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Australian College of Nursing – Post graduate certificate in Dermatology Nursing - reflection

In reflection, the course was a good learning experience and has positively benefited my dermatology career. The course primarily consisted of self-directed learning, which allowed me to study with flexibility and continue my current employment in Dermatology. I enjoyed taking time for myself to expand my knowledge of Dermatology nursing and putting this into practice in my current employment at Skin Health Institute as an Advanced Targeted Therapies nurse.

The cohort of nurses enrolled into the course, although small, offered a good insight into their nursing practice, creating learning experiences with case studies from different areas of Dermatology nursing in Australia. The course provided many opportunities to learn through reviewing research articles with up-to-date information ensuring I use best practice nursing within my clinical specialty, inflammatory skin disease. Having the additional qualification is a fantastic addition to my career growth and allows me further opportunities to study to continue to grow my professional development.

I was very grateful to win the scholarship from Janssen as the financial benefit was fantastic given the course is quite costly and would unfortunately not be financially attainable for many nurses. I am happy to have successfully completed the course and look forward to continuing to engage in higher education over the course of my career.

Best wishes,

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