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350 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR DIPLOMA OF ENROLLED NURSING

NSW Health Minister Jillian Skinner today encouraged school leavers or anyone interested in a career change to take advantage of 350 NSW Government scholarships for the 2016 Diploma of Nursing (Enrolled Nurse) program.

Scholarship holders will train at metropolitan and rural TAFE NSW Institutes as well as the NSW Health Registered Training Organisation at Rozelle and Liverpool, and undertake clinical experiences in the NSW Health system.

A new program will provide students with opportunities for elective subjects and clinical placements in the area of mental health, with a view to be employed in this specialty field following graduation.

“Enrolled Nurses are vital to our health system, providing care for patients when they are often most in need, whether it’s in acute hospital wards, aged care facilities, operating theatres, paediatrics or mental health units,” Mrs Skinner said.

“These scholarships will lead to a Diploma of Enrolled Nursing qualification for 350 students. Importantly, students who complete the course and meet standard recruitment and registration processes will receive a job offer at a NSW public hospital.

“I strongly recommend anyone who is a compassionate, caring person to apply for a scholarship and embark on a very rewarding career.”

The only cost for scholarship recipients for the Diploma is the compulsory student fee which is reimbursed by NSW Health on completion of 12 months employment as an Enrolled Nurse in a NSW public health facility. Students may be able to access VET FEE-HELP to assist in paying this upfront cost.

Applications are invited from HSC school leavers, mature age applicants or those who have already completed a Certificate III or equivalent qualification.

Applications close on February 10. Successful applicants will commence their Diploma from April 2016. The program runs for between 12 and 18 months.

For more information:

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/nursing/scholarship/Pages/enrolled-nurse-scholarships.aspx>