

# Expression of Interest

## Nurse Immunisation Scholarship

### 1. Overview

Gold Coast Primary Health Network (GCPHN) invites Registered Nurses (Division 1) and Enrolled Nurses (Division 2) working in general practice to apply for a fully funded Nurse Immunisation Scholarship. The scholarship includes a paid position to enrol and complete the approved Immunisation Course for Health Professionals by the Benchmarque Group and support from GCPHN to complete an immunisation focused quality improvement (QI) activity at your general practice.

By completing the approved immunisation course, nurses will be granted a Certificate of Completion (HESA accredited) to be an authorised nurse immuniser. Authorised nurse immunisers must be employed by a service approved by their state or territory government health department to provide immunisation services and have access to either a medical practitioner or nurse practitioner for clinical advice and support as needed. For further information on the administration of vaccinations, refer to [Administration of vaccines – Scope of practice for healthcare professionals](#), or [Nursing and Midwifery Board \(NMBA\)](#).

The primary aims of the scholarship:

- This initiative supports GCPHN's commitment to building the capacity of the primary healthcare workforce in immunisation management by providing Registered and Enrolled Nurses with access to formal education and training. It aims to equip primary healthcare nurses with the skills, knowledge, and confidence to deliver immunisations as authorised nurse immunisers, enhance vaccination delivery across all age groups, particularly for vulnerable populations and recognise the critical role nurses play in delivering vaccines under the [Queensland Immunisation Schedule](#).

The timeframe for the delivery of activities to meet program objectives is **30 March 2026 – 30 June 2026**.

### 2. About Gold Coast Primary Health Network (GCPHN)

GCPHN is an independent, not-for-profit company, one of 31 Primary Health Networks established by the Australian Government on July 1, 2015, to identify the health needs of local communities and fund and improve primary health services, to keep people well and out of hospital. We work closely with public, private and non-government organisations in the primary healthcare sector and across the acute care sector to improve the health and well-being of the Gold Coast.

GCPHN's vision is to "*Build on world class health system for the Gold Coast*".

Our strategic goals include:

- **Improve coordination of care** to ensure patients receive the right care, at the right place, at the right time and by the right person.

- **Increase efficiency and effectiveness** of medical services particularly for those at risk of poor health outcomes.
- **Engaging with stakeholders to improve our health system.** Actively engage and advocate for general practice and other stakeholders to facilitate improvement in our local health systems.
- **Being an accountable organisation.** Operate as a high performing, efficient and accountable organisation.

### 3. Eligibility

If applying for this opportunity, nurses must meet the following requirements to receive a scholarship:

- Hold a current AHPRA registered nurse (Division 1) or enrolled nurse (Division 2) qualification.
- Currently work in a Gold Coast General Practice/s and provide immunisations as part of your role.
- **Have not** successfully completed an accredited immunisation course previously.
- Must be able to commence the course by **March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2026**.
- Your application for this scholarship needs to be endorsed by your practice manager.
- Be willing to undertake 70 hours active online, self-paced study (CPD hours) within the required timeframe.
- Agree to reimburse GCPHN the full cost of the course (\$850 incl. GST) should you be unable to complete the immunisation course in the required timeframe provided.
- Applicants agree for details to be shared with the course provider (Benchmarque Group) for the purpose of enrolment, course progression and to share evaluation results with GCPHN.

### 4. Scholarship Inclusions

GCPHN are offering **25 Nurse Immuniser Scholarships** to Registered Nurses (Division 1) and Enrolled Nurses (Division 2) working within general practice in the Gold Coast region.

#### The scholarship:

- GCPHN will directly pay the training provider the course fee of **\$850**.
- GCPHN will fund the Practice Nurse a one-time sitting fee of **\$1,160** (excl GST) to support the time taken to complete the course. Proof of course completion (certificate) and an invoice for the above amount (template provided) needs to be submitted to GCPHN.
- Onboarding survey before commencement of the immunisation course, documented QI activity using the Plan, Do, Study, Act (PDSA) cycles and an evaluation survey on conclusion of the immunisation course (provided by GCPHN).
- Dedicated support from a GCPHN QI Project Officer to lead and complete an immunisation QI activity in your practice focusing on your choice of population group including:
  - Childhood Immunisations (0-5yrs)
  - Adult Immunisations Vaccinations
  - Pregnant Woman

- RSV
- Winter immunisations including influenza/COVID-19/Pneumovax
- Opportunity to attend a [Gold Coast Public Health Unit \(GCPHU\)](#) vaccination clinic, (30mins – 3hrs duration) to observe the vaccination process for a range of consumers and gain exposure to the extensive skills that GCPHU nurses have in supporting a seamless, person-centred approach to vaccination.

**The course:**

- [Immunisation Course for Health Professionals](#) worth \$850 delivered by [the Benchmarque Group](#).
- Nationally accredited course and endorsed by the [Health Education Services Australia](#) (HESA accredited)
- Is online, flexible and self-paced plus includes a compulsory one-day virtual or face-to-face workshop.
- Must be completed by **30<sup>th</sup> June 2026**.
- Is equivalent to 70 CPD hours.

## 5. Privacy Policy and Information Management

GCPHN collects personal information for the purpose of assisting its activities and functions in the primary health care sector. If your contact details are collected, they may be used to forward information and notifications from GCPHN. In some circumstances we may provide information to our funding agency (Department of Health and Aged Care) or to service providers that enter legal contracts with us which are bound by confidentiality. A link to GCPHN Privacy policy can be found [here](#).

Please find [here](#) the guiding principles that encompass the intent of the Gold Coast Primary Health Network's (GCPHN) Information Management Policy Framework (IMPF).

## 6. Timeline

Milestone:	Due by:
Expression of Interest open	2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2026
Expression of Interest closes	5pm 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Acceptance and return of the scholarship agreement to GCPHN	27 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Commence the Benchmarque immunisation course	By 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
Onboarding meeting with GCPHN QI Project Officer	March 2026
Touchpoint meeting with GCPHN QI Project Officer	April / May
Final meeting with GCPHN QI Project Officer	May / June
Final date for completion of course	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
Final date for deliverables and submission of invoice	30 <sup>th</sup> June 2026

## 7. How to apply

Please complete an Expression of Interest [here](#)

**Applications close 5.00pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026.**

Scholarships will be granted on **a first in basis to eligible applicants.**

Please direct any questions relating to this EOI through to Bec Norris on 5612 5425 or via email [rebeccan@gcphn.com.au](mailto:rebeccan@gcphn.com.au)