

QNI offers educational bursary for nurses wanting to work in the community



The Queen's
Nursing Institute

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London-based community nursing charity The Queen's Nursing Institute has launched a bursary aimed at nurses considering a career in primary care.

The amount available per individual is up to £500 and will enable nurses to develop their skills and knowledge for the benefits of patients. The bursary can be used towards part or total funding of a course or study day, or the purchase of books or other learning materials that are required for a course.

Anne Pearson, the QNI's Practice Development Manager, said, 'I am delighted that the QNI can now offer funding to nurses to support them at the beginning of what I hope will be a long and rewarding career in primary care.'

Any registered nurse or midwife who has been working in a community or primary care setting in England, Wales or Northern Ireland for less than 3 years or any qualified nurse or midwife currently working in a non-community setting who needs the skills to work in primary care is eligible to apply.

'I am very pleased that the Queen's Nursing Institute is offering bursaries to those who may be prevented from entering community nursing, or developing their roles within community nursing, due to a lack of available finance,' said Joanne Moorby, Welfare and Grants Officer at the QNI. 'I see this as an extension of our financial assistance programme which includes helping nurses in financial need at times of illness or crisis.'

Please see our website, www.qni.org.uk for more information or contact Joanne Moorby, Welfare and Grants Officer on 020 7549 1400 or email joanne.moorby@qni.org.uk.

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Notes to editors

1. We are unable to support Nurses living in Scotland (these are supported by the QNI Scotland - please contact 0131 229 2333).
2. We do not fund travel or accomodation expenses, courses that do not have an obvious benefit to your area of work; salaries or locum costs; IT equipment; retrospective funding or overseas travel.
3. The Queen's Nursing Institute, a registered charity (number 213128) champions and supports community nurses in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. We promote best practice and innovation in primary care by providing professional and financial assistance for community nursing projects. By our commitment to welfare, we help maintain the independence and dignity of community nurses in need.