

McLarty Palliative Care Scholarships

The Cancer Council WA (CCWA) has an ongoing commitment to improving palliative care practice throughout Western Australia. This is achieved by facilitating access to ongoing education for health professionals and ensuring that services such as complementary and support therapies are an integral part of inpatient and community palliative care.

The generous bequest from the McLarty Family enables CCWA to play an important part in providing support to nurses and allied health staff through the provision of post graduate study scholarships.

Palliative Care Scholarships

The post graduate study scholarship available enables health professionals to pursue post graduate education at Palliative Care Certificate, Diploma and Masters level.

The scholarship funds are available for post graduate education in palliative care nursing and allied health with the aim of increasing the knowledge and skills in the delivery of palliative care, and will include:

- Graduate Certificates
- Graduate Diplomas
- Masters

Funding will not be considered for:

- Enrolled nurse to registered nurse conversion course
- Registered nurse re- registration

Whilst preference may be given to those applicants currently employed in a palliative care service, consideration will also be given to any nurse employed in the health care system who can demonstrate that in their work role they care for clients with life limiting illnesses.

Recipients of the McLarty Palliative Care Scholarships will receive funding for the cost of university unit fees only. The program will be accessible to nurses and allied health staff throughout the state and will enable recipients to take their expertise to the workplace enhancing best practice within their location. In addition, the scholarships will provide encouragement for talented health professionals to be attracted to, and remain in, specialist palliative care roles.

Application Process and Selection

Scholarships will be awarded twice per year to reflect university semester intake.

Semester 1 applications – Open November 2011 – Close January 20th 2012

Semester 2a Applications- Open May 2012 – Close June 29th 2012 .

All applicants are required to:

- complete the scholarship application form
- read and sign the terms and conditions
- attach a copy of their confirmed course enrolment
- provide a current Curriculum Vitae
- enclose a letter of support from their current employer

The closing dates and the above information will be posted on the CCWA website:
<http://www.cancerwa.asn.au/professionals> .

A selection panel will award scholarships.

Scholarship Criteria

To be eligible you must be:

- a registered nurse or allied health professional employed in Western Australia;
- an Australian citizen or have permanent residency status at the time of the application;
- undertaking a course that leads to an accredited tertiary qualification or applying to complete a study tour at a recognised health care institution;
- willing to participate in a scholarship process evaluation
- willing to submit a report following the scholarship detailing choice of scholarship and achievements subsequent to the experience;
- able to provide all documents as required

If your application is successful, you will be sent a letter of confirmation.

Course Withdrawal or Amendment

Successful applicants who withdraw from their course of study or who do not pass course requirements must notify CCWA in writing. Full or partial repayment of scholarship funding may be required after review of individual circumstances.

Graduation from the McLarty Scholarship

With the increased focus on palliative care excellence, CCWA envisage that these scholarships will be highly sought after. Successful applicants will be recognised by their peers and within the community to be practitioners of the highest calibre.

Individuals awarded a scholarship will be known as CCWA McLarty Palliative Care Scholarship Recipient and on graduation will be presented with a certificate to reflect this.

Contact Details

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