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Diploma of Enrolled Nursing scholarships

School leavers, people thinking about a change in career or anyone with an interest in caring for others are being encouraged by South Western Sydney Local Health District (SWSLHD) to apply for 300 scholarships for the Diploma of Enrolled Nursing program which are now on offer through NSW Health.

NSW Health in partnership with the Department of Education and Communities are running the program which will see students training at metropolitan and rural TAFE NSW Colleges as well as the NSW Health Registered Training Organisation at Rozelle and Liverpool.

Scholarship Applications opened on December 9 last year and close on February 12, 2014.

SWSLHD Director of Nursing, Ms Kung Lim, said Enrolled Nurses play an important role in our hospitals.

“Our health system relies on the dedicated work of Enrolled Nurses who are trained to care for patients in a wide range of specialties” Ms Lim said.

“The Diploma of Enrolled Nursing program gives students hands on experience through clinical placements in hospitals and other health facilities which will be organised as part of their training.”

Students who successfully complete the course can then apply for a position as an Enrolled Nurse at a NSW public hospital.

“These 300 scholarships provide a real head start for anyone who wants a career in nursing. As an added bonus, the scholarships will cover the course fees for the Diploma of Enrolled Nursing qualification,” Ms Lim said.

Selection for the scholarship involves a written application, a basic literacy and numeracy test and interview.

“A career in nursing is very rewarding. Enrolled Nurses work right across the health system in a range of settings from acute hospital wards, mental health units, aged care facilities, in paediatrics, emergency and operating theatres.”

“This work brings them into contact with healthcare professionals including doctors, pharmacists, physiotherapists and registered and specialist nurses,” she said.

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Applications are invited from HSC school leavers, mature age applicants or those who have already completed a Certificate III or equivalent qualification.

Successful scholarship applicants will commence the TAFE course in April this year and the course runs for between 12 and 18 months.

Information on enrolled nurses and details on the scholarship application process are on the Nursing and Midwifery pages of the NSW Health Website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/nursing