Rural Health Support, Education and Training (RHSET) Program

The Rural Nursing and Midwifery Faculty of Royal College of Nursing, Australia (RCNA) and Monash University are pleased to announce they will be undertaking a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) project in the following area:

Learning how to drive the internet: Increasing the level of computer literacy in the rural nursing and midwifery workforce.

Project aims
The project aims to increase the efficacy of Australian rural nurses and midwives levels of computer literacy. These skills should lead to increased access and utilisation of online CPD programs, designed to improve outcomes for consumers.

Summary of research project
The project is designed to identify current standards of computer literacy and further develop flexible learning skills within the nursing and midwifery workforce. The accredited program which will be utilised by the Rural Faculty will train and test individual competence in seven key areas of information technology.

1. Basic concepts of IT
2. Using the computer and managing files
3. Word processing
4. Spreadsheets
5. Databases
6. Presentations
7. Information and communication (internet and email).

This program has been endorsed by RCNA according to approved criteria, with CNE points being awarded to each one of the key areas.

There will be no financial cost to participants. This wonderful opportunity is open to all rural nurses and midwives.

Benefits to participants
Rural nurses and midwives who participate in the project will benefit by expanding their horizons beyond the traditional methods of engaging in CPD. Improving their levels of computer literacy will increase their ability to access and share information, plan activities and learn from others as they meet contemporary health care changes.

If you are a Nurse Manager, this project should be of great interest as it will grant you the opportunity to train your staff in 7 key areas of computer literacy. You could nominate a group of your nurses and midwives to complete the training together. This way they would be able to support one another as they progress through the modules.

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