



EPWORTH HEALTHCARE CENTENARY SCHOLARSHIPS SPONSORED BY EPWORTH MEDICAL FOUNDATION

General Information

As part of its mission to act as “a living memorial” by advancing the nursing profession through education the Australian Nurses Memorial Centre (ANMC) provides and administers scholarships for nurses and midwives undertaking postgraduate study at an Australian university or other accredited higher education institution.

In 2020, the Centenary year of Epworth HealthCare, the ANMC will collaborate with the Epworth Medical Foundation as sponsor of scholarships to be awarded in memory of Ethel Gray, the first Matron of Epworth Hospital appointed in 1920 after distinguished service in the Australian Army Nursing Service during World War I.

Three Epworth HealthCare Centenary Scholarships, each valued at \$10,000, will be awarded to registered nurses and midwives to support postgraduate study by coursework or research in 2021. The scholarships will be awarded as follows:

- One to a nurse or midwife practising in Victoria;
- One to an indigenous nurse or midwife practising in Victoria; and
- One to a nurse or midwife practising in regional Victoria.

Study Subject: Related to contemporary nursing or midwifery practice

Level: Postgraduate – Coursework or Research

Eligibility

These scholarships for study in Australia are open to nurses and midwives who are citizens or permanent residents of Australia, hold current registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) and are practising in Victoria. A detailed list of Eligibility Criteria for the scholarships is available at www.australiannursesmemorialcentre.org.au

Payment Information

The scholarships are paid in two instalments (March and July) in the year of study. Research students are required to submit an Academic Progress Report demonstrating satisfactory academic progress in June and November. For recipients studying by coursework a certified copy of the university transcript is required in July and December.

Application Details

Applications for these scholarships must be submitted by 31 August 2020 using the form available at the Australian Nurses Memorial Centre website: www.australiannursesmemorialcentre.org.au

Enquiries

Email: admin@nmc.org.au

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Short-listed applicants must be available for interview at a date to be advised in late October/early November 2020.

Remembering Ethel Gray

When Epworth Hospital first opened in 1920, its founders were so determined that Ethel Gray was the best and only matron to lead the care of its patients that they were willing to wait many months to secure her appointment.

Born in Carlton in 1876, she was one of the most highly decorated members of the Australian Army Nursing Service. She was mentioned twice in dispatches, was appointed Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire and was the only Australian woman to ever receive the Medaille de la Reconnaissance Francise.

When the war ended, Ethel took the post of Matron of the newly-opened Epworth Hospital where she served for almost two decades until her retirement in 1939.

She generously donated to the hospital during her time as Matron and left a major bequest in her will to continue the care of patients at Epworth after her death.

Matron Gray was dearly loved, and is remembered to this day for her tireless championing of both patients and nurses, helping make Epworth a great place to receive care.



Epworth HealthCare

Epworth HealthCare is Victoria's largest not-for-profit private hospital group, renowned for excellence in diagnosis, treatment, care and rehabilitation. Epworth is an innovator in Australia's health system, embracing the latest in evidence-based medicine, nursing and allied health to pioneer treatments and services for our patients.

In 2020, the people of Epworth HealthCare celebrate their centenary year, having grown from humble beginnings where a staff of five cared for patients in 25 beds at Richmond. Today, we deliver world-class care across 11 sites. Our highly engaged, values-based workforce makes a difference to patient experiences every day. Our patients are at the heart of all we do. They come from diverse backgrounds and are of all ages. Every patient matters and our people feel privileged to care for them.

As a not-for-profit private hospital group, Epworth HealthCare relies on funds raised by Epworth Medical Foundation (EMF) to continue to provide Epworth's patients with the best possible facilities, equipment, surgical expertise and access to research.