

The Mary Potter Hospice Scholarship for Palliative Care Nursing

This scholarship is dedicated to supporting Māori and Pacific student nurses, with an interest in palliative care, to strive towards excellence in nursing while exploring palliative care as a future career option.

It provides up to \$5000 toward the cost of final year tertiary fees and also offers a guaranteed elective final work placement in the Hospice Inpatient Unit as well as an opportunity to work with us as a casual Health Care Assistant during this final year of study.

Mary Potter Hospice - Who we are, what we do

In 1988 the Little Company of Mary gifted Mary Potter Hospice to the people of Wellington as an independent, non-sectarian Trust, called the Mary Potter Hospice Foundation. The sisters believed that the Hospice should sit supported within the community. They instilled the values of mana/respect, aroha/compassion, rangatiratanga/dignity, manaakitanga/hospitality and kaitiakitanga/stewardship which remain essential to our work today.

Mary Potter Hospice continues to be a leader in specialist palliative care for people with life limiting conditions, in the last year of life. We take a holistic approach to care, meeting not just the physical needs but also the emotional, spiritual and social needs of patients and their families and whānau.

Our clinical services include the Inpatient Unit in Newtown and Community Hospice services in Wellington, Porirua and Kāpiti. Maintaining a community focus, our services are provided wherever people are – at home, in Aged Residential Care or in the Inpatient Unit in Newtown.

We welcome applications from student nurses who have a special interest in learning more about palliative care.

Information for Applicants

Eligibility:

All Māori/Pasifika nursing students currently studying at Massey, Whiteria or Victoria University of Wellington

Evaluation Panel:

Brent Alderton - Chief Executive of Mary Potter Hospice, Donna Gray - Director Clinical Services, Vanessa Eldridge - Director Health Equity and Fuailagi Heger - Pacific Development Lead

Term of Scholarship:

Final year of tertiary study

Benefit to Scholar:

Up to \$5000 for payment of university/tertiary course fees. Guaranteed final elective placement.

Selection Criteria Applicants will be evaluated on the following:

Proposal: your proposal essay should state your personal views on palliative care in New Zealand currently and what you envisage palliative care could be in the future. The essay should also reflect on either:

- Pacific values of reciprocity, respect, genealogy, tapu relationships, language of respect and belonging; or
- Māori values of mana, manaakitanga, aroha, kaitiakitanga, rangatiratanga.

Academic: you must have demonstrated diligence in your academic record and show a range of nursing skills suitable to contribute to advancing palliative care

Personal: you must demonstrate approachability, the ability to communicate in a way that connects with others and an ability to relate compassionately to a wide range of people and cultures, that you have the ability to manage your time, enjoy working in a team environment and be up for new challenges.

Application Format

Applicants should:

- Submit a curriculum vitae highlighting the skills referred to in selection criteria
- Provide iwi affiliation
- Submit a two to four page proposal essay
- Provide written endorsement from your supervisor / tutor
- Provide contact details of a personal referee (not a family member or friend)
- Be available for a short interview
- Provide certified copies of academic records

Applications are now open

Address your application to:

Donna Gray

Director - Clinical Services

Mary Potter Hospice

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