

GRANTS WEEK 2024

Allied Health and Nursing Upskilling Grant

Is this the right opportunity for me?

There are a range of opportunities to receive support through RWAV, how do I know which one is for me? One of the key elements that will determine which of the grants you may be eligible for is the geography of where you work in Victoria. You'll need to know the Modified Monash Model Location, or MMM location, of your workplace. The MMM location is a measure of rurality, from 1 to 7, based on population density – don't worry, you don't need to do any kind of statistical analysis to work out your MMM status, there is a Health Workforce Locator tool that will tell you what your MMM status is based on your work address.

The Allied Health and Nursing Upskilling Grant has a narrow eligibility scope in terms of geographical area compared to most of our other grants – it's only open to those working in MMM 2 locations. Think towns like Bendigo, Ballarat, Wodonga and the outer rim of Melbourne. Fear not if you're working in a MMM 3 or above location, or working in an Aboriginal Controlled Community Health Organisation, you might want to check out our info on the Health Workforce Scholarship Program.

You'll also need offer at least 8 hours per week of private face-to-face primary care to qualify. Eligible professions include counsellors, diabetes educators, dietitians, exercise physiologists, midwives, nurses, nurse practitioners, occupational therapists, physiotherapists, podiatrists, psychologists, social workers, and speech pathologists. But remember, if you're employed solely by a government entity, or provide only NDIS, HACC, or other government-funded services, this grant isn't for you.

Why should I apply?

You might be thinking, what would I get out of this grant? It's all about helping you access educational and skill development opportunities, building your capabilities, and enhancing your career progression. By investing in your professional growth, we aim to improve the quality of allied health and nursing services for our rural communities.

You can receive up to \$1,000 per financial year for short courses, workshops, conferences, seminars, webinars, online training, and postgraduate courses. Essentially, any training that meets your clinical professional development requirements! So, if you've been eyeing a particular course or workshop, this grant could make it possible for you to attend without the financial burden.

However, the grant doesn't cover travel or accommodation costs, and face to face courses outside of Australia or courses deferred to FEE-HELP or HECS-HELP aren't eligible for reimbursement.

When Should I apply?

Just like in comedy, timing is everything for grant applications! You'll only be able to submit applications in two limited rounds. Round One opens at 9:00 am on 1 October 2024 and closes at 11:59 pm on 31 October 2024. This round is only for courses starting from 1 October 2024 to 31 January 2025 – if your course starts in February or March, you'll need to wait until Round Two, which opens at 9:00 am on 1 February 2025 and closes at 11:59 pm on 28 February 2025, for courses starting from 1 February 2025 to 30 June 2025. You must submit your application by 11:59 pm the day before your course starts, so pay close attention to the grant round dates to make sure we can consider your application.

The application process is straightforward, and our team is here to support you every step of the way. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to advance your skills and improve healthcare in your community!