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WHAT ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE TO ME IF I AM EMPLOYED BY QUEENSLAND HEALTH?

All transition programs offered in Queensland Health hospitals are free to Queensland Health employees and generally provide a two-subject credit towards a graduate certificate (four subjects).

Queensland Health's Study and Research Assistance Scheme (SARAS) is designed to help employees who are pursuing courses of study or research projects. You may be eligible for SARAS assistance if the course of study or research that you are undertaking helps you better perform your job, or if it generally contributes to the achievement of the department's goals.

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SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR QUEENSLAND HEALTH EMPLOYEES

Queensland Health, Health Advisery Unit (Nursing) also offers nursing scholarships to nurses employed in Queensland Health.

Queensland Health Mental Health Scholarships are available for Queensland Health employees enrolled in postgraduate studies leading to Mental Health Endorsement for nurses. The scholarship provides assistance through part reimbursement of fees.

Scholarship application packages are available from either the local district mental health service or by contacting the Mental Health Workforce Project Officer on (07) 3234 0685.

For more information go to Queensland Health's website:
<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/orh/scholarships/default.asp>

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WHAT OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE?

The Postgraduate Education Loans Scheme (PELS) is an interest free loan provided by the Commonwealth Government. It is available to students enrolled in postgraduate, fee-paying, non-research courses. The Government pays the student's university directly, and the loan is repaid via the taxation system when the student's income reaches \$23,242.

For more information go to <http://www.goingtouni.gov.au>

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GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Most Queensland universities that conduct nursing courses offer postgraduate scholarships. For more information on what scholarships and grants are available, you should contact the University directly.

The Queensland Nursing Council (QNC) offers research grants and scholarships to nurses in Queensland. For more information on what is available, contact:
<http://www.qnc.qld.gov.au>

The Royal College of Nursing, Australia (RCNA) also offers a range of nursing scholarships. For more information on RCNA scholarships, go to:
<http://www.rcna.org.au/site/scholarships.php>

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UNIVERSITY LINKS

The following links will take you directly to each university's nursing course web page:

Australian Catholic University

http://www.acu.edu.au/faculties-schools/health_sciences/courses

Central Queensland University

<http://fseh.cqu.edu.au>

Griffith University

<http://www.gu.edu.au/school/nrs>

James Cook University

<http://www.jcu.edu.au/school/ns/>

Queensland University of Technology

<http://www.hlth.qut.edu.au/nrs>

University of Queensland

<http://www.nursing.uq.edu.au>

University of Southern Queensland

<http://www.usq.edu.au/sciences/nursing/default.htm>