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**Exciting News from the Federal Budget for General Practice Nurses- enrol in
University of Melbourne Practice Nurse Education**

The University of Melbourne, Department of General Practice has invested in practice nurses by developing the Certificate/Diploma of Primary Care Nursing delivered by distance education.

The Federal Budget announcement around investing in Primary Care Nursing is welcome. Every GP can now get a substantial subsidy of \$25,000 to employ a nurse in general practice. We encourage nurses to enrol in the Certificate or Diploma of Primary Care Nursing course to enable them to expand their scope of practice.

It has been developed by experienced practice nurses and general practitioners to suit the needs of busy practice nurses in areas (chronic disease management, quality systems and risk management, health promotion, women's health, mental health and youth health) that will complement previous experience.

Further details: www.gp.unimelb.edu.au or call Ms Bernie Cooper, course administrator on 03 8344 7275. We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.