

Nursing and Midwifery

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Dear Board Members,

Re: Nursing and Midwifery Consultation Papers

Thank you for providing Southern Health the opportunity to comment on the papers released by the board on 27 October 2009. Southern Health provides the following comments on:

1. Package as a whole

The package as a whole provides an initial starting point for the accreditation of courses, registration of nurses and midwives and provides a framework and requirements for standards and we would support the package as a whole but provide specific feedback in the following sections for consideration.

2. National accreditation framework

The National framework for the accreditation of nursing and midwifery courses leading to registration, enrollment, endorsement and authorisation in Australia should encompass comment on the provision of "work ready" graduates from accredited courses in addition to safe and competent. SH sees need for comment on refresher, re-entry and overseas registration programs and how these may sit in the framework.

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Registration standards and related matters

English language skills standard

SH supports requirements 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 but does not support requirement 2.
SH supports exemptions 1 & 2.

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Yours sincerely

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