



## CARDINIA SHIRE COUNCIL

### MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH (MCH) NURSING SPONSORSHIP

#### Post Graduate Sponsorship Guidelines

2026 Post Graduate Sponsorship of up to \$3,000 is available to registered nurses and midwives who undertake the Accredited Post Graduate MCH course at La Trobe University, RMIT or Federation.

**Applicants must:**

- Be an Australian citizen or have permanent residency status.
- Be a registered nurse and midwife with AHPRA and provide a current practicing certificate
- Must have a minimum of 5 years combined experience in nursing and midwifery.
- Be willing to commit time back to the funding source / local municipality as a Maternal and Child Health Nurse if opportunities exist.

**For interview:**

- Complete all questions on the online application form
- Applicants are also invited to supply any other information that may support their application

**The successful applicant must:**

- Provide verification of course fees from the university for the sponsorship year as soon as issued by the University
- Provide Semester 1 & 2 Transcript of Results to show completion of the semester studies
- Provide details of current application for sponsorships / grants from other sources which relate to this application
- Be willing to complete the course within three years from commencement of the course in 2026
- Provide bank account details for payment of funds
- Understand there will be an expectation that the successful candidate is prepared to work for Cardinia Shire (pending available positions) following successful completion of their qualification.

**Reimbursement will be made in three (3) instalments into the successful applicant's bank account: \$750 at completion of both semester 1 and semester 2 studies, following provision of the requirements listed above. The final instalment of \$1500 will be made following 6mths employment with satisfactory performance in the service in either a permanent or fixed term position working at least 2 days per week, or a casual position with availability to work a minimum 2 days per week.**

- Successful applicants who withdraw from their nursing course must notify Cardinia Shire within one (1) week.
- (Full or partial repayment of sponsorship funding may be required after review of individual circumstances, should the successful applicant withdraw from the course.)

Applications to be submitted by **10<sup>th</sup> September 2025**.

**Selection Process**

The Sponsorship will be awarded by Cardinia Shire representatives, whose decisions are final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Selection of successful applicants will involve:

- Assessment of eligibility
- Assessment against other applications giving consideration to the applicant's education and clinical background
- Assessment of commitment to MCH nursing.

Shortlisted candidates will be contacted and asked to attend an interview mid- late September 2025.