

GPDV Practice Nurse Program

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Update**

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GPDV is a QIC accredited organisation

Training

In the last twelve months
56% of rural nurses accessed
training offered through GPDV

Training included:

- Mentoring
- Pap testing
- Wound management
- Diabetes education
- Team building
- CDSM/ health coaching
- Koori cross cultural training
- Professional issues,
- How PNs nurses add value

For Rural Divisions

- Currently subsidising 80% of course fees plus accommodation and travel for rural nurses to attend training in Melbourne
- Divisions who want to provide local training can apply to GPDV to subsidise the cost of the speakers

Professional Standards

- Nurses Board of Victoria planning a road show through divisions early 2007
- Focus on introduction of CNE points for nurses, and new medication management course for Div 2 nurses
- Divisions will be encouraged to attach CNE point to professional development activities appropriate for nurses

Supporting PNs in Rural Divisions

- Networking – meeting, joint events
- Providing training opportunities locally – use of video conferencing (eg wound care)
- New promotional material & orientation manual developed through ADGP for divisions to support PN recruitment

Discussion

Your comments and issues
re practice nursing program
and how it is working in
rural and regional Victoria.