



# 2024 Regional Local Health Network Scholarships

**Including:**

**Postgraduate and Certificate Scholarship**

**Professor Margaret Tobin Mental Health Scholarship**

**Guidelines for Applicants**



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## Regional Local Health Network Scholarships

Regional Local Health Networks are committed to providing a range of high-quality health services to meet the needs of people living in regional South Australia. Regional Local Health Network Scholarships are offered to existing employees who demonstrate a strong commitment to continued professional practice in the regional South Australia.

### Who is eligible to apply for a scholarship?

**To be eligible for postgraduate and certificate scholarships applicants must:**

- > be permanent employees of a regional Local Health Network or Rural Support Service
- > be studying part time, or about to commence part time study, in an approved program of postgraduate or certificate level study.

For the purposes of this scholarship, postgraduate study at university is defined as: an academic program which results in the student being awarded with a Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma, Master's Degree or Doctoral Degree.

**To be eligible for the Margaret Tobin Mental Health scholarship applicants must:**

- > be permanent employees of a regional Local Health Network or Rural Support Service
- > be undertaking postgraduate study in the field of Mental Health

**Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander employees are strongly encouraged to apply.**

Approved programs of study are listed below, if you have any questions about eligibility, please contact Organisational Development at [regionalhealthscholarships@sa.gov.au](mailto:regionalhealthscholarships@sa.gov.au)

### Scholarship Funding

The one-year scholarship funding is:

- > valued at \$4,500 paid pro rata to study load in two half yearly payments.
- > paid as a taxable allowance through payroll (to avoid recipients having to repay salary sacrifice benefits at the equivalent of a higher marginal rate of tax).
- > provided at the end of the semester once academic results and enrolment for next semester are submitted.

Recipients are to maintain a successful academic record throughout their scholarship, failure to pass any subject may result in loss of funding for subsequent semester.

We *strongly* recommend recipients seek independent taxation and personal financial advice before accepting a scholarship.

## Approved programs of study

Applications will be accepted in the following programs of study:

### Certificate Level

- > Certificate IV in ATSI Primary Health Care Practice
- > Certificate IV in Allied Health Assistance

### Postgraduate Level

Area of Practice and Disciplines	Approved Course
<b>Nursing</b>	
Acute Care	Graduate Certificate Acute Care Nursing
Aged Care	Graduate Certificate in Primary Health Care Nursing (Aged Care Nursing)
	Graduate Diploma in Nursing (Aged Care)
	Master of Nursing (Aged Care)
Community and Primary health	Graduate Certificate Community and Primary Health Care Nursing
Chronic Conditions	Graduate Certificate/Diploma in Chronic Condition Management
Diabetes	Graduate Certificate in Primary Health Care (Diabetes Management and Education)
Drug and Alcohol	Graduate Certificate Drug and Alcohol Nursing
Geriatrics – Aged Care	Graduate Certificate/Diploma in Applied Gerontology
High Dependency	Graduate Certificate in Acute Care Nursing (High Dependency)
	Graduate Diploma in Nursing (High Dependency)
	Master of Nursing (High Dependency)
Nursing	Bachelor of Nursing (Registered Nurse Entry)
	Master of Nursing
Nursing – Emergency	Graduate Certificate in Acute Care Nursing (Emergency)
	Graduate Diploma in Nursing (Emergency)
	Master of Nursing (Emergency)
Nursing – Nurse Practitioner	Master of Nursing (Nurse Practitioner)
Mental Health	Graduate Certificate Mental Health Nursing
	Master of Mental Health Nursing (Course work)

Area of Practice and Disciplines	Approved Course
	Master of Mental Health Nursing (clinical)
	Master of Nursing (Course study for Nurse Practitioner candidates)
	Graduate Diploma in Mental Health
	Master in Mental Health
Management Qualifications	Graduate Certificate Leadership and Management
	Master of Health Administration
	Master of Business Administration (Health)
	Graduate Certificate in Health Science (Clinical Education)
	Diploma in Clinical Education
	Master of Clinical Education
Midwifery	Bachelor of Midwifery - (Registered Nurse Entry)
	Graduate Diploma in Midwifery
	Master of Midwifery - (course work & research)
Orthopaedic	Graduate Certificate Orthopaedic Nursing
Palliative Care	Postgraduate Graduate Certificate/Diploma in Palliative Care
	Master of Palliative Care
Paediatrics/Early Childhood	Graduate Certificate in Acute Care Nursing (Paediatrics)
	Graduate Diploma in Nursing (Paediatrics)
	Master of Nursing (Paediatrics)
	Master of Advanced Clinical Physiotherapy (Paediatrics)
Perioperative	Graduate Certificate Perioperative
	Graduate Diploma in Nursing Science - (Perioperative Nursing)
	Master of Nursing Science - (Perioperative Nursing)
Rehabilitation	Graduate Certificate/Diploma in Clinical Rehabilitation
	Master of Clinical Rehabilitation
Wound care	Graduate Certificate/Diploma in Wound Care
<b>Allied Health</b>	
Allied Health • All Disciplines	Rural Generalist Program Level 1 (Rural Generalist Program) Level 2 (Graduate Diploma of Rural Generalist Practice)
	Post graduate courses offered interstate by distance in areas of workforce demand will be considered on a case-by-case basis
Cognitive Behaviour Therapy	Graduate Certificate/Diploma in Cognitive Behaviour

Area of Practice and Disciplines	Approved Course
	Therapy
	Master in Cognitive Behaviour Therapy
Chronic Conditions	Graduate Certificate/Diploma in Chronic Condition Management
Diabetes • Podiatry • Dietetics	Graduate Certificate in Primary Health Care (Diabetes Management and Education)
Dietetics	Graduate Certificate in Renal Nutrition
	Graduate Certificate in Paediatric Nutrition
Disability Studies	Graduate Certificate in Disability Studies
Geriatrics – Aged Care	Graduate Certificate/Diploma in Applied Gerontology
Health Research	Graduate Certificate in Health Research
	Master of Health Research
Lymphedema	
Management Qualifications • Clinical Leads • Team Leaders • Workforce	Master of Health Administration
	Graduate Certificate in Health Science (Clinical Education)
	Graduate Diploma in Clinical Education
	Master of Clinical Education
	Master of Business Administration
Mental Health • Occupational Therapy • Social Work • Psychology	Master of Public Health
	Graduate Diploma in Mental Health
	Master in Mental Health
Occupational Therapy	Master of Occupational Therapy (Graduate entry)
	Master of Clinical Psychology
Paediatrics/Early Childhood • Allied Health	Master of Occupational Therapy (Graduate entry)
	Graduate Certificate in Acute Care Nursing (Paediatrics)
	Graduate Diploma in Nursing (Paediatrics)
	Master of Nursing (Paediatrics)
Palliative Care • Allied Health	Master of Advanced Clinical Physiotherapy (Paediatrics)
	Postgraduate Graduate Certificate/Diploma in Palliative Care
Rehabilitation	Master of Palliative Care
	Graduate Certificate/Diploma in Clinical Rehabilitation
Physiotherapy	Master of Clinical Rehabilitation
	Master of Physiotherapy
Social Work	Graduate Diploma of Counselling and Psychotherapy
	Master of Counselling and Psychotherapy

Area of Practice and Disciplines	Approved Course
	Master of Social Work
Speech Pathology	Master of Speech Pathology
Wound care • Podiatry	Graduate Certificate in Wound Care
	Graduate Diploma in Wound Care
	Masters of Wound Care
Allied Health Workforce	Graduate Certificate in Health Professional Education
	Graduate Certificate in Clinical Leadership
	Graduate Certificate in Health Service Management
<b>Mental Health</b>	
Margaret Tobin Mental Health Scholarship	Postgraduate study in Mental Health Field
<b>Other Categories</b>	
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Employees	Leadership/Management Administration
Regional LHN Employees	Graduate Certificate Health Informatics

## Application process

Applications are submitted online via the scholarship website by the closing date

[www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/ruralhealthscholarships](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/ruralhealthscholarships)

To be eligible for consideration an applicant must:

1. complete the online application form.
2. submit a curriculum vitae or resume.
3. submit a signed referee statement from someone holding a senior position within the employing health unit i.e., Director of Nursing, or equivalent. The referee should comment specifically on how the study will benefit both the organisation and the applicant's career development.
4. submit a written statement (maximum **300** words) that clearly addresses the following:
  - > Explain how the scholarship will assist in enhancing your career in rural practice.
  - > Explain your understanding of the pertinent health and/or other issues facing rural communities.

## Scholarship Terms and Conditions

If successful, the recipient will need to:

- > **supply** proof of university/training provider acceptance and enrolment (noting acceptance into a course is not required when submitting your scholarship application, evidence of enrolment is required when the scholarship offer is accepted).
- > **maintain** a successful academic record (pass-grades) throughout your studies. Failure to pass any subject may result in loss of funding for the subsequent semester.
- > **provide** a copy of the official academic results at the end of each semester as well as proof of enrolment for the next semester (where applicable).
- > **ensure** the scholarship funds are used for expenses directly related to study.
- > **accept** the scholarship terms and conditions through a signed an agreement.
- > **recipients** who do not fulfil these obligations may be required to repay scholarship funding.

Recipients must notify the Organisational Development area immediately if study arrangements, contact details, or circumstances change. Organisational Development may be contacted via email [regionalhealthscholarships@sa.gov.au](mailto:regionalhealthscholarships@sa.gov.au)

We *strongly* recommend scholarship recipients seek independent taxation and personal financial advice before accepting a scholarship.

## Termination of Scholarship Agreement

- > failure to complete scholarship obligations such as non-completion of an approved program of study (e.g., withdrawing from the study program prior to completion) may result in termination of the recipient's scholarship agreement and having to return any scholarship funds already paid.
- > failure to maintain a successful academic record (pass-grades) during the course may result in non-payment of the following semesters funding.

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*For more information*

**Organisational Development**

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