

Rotary Outreach Myeloma Program

The Rotary Outreach Myeloma Scholarship

*The Rotary Outreach Myeloma Scholarship is a collaborative project of the Rotary Club of Camberwell with Rotary Clubs of regional Victoria. It is an important contribution to the work of the **Rotary Outreach Myeloma Program** that works with Myeloma Australia to build support for people living with myeloma in regional and remote Victorian, New South Wales and Queensland communities.*

A number of scholarships will be available to successful candidates in 2026 and 2027 academic years. Registered nurses, who work with myeloma patients of regional areas from Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland will be invited to make an application for the academic year 2026 and 2027.

The scholarships are funded by Rotary clubs, their communities and sponsors.

The scholarship

Successful candidates will complete a Graduate Certificate in Cancer Nursing conducted by Melbourne University or Australian College of Nursing (ACN) in the 2026 or 2027 academic year.

The course is conducted online, over one year, part time.

The scholarship will cover the full cost of the Graduate Certificate on Cancer Nursing course fee - for the 2026 or 2027 academic year.

Overview

In order to provide a comprehensive nursing service to patients in regional towns, each regional centre has a specific cancer centre or clinic. Registered nurses play a critical role in cancer nursing care and are employed in the cancer centres to care for, support and provide education for patients with a diverse range of patient care needs.

It is extremely difficult for registered nurses to access specialist cancer nursing or post graduate study in haematology nursing in Victorian, New South Wales and Queensland regional towns. The Graduate Certificate in Cancer Nursing provides the specific specialist knowledge that underpins the application of nursing care to myeloma patients in the Victorian, New South Wales and Queensland regional areas.

This course is available at Melbourne University or the Australian College of Nursing (ACN). The Graduate Certificate in Cancer Nursing is designed to be undertaken part-time over twelve months and combines the flexible online study with specific clinical learning and a clinical competency assessment that must be completed by a senior registered nurse at the employing regional cancer centre or clinic. This flexible form of study enables the course to be completed in the regional or rural area in which the candidate lives and works.

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The successful candidate will develop a sound understanding of the theory and scientific advances that underpin the comprehensive care and management of people affected by cancer. The registered nurse, on completion of the course, will apply this knowledge to clinical practice in nursing patients with myeloma.

The knowledge gained in completion of the course requirement will also demonstrate the ability of the successful candidate to competently care for myeloma patients with complex care requirements using evidence-based and scientific approaches.

Scholarship information:

Scholarship funding is limited to the cost of the tuition/course fees. The applicant will be responsible for any costs related to computers, late enrolment fees, textbook, student service fees and other incidentals.

Eligibility

- be an Australian citizen or permanent resident and reside in Victoria, New South Wales or Queensland;
- intend to enrol in, or have completed the Graduate Certificate in Cancer Nursing in 2025, 2025 or 2027;
- current registration with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia (NMBA) as a nurse or midwife and attach a copy of the registration (s);
- must hold an Australian undergraduate degree (or equivalent) with at least a pass average;
- must be employed in a regional or rural cancer centre or clinic in Victoria, New South Wales or Queensland;
- must have completed one year of acute nursing experience.

Selection

A selection panel comprised of Rotarians (members of the Rotary Club of Camberwell), representatives of Myeloma Australia and of Icon Cancer Care (***"The Panel"*** hereafter) will receive and evaluate applications and decide upon the successful candidate.

Applicants must commit to either completing the course or have already completed the course of study within the 2026 or 2027 academic year.

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Application requirements:

Submit a curriculum vitae and a 250 – 300 word statement of purpose outlining the reasons for undertaking the course. This statement will include your academic and professional interests;

- how you believe the post graduate certificate will add value to your professional development;
- demonstrate that the knowledge you acquire at the completion of the Post Graduate Certificate in Cancer Nursing will benefit the nursing care of myeloma patients;
- why you believe you should be awarded a scholarship?

Payment of Scholarship

The successful scholarship candidate will be notified by a member of the Panel, who will also notify the Nurse Unit Manager in their place of employment. An announcement will be made of the successful scholarship candidate to the specific cancer centre or clinic in the regional or rural district and communicated through Myeloma Australia's newsletter and social media channels. The scholarship money will be paid by the Rotary Club of Camberwell directly to Melbourne University or the Australian College of Nursing (ACN)

Recipient responsibilities:

- submit evidence of course results each semester and a transcript or documentation of the completed Graduate Certificate at the end of the course.
- complete a one year 'return of service' at the regional cancer centre on completion of the Graduate Certificate in Cancer Nursing.
- At the completion of the course, give a presentation to a Rotary club in their region including a summary of how the clinical knowledge acquired on the completion of the course will benefit the nursing care of the myeloma patients in this region.

Terms and Conditions of scholarship:

To terminate a scholarship, if in the opinion of the Panel that this is warranted. Rotary must be notified in the circumstances that a scholarship is terminated, or the recipient withdraws from the course before completion.

If the recipient does not complete the post graduate certificate or withdraws from the course, they will be required to reimburse the total amount of the scholarship money.



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If necessary, the recipient may request approval from the Panel to defer their participation in the course for up to 2 years.

Scholarship criteria and application guidelines to be completed and submitted by the applicant.

This document is a specific scholarship application guideline has been developed according to the criteria and conditions defined in this document.

The applicant for the scholarship must attach the 250 – 300 word statement of purpose, curriculum vitae, registration certificate to the application and a signed acknowledgement of the conditions defined within the scholarship.

Applicants must meet *all* of the following conditions;

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Applications for the scholarship are to be submitted by email no later than close of business: Friday 19 September 2025 to:

*The Scholarship Panel,
Rotary Outreach Myeloma Committee
Rotary Club of Camberwell
Email to: nurse@rompteam.net*