



Australia Awards

Australia Awards PNG Short Course Awards Graduate Certificate in Mental Health

Do you want to be a leader in mental health and join an inspiring network of changemakers?



About

Australia Awards is supporting the Government of Papua New Guinea (PNG) to build a cohort of qualified mental health practitioners. Papua New Guinean healthcare workers and academics are invited to apply for a Short Course Award scholarship to undertake a Graduate Certificate in Mental Health.

The scholarship will target healthcare workers and academics currently working in a PNG health, medical, community centre, hospital, tertiary institution or Government of PNG agency responsible for overseeing mental health in PNG. Candidates working in provincial locations, people with disability and women are strongly encouraged to apply.

Objectives

This Short Course Award will enable participants to demonstrate an understanding of:

- perform and evaluate clinical assessments appropriate for mental health care.
- critically analyse information to enable informed clinical decision-making to solve problems.
- develop and evaluate evidence-based nursing plans that support therapeutic relationships with mental health consumers and their families and carers that are characterised by co-constructive care and collaborative engagement.
- accurately collect and collate health data on presentations, admissions, and diagnoses to inform evidence-based assessments for ongoing mental health priorities and support in PNG.
- develop and evaluate learning strategies that are responsive to reflective practice.



Course Dates

- Pre-Course Workshop: one week (Aug-Sept 2024) PNG
- Block 1: six weeks (Sept-Nov 2024) in Australia
- Block 2: six weeks (Jan-Feb 2025) in Australia
- Post-Course Workshop: one week (April 2025) in PNG

Note: Participants will be required to undertake online study and attend workshops between delivery blocks.

Application Process

Eligible candidates will be required to collate:

- employer endorsement form
- certified copies of academic transcripts qualifications and proof of identity
- drafted workplace project design form
- curriculum vitae form

Applications Close: Sunday, 26 May 2024 at midnight.

Commitment

- Attend all face-to-face and online workshops in PNG and Australia.
- Prepare a workplace project that builds mental health practices through approaches such as diagnosis, data tracking and treatment opportunities.
- Engage actively with stakeholders across PNG and Australia to disseminate learning from the course with colleagues, managers and students (where applicable).
- Build networks of healthcare workers and academics utilising mental health support practices to create Communities of Practice across PNG and Australia.

Eligibility

Meet Australia Awards PNG minimum eligibility requirements and:

- Have a recognised Bachelors' degree (or equivalent).
- At least two years' work experience in the healthcare or mental health-related sector.
- Be employed at a PNG health/medical/community centre, hospital, tertiary institution or a Government of PNG agency responsible for oversight of healthcare in Papua New Guinea.
- Be endorsed by the manager / director / dean to undertake the short course.
- Have a minimum English language proficiency equivalent of IELTS 6.5 (if required, Australia Awards PNG will make arrangements to sit this test).

Note: Public sector applicants will be required to complete a training bid form and supply necessary supporting documents to the Department of Personnel Management. Refer to General Orders No. 6 for further information - www.dpm.gov.pg.



For further information and to apply visit: <https://www.australiaawardspng.org/shortcourseawards>