# Apply Now: Diabetes Care Scholarship for Practice Nurses in South Eastern NSW

**EOI reference number: EOI-2526-11** 

**Application closes on** 22 January 2026 or (or earlier if all places are filled).

#### 1. Introduction

COORDINARE, as the South Eastern NSW Primary Health Network, is dedicated to fostering healthier communities. We focus our efforts on those who face the biggest inequities. To do this, we collaborate with the community, general practices and other stakeholders to design solutions that make it easier for people to get the health care they need. **More information about COORDINARE – SENSW PHN can be found on** our website.

We are offering fully-funded scholarship to support Practice Nurses in enhancing their knowledge of diabetes care. This opportunity is designed to build confidence, strengthen clinical knowledge, and support nurses in delivering high-quality diabetes care in primary care settings.

Successful applicants will be granted access to the Diabetes in Practice for Nurses program from **February 2026** and are expected to complete the course within six months of commencement.

# 2. About Diabetes in Practices for Nurses program

The Diabetes in Practice for Nurses program is:

- Developed by Diabetes Qualified, the training arm of Diabetes Australia.
- Endorsed by the Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association (APNA) for 12 CPD hours.
- Delivered online, flexible and self-paced (approx. 12 hours of elearning)
- Structured into 16 interactive modules, covers a broad range of topics including blood glucose monitoring, medication, technology in diabetes care, the annual cycle of care, and behaviour change strategies.
- Designed for nurses working in primary care settings

The program also equips nurses with practical tools to translate their learning into everyday practice, supporting the implementation of improved diabetes care within primary care settings. It fosters confidence in engaging patients through supportive, non-judgemental conversations, particularly with those living with or at risk of diabetes.

More information about the program can be found via the <u>Diabetes in Practice for Nurses</u> website and Terms and Conditions: <u>Terms of Use - Diabetes Qualified</u>.

#### What You'll Learn

By completing the Diabetes in Practice for Nurses course, you will:

- Gain a comprehensive understanding of diabetes, including symptoms, diagnosis, treatment, and management.
- Learn to identify risk factors for type 2 diabetes and strategies to delay its onset.
- Understand key factors affecting blood glucose levels and target ranges for type 1 and type 2 diabetes.
- Develop skills to screen and manage acute complications such as hypoglycaemia and hyperglycaemia.

- Recognise chronic complications including microvascular, macrovascular, oral, and mental health impacts.
- Improve your approach to blood glucose monitoring, including technique and equipment use.
- Understand the actions and side effects of common oral diabetes medications.
- Strengthen your communication skills to support behaviour change through positive, personcentred conversations.

#### What You'll Receive

- A CPD certificate endorsed by APNA.
- Practical knowledge aligned with national guidelines and case-based learning to enhance patient care
- Best-practice communication strategies to build trust and support people living with or at risk of diabetes.
- Tools and insights to implement improved diabetes care practices in your workplace.

### Activities required

In addition to completing the online modules, you are required to attend a one-hour interactive webinar facilitated by Credentialled Diabetes Educators from Diabetes Qualified. Scheduled for August 2026, this session will take place after course completion and is designed to consolidate learning and support practical implementation. The webinar will reinforce key concepts, encourage application in local settings, and provide an opportunity for participants to ask questions, share insights, and discuss real-world scenarios with peers and educators.

Refer to Frequently asked questions for further information.

#### Financial support under this Scholarship

Each scholarship (valued at \$430) covers:

- Full course access via Diabetes Qualified's eLearning platform.
- **16 self-paced modules** designed to build diabetes knowledge and communication skills relevant to primary care.
- Four multiple-choice assessments and a feedback survey, required to obtain a Certificate of Completion.
- **Six months of access** from the enrolment date, allowing participants to complete the course flexibly and at their own pace.
- Access to interactive webinar organised by Credentialled Diabetes Educators from Diabetes
  Qualified.

**Out of scope:** This scholarship does not cover any additional fees or expenses associated with participation in the course, including but not limited to accommodation, transportation, internet access, time off work, or other incidental costs.

# 3. Eligibility

Twenty grants are available for Practice Nurses working within South Eastern NSW.

To be eligible for this scholarship opportunity, applicants must:

- Be currently employed or will be employed as a Practice Nurse in a general practice setting within South Eastern NSW.
- Hold current registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

- Have an interest in expanding their knowledge and skills in diabetes management.
- Be available to commence the *Diabetes in Practice for Nurses* program from February 2026 and commit to completing the course within six months.
- Have access to a computer and internet connection to complete the online course.

# 4. How to apply?

Applications can be submitted via <u>electronic form</u> on the <u>COORDINARE website</u>. Applications must be received by **5:00pm AEST 22 January 2025**. Late applications will not be accepted.

Please note that applications may close earlier if sufficient Expressions of Interest have been received. In this case, your application will still be assessed and may be placed on a waiting list.

For any questions regarding this process please email Commissioning Business Team at <a href="mailto:commissioning@coordinare.org.au">commissioning@coordinare.org.au</a>.

#### 5. Timeline

An <u>indicative</u> timeline is outlined below. COORDINARE reserves the right to modify these timeframes. Any changes to this EOI will be updated on COORDINARE's website.

Scholarship opens	18 November 2025
Last day for applications to be received	Up to 22 January 2026
Assessment of applications	Within 2 weeks from the date of receiving applications
Application outcome	Within 3 weeks from the date of receiving applications
Diabetes in Practice for Nurses course enrolment deadline	20 February 2026
Course commences	Access to course materials will be available within 24 hours of enrolment
Course completion	All eLearning modules must be completed within six months of enrolment
Participation in interactive webinar facilitated by Credentialled Diabetes Educators	August 2026
Participation in an informal interview or writing of a short article for inclusion of a COORDINARE eNewsletter- if requested by COORDINARE	August - September 2026

# 6. Assessment criteria and evaluation

All applications will be assessed on their response to the assessment criteria found within the application form.

To ensure broad regional representation, COORDINARE may prioritise applications that contribute to a diverse geographic distribution across the South Eastern NSW PHN catchment.

## 7. Scholarship outcomes

All applicants will receive a formal letter from COORDINARE confirming the outcome of their applications.

# 8. Conditions of this Expression of Interest

General	Applicants should familiarise themselves with this document and the separate application form and ensure that their proposals comply with the requirements set out in these documents.
Acceptance	A non-complying submission may be rejected. COORDINARE may not accept any application.
Explanations	Verbal explanations or instructions given prior to acceptance of a proposal shall not bind COORDINARE.
Legal entity	COORDINARE will only enter into a contract with an organisation or individual, or a natural person at least 18 years of age with mental capacity to understand the agreement.
Expenses	All expenses and costs incurred by the applicants in connection with this EOI including (without limitation) preparing and lodging a submission, providing COORDINARE with further information, attending interviews and participating in any subsequent negotiations, are the sole responsibility of the applicant.
Additional information	If additional information to that requested in this document is required by COORDINARE when application are being considered, written information may be requested to obtain such information at no cost to COORDINARE. COORDINARE may also provide additional information or clarification.
Process	COORDINARE reserves the right to withdraw from, or alter, the EOI process described in this document for whatever reason, prior to the signing of any agreement/contract with any party.
Ownership	All submissions become the property of COORDINARE once lodged. COORDINARE may copy, or otherwise deal with all or any part of a submission for the purpose of conducting evaluation of submissions.
Notification of Probity Breach	Should any applicant feel that they have been unfairly excluded from responding or unfairly disadvantaged by the process, the applicant is invited to write to the Business Team at <a href="mailto:commissioning@coordinare.org.au">commissioning@coordinare.org.au</a>
Lobbying	Any attempt by any Respondent to exert influence on the outcome of the assessment process by lobbying COORDINARE staff, directly or indirectly, will be grounds for disqualification of the application from further consideration.
No contract	Nothing in this EOI should be construed to give rise to any contractual obligations or rights, express or implied, by the issue of this EOI or the lodgement of submission in response to it. No contract will be created unless and until a formal written contract is executed between COORDINARE and a Respondent. Respondents will not be considered approved until a final service agreement is in place.