



# SA Health Recognising Academic Achievement

## Scholarship

*Extension to Clinical Specialisation Program*

### About

The Clinical Specialisation Program provides scholarship support for nurses and midwives to undertake a range of 13-week, 9-unit courses [in key priority clinical specialty areas](#).

To build on the foundations of the Clinical Specialisation Program, SA Health is providing additional scholarship funding to nurses and midwives who have demonstrated exemplary academic achievement in their studies.

The SA Health **Recognising Academic Achievement Scholarships** will provide additional scholarship funding for students completing a Clinical Specialisation Program Course to undertake a second 13-week, 9-unit Clinical Specialisation Program Course and be awarded a Graduate Certificate in Nursing, Graduate Certificate in Midwifery and Graduate Certificate in Nursing (Critical Care).

### Scholarship Criteria

The SA Health **Recognising Academic Achievement Scholarships** must be used to undertake and successfully complete a second 9-unit, 13-week course as part of the Clinical Specialisation Program through the University of South Australia (UniSA), leading to a Graduate Certificate.

### Scholarship Eligibility \*

To be eligible for a SA Health **Recognising Academic Achievement Scholarship**, applicants must:

- > be an employee of SA Health, working in a full-time, part-time or casual capacity as a nurse and/or midwife,
- > be registered and hold current registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board Australia (NMBA)
- > have successfully completed a specialty 9-unit course through UniSA as part of the Clinical Specialisation Program,
- > received an overall academic achievement of 75% or above in their Clinical Specialisation Program Course, and
- > intend to continue studying to achieve a Graduate Certificate in Nursing, Graduate Certificate in Midwifery and Graduate Certificate in Nursing (Critical Care).

Nurses and midwives are not eligible to apply if they:

- > are not employed by SA Health,
- > have not previously completed a 9-unit course as part of the Clinical Specialisation Program through UniSA, or

- > are not able to complete their second speciality 9-unit course at the next available study period, or as negotiated with UniSA and the SA Nursing and Midwifery Office.

\* Eligibility criteria may be amended depending on demand.

## Scholarship Requirements

Scholarship recipients will be required to successfully complete the second Clinical Specialisation Program 9-unit course in the next available study period or as negotiated with UniSA and the SA Nursing and Midwifery Office.

In accepting the scholarship, recipients may be required to share their learnings and experiences which could include:

- > recording a video regarding their learnings and experience in undertaking the courses,
- > promoting the Clinical Specialisation Program at Local Health Network level and/or
- > mentoring and supporting future course participants.

## Scholarship Allocation Process

Clinical Specialisation Program courses are offered twice per year in Study Period 2 and 5. At the completion of each study period, UniSA will provide the Nursing and Midwifery Office with the final moderated grade for each student.

**SA Health Recognising Academic Achievement Scholarship** candidates will be assessed against eligibility criteria. The Nursing and Midwifery Office will provide recommendations to the Chief Nurse and Midwifery Officer for consideration and final decision on the successful scholarship recipients.

Scholarships will be prioritised to nurses and midwives who identify as being of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander background.

The decision made is final and there is no appeal process.

Successful applicants will be notified in writing with all relevant information on the next steps and specific conditions of the scholarship.

## Key Dates

Intakes for the Clinical Specialisation Program Courses will occur twice per year. Teaching dates are as follows:

- > Study Period 2: 26 February- 7 June 2024
- > Study Period 5: 22 July- 23 November 2024
- > Study Period 2: 03 March- 05 July 2025
- > Study Period 5: 28 July- 29 November 2025

Results moderation occurs at the completion of each study period, with results available

- > Study Period 2 Official results release date: 13 July 2024
- > Study Period 5 Official results release date: 7 December 2024
- > Study Period 2 Official results release date: 19 July 2025

Scholarship recommendations will be submitted for endorsement to the Chief Nurse and Midwifery Officer within two (2) weeks following the notification of results by UniSA to the Nursing and Midwifery Office.

Scholarship recipients will be notified within two (2) weeks after the final endorsement has been determined by the Chief Nurse and Midwifery Officer.

## Scholarship Exclusion

This scholarship will not cover any cost incurred for:

- > Textbooks,
- > Travel,
- > Purchase of a computer, laptop, or tablet.

## Scholarship Timeframes

Scholarships will be awarded during 2023, 2024, and Study Period 2 2025 with study being successfully completed by the **end of 2025**.