

The perfect springboard to launch a meaningful career

APNA—supporting the next generation of primary health care nurses

The Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association (APNA) is the peak body for nurses working in primary health care.

But hang on, what's primary health care nursing? In short, primary health care nurses work in a range of settings each sharing the characteristic that they are the first level of contact that individuals, families and communities have with the healthcare system. General practice, community health, correctional and custodial facilities, schools, indigenous health and more—we are all primary health care nurses. And together, we are a nurseforce to be reckoned with.

Take the best possible step into your career, with APNA

As a student member of APNA, you will strengthen your career profile by gaining foundational skills and knowledge, immersing yourself in key industry news, meeting and connecting with leaders in the profession, and accessing career support and advice.

Whether you want to treat refugees in a nurse-led clinic, publish research as an academic or perhaps make a name for yourself as the nurse immuniser at a general practice—the best part of choosing primary health care nursing as your career is that the possibilities are endless.

APNA welcomes all students who are undertaking a diploma or bachelor of nursing and have sparked up an interest in primary health care nursing.

Be part of it, join APNA today



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Access to 200+ hours of free and discounted online learning tailored to primary health care



Professional development is at your fingertips from the comfort of your home, school library, or even on your semester break holiday in Europe, with APNA's Online Learning platform. The CPD possibilities are endless with online learning topics such as diabetes, asthma, haemochromatosis, influenza prevention, mental health, scope of practice, basic pharmacology, health literacy, ulceration of the lower legs and leadership—you name it, we've got it.

Dedicated support and advice to help you with your career choices



As a student nurse, you probably feel like a baby giraffe learning how to take its first steps when it comes to thinking about your future career. With this in mind, APNA knows that you're bound to have a question or two, particularly as you inch closer to finishing your studies and deciding where and how to start your career. APNA's Nurse Support Line—a national support service—is here to help. The Nurse Support Line is a member-only service provided by expert nurse consultants. It provides members with access to timely, relevant and accurate advice, resources and referrals. Whether you have a question regarding a best-practice evidence-based resource for your assignment or need help with figuring out the next best step for your career, our consultants will provide you with guidance.

APNA will help you lay the foundation to a healthy career: Join as a student member

Visit www.apna.asn.au to join or contact the APNA Membership Team by dialing 1300 303 184 or email membership@apna.asn.au

Access to critical industry news in a timely and digestible format



Rain, hail or shine, student members can always look to the APNA *Primary Times* journal for their quarterly dose of the latest industry and clinical news, plus interesting features of nurses in a range of settings. We send the *Primary Times* straight to your door and your phone so that you're kept in the loop of all industry happenings. You can also catch up on previous issues online.

Learn new skills for less at our face-to-face events



Every year, APNA hosts a string of workshops—aimed at both the beginner and the expert primary health care nurse—across our great land. If you can't get along to one of our workshops then hold out for the biggest primary health care nursing event of the year—the APNA National Conference. Attendees can expect to connect with leaders, share stories, build knowledge and skills, make new friends, be inspired and come away with a mountain of fond memories (and CPD hours!). The best part—registration to our conference and Foundations of General Practice Nursing workshops are heavily discounted to student members.

Find useful resources to support best-practice nursing



The days of looking for that needle (resource) in the haystack (Google) are long over with APNA's online Knowledge Hub. The Hub is a mammoth library containing 2,000+ primary health care research articles, clinical guidelines, news stories and more—all locked down to student and professional members only.

Connect with other nurses and expand your professional circle



By becoming an APNA member, you'll belong to a member community of more than 4,500 nurses working in primary health care. APNA helps make professional isolation a thing of the past with its private online network, the APNA Member-Only Facebook group. This is a space for you to connect with leaders in the field and start growing your professional network, and by goodness, it's one active and supportive community.

Have your voice heard and help shape the profession



One feel-good thing about joining APNA is that you're part of a movement that's working on changing the primary health care nurse role for the better. With support from our members, APNA has become a stronger influencer of national health care policy, to increase the profile and value of primary health care nursing, with benefits for the Australian community. As a student member, your input will influence APNA's advocacy—this is your opportunity to have your voice heard.