

A collaboration between
the Cook Islands Ministry of Health,
the Cook Islands Ministry of Education and the
University of South Australia School of Nursing
and Midwifery

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Background

- Strategic alliance between the CIMoH and the UniSA SoNM to enhance learning opportunities for Nurses in the Cook Islands and UniSA
- MOU between the CIMoH and the CI School of Nursing, CIMoE and the UniSA School of Nursing and Midwifery.
- UniSA BN student placements supported by New Columbo Plan funding
- Bachelor of Nursing bridging program for CI Senior Registered Nurses supported by a MOA between CIMoH, CIMoE and UniSA
- CIMoH and CIMoE in consultation with the Chief Nursing Officer Ngakiri Teaea selected the 10 Senior Registered Nurses

Entry criteria

- **Registration with the relevant Nurses Registration Authority in own country or place of residence (Cook Islands)**
- **A diploma of nursing or equivalent**
- **Current employment as a Registered Nurse with the CIMoH**
- **A scholarship from the CIMoH to undertake the program**



Program negotiated with the CI Chief Nurse and Principal of the CI Nursing School

Year	UniSA Study Period	Units	Cook Islands Program Study Period	Course
2018	SP2	4.5	Semester 1	Global and National Health HLTH1036
2018	SP2	4.5	Semester 1	Scientific Basis of Clinical Practice BIOL 2058
2018	SP5	9.0	Semester 2	Health of Adults NURS 2023
2019	SP2	4.5	Semester 1	Nursing Contexts of Practice NURS3045
2019	SP4	4.5	Semester 1	Research Methodologies NURS3044
2019	SP5	4.5	Semester 2	Health of Infants, Children & Young People NURS2022
2019	SP6	4.5	Semester 2	Nursing Project NURS3046

Program

- Bachelor of Nursing program 108 units. Registered Nurses who meet the specified entry criteria have received 72 units of credit.
- They must successfully complete 36 units of credit
- In country workshops of 2-3 days each semester.
- Online learning supported by in country teaching (Mary and Jane), and UniSA staff.
- Assessments conducted in Rarotonga by UniSA staff.





Implementation

- Commenced in 2018
- Currently completed two courses Global and National Health
- Scientific Basis of Nursing Practice
- Health of Adults - In progress
- Successful OSCAs completed last week 😊 😊



Reflection

Benefits

- Building relationships
- Communication
- Collegiality
- Achievement and confidence building
- In country teaching and support

Challenges

- Technology and access to the UniSA systems
- The cost of data
- Returning to study after being clinicians for a long time
- Juggling working full time in senior roles, family and community responsibilities and studying



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