coordination Team (HCCs); or
  - Participation in an interview; or
  - Writing an article for inclusion in a COORDINARE e-newsletter.
- Complete a brief evaluation survey to provide feedback on their experience and usefulness of the course in practice.

## Conditions of this Scholarship

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 proposals 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 <a href="mailto:commissioning@coordinare.org.au">commissioning@coordinare.org.au</a>
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.