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Minister for Health

**Grants to help you realise your career goals**

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If you have lived in the Territory for at least five years and are undertaking study to become a nurse or midwife or to further your qualifications, the latest round of Studies Assistance Grants announced today could help.

Nurses and midwives working within the unique and culturally diverse health care environment of the Northern Territory are highly valued.

““This is an opportunity for Territorians looking to work in these health professions to study locally and receive some financial assistance to help with course costs,” Health Minister John Elferink said today.

“The Territory Government is committed to developing the skills of our health professionals, and in particular, to ensuring NT locals are helped accordingly.”

The Studies Assistance Grants are now offered in two rounds to coincide with each academic semester. Details and application forms for the latest round will appear in newspapers and on-line.

A total of $96,000 is available each year for Nursing and Midwifery Studies. Twenty nine were awarded in semester 1 – 5 bachelor of nursing; 1 bachelor of midwifery; 3 graduate certificates; 11 graduate diplomas and 9 masters.

Applications for the remaining assistance grants for this year are invited from:

- Nurses and midwives enrolled in postgraduate studies and who have lived in the Territory for more than one year and are employed in NT health services – public, private and non-government organisations.

- Nursing and midwifery students who have lived in the NT for more than five years and are enrolled in a course leading to registration as an enrolled or registered nurse/midwife.

Four Ministerial Nurse Practitioner Scholarships worth up to $6500 each are awarded annually and three of these were allocated in the first academic semester. One further scholarship is now available to a:
Nurse Practitioner candidate enrolled in a Masters of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner) program who has completed at least two units of study, has lived in the NT for more than one year and who is employed in NT health services.

Applications for the grants open on Saturday (July 18) and close on September 15, 2015.

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