Working as a Nurse or a Midwife is more than a job - it's a career. A career where you can make a real difference and help improve the health of our mob.

The Aboriginal Nursing & Midwifery Strategy aims to improve Aboriginal health by providing opportunities for Aboriginal people to gain education and employment in the field of nursing and midwifery. The Strategy also aims to work with the current NSW nursing and midwifery workforce to provide better health services to Aboriginal people through the delivery of culturally safe and competent nursing and midwifery services.

The NSW Ministry of Health offers financial assistance and support for Aboriginal people enrolled in either Nursing or Midwifery studies through a Cadetship or a Scholarship.

**What a Cadetship offers?**
- Study allowance of $600 per fortnight
- Paid employment for up to 12 weeks each year in your local Public Hospital or Justice Health Facility
- Clinical support and mentoring
- Ongoing employment on the successful completion of your studies and the Cadetship program

**Cadetship Applications:**
Open September – close November each year

For further information, please refer to our website:

**What Scholarships are on offer?**
- Aboriginal Undergraduate Scholarships
  open September – close November each year
- Aboriginal Postgraduate Scholarships
  open December – close March each year
- Aboriginal Post enrolment Scholarships
  open year round

For further information, please refer to our website:

**Want to find out more?**
For further information, to find out if you are eligible or to find out how to apply for a Cadetship or Scholarship, please contact:

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Nursing is one of the most dynamic and rewarding areas of healthcare. It offers you a diverse range of career opportunities and allows you to care for patients and their families when they are most in need.

How do I become a Registered Nurse?
You will need to complete a Bachelor of Nursing at university for a period of 3 years full time (or the equivalent part-time).
The course provides a mixture of theory and clinical experience in a range of settings.
Once you graduate, an application is made to the Nurses and Midwives Board of Australia to practice as a Registered Nurse all over Australia (NMBA).

Where can I study?
There are a number of universities in NSW and around Australia that offer the Bachelor of Nursing, Bachelor of Midwifery or Graduate Diploma in Midwifery courses. To apply for these courses you will need to apply through the Universities Admission Centre (UAC).
If you are 17 years or over you can apply to university straight from school. You must have completed your Higher School Certificate (HSC) with an appropriate Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).
If you have not completed your HSC, did not receive the appropriate ATAR, or are a mature aged student, most universities offer alternative entry programs for Aboriginal people. Please contact the university’s Aboriginal Support Unit for further information.

A Midwife is in the privileged position of sharing the journey of a woman and her family from pregnancy to parenthood. It is an exciting and evolving profession with a lot to offer.

How do I become a Registered Midwife?
In NSW there are two pathways into Midwifery.
Option 1
You can study a Bachelor of Midwifery at university for a period of 3 years full-time (or the equivalent part-time).
Option 2
If you are already a Registered Nurse, after registration you can complete a 1 year Postgraduate Diploma in Midwifery at university.
If you choose option 2 to become a midwife you will have more flexibility to be able to work in both nursing and midwifery, particularly in rural and remote areas.

If you're interested in an exciting and dynamic career in nursing or midwifery or simply want more information, you may find the following helpful:
Nursing & Midwifery Office
NSW Aboriginal Nursing & Midwifery Strategy
www.nursing.nsw.gov.au
aboriginalnursing@doh.health.nsw.gov.au
Nursing Midwifery Board Australia (NMBA)
www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au
Universities Admissions Centre
www.uac.edu.au