



CARDINIA SHIRE COUNCIL

MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH (MCH) NURSING SPONSORSHIP

Post Graduate Sponsorship Guidelines

2027 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 or Federation University.

Applicants must:

- Be an Australian citizen or have permanent residency status.
- Hold current AHPRA registration as both a registered nurse and midwife and provide evidence of current registration.
- Must have a minimum of 5 years combined experience in nursing and midwifery, with a minimum of 12 months experience in each.
- 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 successful 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 2027
- 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 6 months 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 due date stated.

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 in early September 2026.