

Southern Cross Nursing Scholarship – Additional Information and Conditions

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1. Scholarships will be offered to students who demonstrate financial hardship and/or are from Ara's priority learner groups.
2. The applicant's personal history and circumstances, financial needs, academic achievement, and career plans will also be taken into account by the selection panel. Involvement in extra-curricular/co-curricular activities will be of interest to the panel.

Students accepted for a scholarship are encouraged to:

- Participate actively in the non-financial benefits of the programme (including mentorship, workshops and placements).
- Pass all exams and assessments.
- Provide updates and stories relating to study to Southern Cross with support from Ara including an end-of-year update for each year of study under the scholarship. These will be obtained as part of Southern Cross outreach to recipients.
- Provide feedback to Southern Cross that can be used to improve the programme. This will be obtained via the Southern Cross formal evaluation framework.
- Advise appropriate parties of any issues relating to their study or the scholarship so that appropriate support can be provided.

Conditions of Acceptance and Appointment

- The award of this scholarship is conditional on the student being enrolled in the Bachelor of Nursing in the year of award.
- The recipient will enrol in no less than 120 points each year during the tenure of the scholarship.
- The recipient must agree to allow the Trust and Southern Cross Healthcare to use their name and photograph for the purpose of publicising the scholarship.
- The recipient may only hold other scholarships with the approval of Ara and Southern Cross Health Trust and must declare to the Scholarships Office all scholarships, awards and grants held at the date of application and for which the recipient receives payment while also receiving payment for this scholarship. No scholarship offered by another healthcare organisation may be entered into while receiving payment for this scholarship.

- Deferral and suspension requests must be made in writing to the Ara Scholarships Office. These will be considered by the Trust and Southern Cross Healthcare.
- Academic progress will be monitored each semester.
- If the recipient does not complete at least two consecutive semesters of study at Ara while on award they may be required to pay back the full value of the scholarship received.
- Recipients are required to comply with the regulations for this scholarship and must notify the Scholarships Office of any change in their enrolment or funding status.
- Ara, in consultation with Southern Cross Health Trust and Southern Cross Healthcare, has the power to terminate or suspend a scholarship if it receives an unsatisfactory report on the academic progress of a recipient or if the recipient has failed to comply with any of the conditions on which the scholarship was awarded and may require repayment of any award sums disbursed.

Non-Financial Benefit Conditions

- Priority clinical placements in Southern Cross Healthcare hospitals and subsidiaries are subject to a separate written agreement between Southern Cross Healthcare and recipients, including relevant background checks where appropriate.
- Recipients may be offered the opportunity to explore a part-time role under a separate employment contract in a Southern Cross Healthcare hospital or healthcare service provider that offers flexibility during clinical placement.

Note: clinical placement cannot take place in the same department as part-time work.