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Patricia Blackley Postgraduate Education Scholarships 2023

As proud supporters of professional nursing education in ostomy care, Coloplast ANZ are pleased to announce the *Patricia Blackley Postgraduate Education Scholarship Program*. These scholarships honour the pioneering work of Patricia Blackley as a clinician, educator, author, and journal editor in stomal therapy nursing.

This program is being conducted in collaboration with the Australian Association of Stomal Therapy Nurses (AASTN) and the New Zealand Nurses Organisation College of Stomal Therapy Nursing (NZNOCSTN).

Purpose:

- To enable Registered Nurses working in ostomy care to undertake postgraduate education in Stomal Therapy Nursing or a related area of practice.
- To improve the quality of ostomy care for people in Australia and New Zealand by advancing postgraduate nursing education.

What courses are eligible for the scholarship grants?

These scholarships may be used to support:

- Course fees for the Graduate Certificate of Stomal Therapy Nursing through the Australian College of Nursing or the Graduate Certificate in Wound, Ostomy and Continence Practice through Curtin University.
- Course fees for another post graduate course relevant to Stomal Therapy Nursing practice. For example; Master of Nursing, Master of Advanced Nursing Practice, Master of Counselling, Master of Business Administration, or Master/Graduate Certificate in another relevant skill set.

What is the value of the scholarship?

- Three scholarships are available. The value of each scholarship is \$5000 Australian Dollars.
- If there are no applicants who successfully meet the selection criteria, the scholarships will not be awarded.

Lodging applications:

- Applications must be lodged with the chairperson of the Australian Association of Stomal Therapy Nurses (AASTN) Education and Professional Development Subcommittee before the closing date of July 31st 2023. Late applications will not be considered.
- The email address for lodgement is: education@stomaltherapy.au

Selection Criteria:

Applicants must:

- Be a Registered Nurse with the Australian Health Practitioners Regulation Agency (AHPRA) OR the Nursing Council of New Zealand (NCNZ).
- Be able to provide evidence of being employed in an appropriate clinical setting.
- Have the support of their manager or head of department.
- Be a member of the AASTN or New Zealand Nurses Organisation College of Stomal Therapy Nursing (NZNOCSTN) or be willing to become a member or associate student member once the scholarship has been awarded and remain a member for the duration of the study program.
- If awarded the scholarship, agree to the public promotion of their success.
- If awarded the scholarship, agree to deliver an education session at an AASTN/NZNOCSTN meeting/conference OR prepare a journal article for the Journal of Stomal Therapy Australia/The Outlet (NZ).

Please include separate pages in your application for each of the following:

- The completed application form on the last page of this document.
- Resume: include your full work history and details of membership/participation in professional organisations/groups.
- Proof of current AHPRA or NCNZ registration as a Registered Nurse.
- Cover letter: include an outline of how you plan to utilise and disseminate the knowledge gained from the course and your anticipated commitment to Stomal Therapy Nursing (up to 300 words).
- Other funding sources: Please give details in your cover letter if you have received funding from any other source.

Selection Process:

- Applications will be reviewed by a selection panel comprised of at least two (2) AASTN Education and Professional Development Subcommittee Members and at least one (1) Member from the NZNOCSTN.
- If the selection criteria and guidelines have been met, a short-list of finalists will be agreed by the selection panel and a brief videoconference interview will be arranged with each of the short-listed applicants.
- The interview will explore the applicant's commitment to the specialty of Stomal Therapy Nursing and how they will use the knowledge gained from the course.
- This interview will occur within 6 weeks of the applications closing and will assist the final decision on the scholarship award.
- If the existing panel members have a conflict of interest, a maximum of two (2) proxies may be selected from the AASTN Education and Professional Development Subcommittee membership or one (1) proxy from the NZNOCSTN membership.
- The decision of the interview panel will be final and the applicants will be notified of the result.

Scholarship Awards:

The successful scholarship recipients will be announced by the AASTN and the NZNOCSTN in October 2023.

If awarded the scholarship, the successful applicant must provide to the AASTN Education and Professional Development Subcommittee:

- Confirmation of enrolment in the nominated postgraduate course as soon as possible after enrolment.
- Proof of AASTN or NZNOCSTN membership.
- A copy of the Degree Certificate (testamur) or Statement of Completion of the nominated postgraduate course as soon as is reasonably possible after completion of the course.

Documents should be emailed to: education@stomaltherapy.au

Failure to complete the program:

- Withdrawal from the program, or failure to successfully complete the program within a two-year period, unless agreed as below, will require all scholarship funds to be returned to the AASTN or the NZNOCSTN.
- Unexpected program interruptions which delay completion will be considered for retaining the financial assistance after written application to the Chairperson of the AASTN Education and Professional Development Subcommittee, outlining the reasons for delay. This should be sent via the email address: education@stomaltherapy.au
- Return of scholarship funds must be made within 30 days of enrolment cancellation or notification of unsuccessful results.

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Application Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Mobile: _____ Work: _____

Email: _____

Place of Employment: _____

Name of Course and Education Institution: _____

Course Commencement Date: _____

Anticipated Completion Date: _____

Applicant Agreement:

- Payment of the scholarship is subject to the successful completion of the nominated course.
- I understand and accept that if I withdraw from the above course for any reason or do not successfully complete the course within a two-year period (unless otherwise agreed), all scholarship funds must be returned to the AASTN/NZNOCSTN within 30 days.
- I understand that I must provide proof of completion to the AASTN Education and Professional Development Subcommittee as soon as is reasonably possible after course completion.
- If awarded the scholarship, I agree to public promotion of my success.
- I agree to deliver an education session at an AASTN/NZNOCSTN meeting/conference OR prepare a journal article for the Journal of Stomal Therapy Australia/The Outlet (NZ).

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Manager/Head of Department Endorsement:

I _____, fully endorse the application of _____
_____ for the Patricia Blackley Postgraduate Education Scholarship.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Position: _____

Facility: _____