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APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS ARE CLOSED FOR

Orticare Pharmacotherapy Network is offering scholarships to Alcohol and other Drug (AOD) Nurse Practitioner Candidates (NPCs) working in the Grampians or Loddon Mallee Regions. One of Orticare's current workforce development priorities, as noted in our Strategic Action Plan, is to increase the number and capacity of AOD Nurse Practitioners (NPs) in the catchment. AOD NPs are a small but rapidly-growing specialist workforce in Victoria, based in both hospital and community settings.

AOD NPs constitute a significant value-add to the pharmacotherapy service system and to the AOD service system more broadly, as they are able to offer diagnostic and prescribing expertise while operating from a holistic nursing framework. Some of the service system enhancements that AOD NPs provide in the rural and regional context are:

- Advanced assessment, consultation and education
- Enhanced withdrawal capacity
- Pharmacotherapy
- Shared care AOD treatment with General Practitioners
- Capacity building of general practice and AOD treatment services.

Eligibility

Orticare is utilising the 2019-2020 scholarship grant to offer financial support towards the completion of a master's degree for those AOD NPCs working within the Grampians or Loddon Mallee regions.

Selection of recipients

Scholarships will be applied for by eligible applicants with the endorsement of their employing organisation. An application form is attached. Grants will be paid to the employing organisation in order for organisations to be able to directly pay their employee's study costs in line with the inclusions below.

In determining suitability for a scholarship, Orticare Network will seek confirmation from each organisation that the NPC is supported to undertake their clinical internship/practice, and will require a brief description of how each organisation's model of service will enhance and sustain rural and regional capacity in pharmacotherapy. Priority will be given to NPCs working in geographic areas of high need for increased pharmacotherapy services.

A panel of Orticare network members will oversee the awarding of grants in order to ensure transparency of decision-making and funds allocation.

How to apply

Please complete the application form and email it, along with a cover letter, to orticare@bchc.org.au [2]. For any queries please contact Pauline Molloy, Orticare Manager, on (03) 5338 9142 or paulinemo@bchc.org.au [4]

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Closing date for applications – 13/12/2019

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