



# The Hon Ray Williams MP

Member for Castle Hill

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### SUPPORTING THE NEXT GENERATION OF NURSES AND MIDWIVES

People within the Castle Hill community considering becoming a nurse or midwife are being encouraged to choose a rewarding career with NSW Health, with support currently available through cadetship and scholarship programs.

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP said that applications are now open for NSW Health's [Enrolled Nurse Scholarships](#), [Aboriginal Nursing and Midwifery Cadetship Program](#) and [Aboriginal Nursing and Midwifery Scholarships](#).

The programs are available to people across the state, not just for recent school leavers but also for people considering a career change.

Mr Williams said the cadetships and scholarships will provide professional and financial support to those interested in taking on these rewarding careers in our world-class health system.

"There is no doubt that our community stands to benefit from more people taking on the vital skills of nursing and midwifery, and there is no better place to learn and work than in our public hospitals, including at our very own Rouse Hill Hospital which is scheduled for completion in 2024," Mr Williams said.

"These cadetship and scholarship programs will help further boost and upskill our nursing and midwifery workforce to meet the growing demand in our public hospitals well into the future."

The Enrolled Nurse Scholarships offer a position in the Diploma of Nursing program, cover course fees and lead to employment as an enrolled nurse in a NSW Health facility, following standard recruitment and registration processes.

The Aboriginal Nursing and Midwifery Cadetship Program, and Aboriginal Nursing and Midwifery Scholarships provide Aboriginal people with the opportunity to receive financial and professional support during their university studies.

The NSW Government announced the largest workforce boost in the nation's history in the 2022-23 Budget with a \$4.5 billion investment over four years for 10,148 full-time equivalent staff to be recruited in hospitals and health services across NSW.



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The NSW Government is also incentivising hard-to-fill, critical roles in hospitals and health facilities with an \$883 million investment targeted at recruiting and retaining staff in regional, rural and remote areas.

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