



Diabetes Scholarship and Credentialling Support Program 2018

Frequently Asked Questions

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1. Is there a summary of approved Post Graduate courses for the Diabetes Scholarship Program in 2018?

Yes, ADEA has a list of accredited courses. Go to <https://www.adea.com.au/credentialling/lifelong-learning/accredited-post-graduate-certificates-in-diabetes/>

2. How much is a course likely to cost?

We recommend that you make your own enquiry to confirm course costs which are expected to range from around \$8000 to \$12000 depending on the educational institution you select. Additionally you may have some accommodation and travel costs for residential block workshops.

3. When do I have to enrol by?

Each educational institution has different key and closing dates for enrolments, therefore we recommend you make your own enquiries. Most course enrolments are open now and some may close as late as February 2018. We suggest you apply for the course of your choice now.

4. Can I apply for both the \$5000 for the diabetes education scholarship and \$5000 for the 120 hours placement?

No. The ADEA initial credentialling process requires 1000 hours of practical experience over a max of 4 years. That can only commence once your Diabetes Educator (DE) course has finished.

The final 600 hours of practical experience is completed in the 12 months prior to the ADEA initial credentialling application. Therefore DEs applying for the credentialling support program would have typically completed the first 400 hours of practical over the last 2-3 years and be looking to complete the remaining 600 hours in 2018.

For more information on credentialling go to <https://www.adea.com.au/credentialling/how-to-become-a-cde/initial-credentialling/1000-hours-of-practice-in-diabetes-education/>

5. If I complete my Post Graduate studies in 2019 will I be able to apply for credentialling support in 2019?

This is the first time that NCPHN has provided the credentialling support program using this model. Therefore we will be evaluating the program at the end of 2018 before making a decision about ongoing implementation.



6. Will I be more employable as a DE or CDE?

Yes. As a DE or a Credentialed DE (CDE) you are at the forefront of active chronic disease management, and are a valuable part of the primary health care team, whether you are a registered nurse, Aboriginal health worker or one of the eligible allied health professions. When working in general practice your depth of knowledge will be valued, particularly for care planning and case conferences.

As a health professional, your ability to support your patients will be enhanced. Should you choose to go on to become credentialed then there is the opportunity to provide credentialling consults and bill under Medicare.

You may like to talk to others to decide about your career opportunities. You could discuss with:

- ADEA, phone: 02 6287 4822 or email: inquiries@adea.com.au
- a local Credentialed Diabetes Educator <https://www.adea.com.au/find-a-cde/> or
- a universities where you are considering enrolling at <https://www.adea.com.au/credentialling/lifelong-learning/accredited-post-graduate-certificates-in-diabetes/>

For further enquiries about the NCPHN 2018 Diabetes Scholarship and Credentialling Support Program please contact Diana Anderson danderson@ncphn.org.au or 07 5589 0516.