**UQ Winter 2021 Research Project Description**

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| **Project title:** | **Evaluation of graduate year processes at Queensland Children’s Hospital** |
| **Project duration:** | Four weeks |
| **Description:** | Background:The graduate year involves supported employment that extends the theoretical content included in the tertiary education and consolidates the nurses’ education and practice. The support provided varies between hospitals and health services but typically includes an extended orientation and supernumerary period, educational workshops, and ongoing assessment over a twelve month period. Some graduate programs offer full time employment, others only offer part time employment. Some graduate programs rotate students around different areas of the hospital with the period of rotation varying between three to six months. Some hospitals do not offer any rotation at all. Queensland Children’s Hospital employ approximately 50 graduate nurses each year for a 12month duration, with one or two rotations at 0.8FTE.Aim:The aim of this project is to explore alternative graduate year processes in a paediatric facility from the perspective of the graduate nurse and the organisation. Method: Principally a qualitative methodological approach using interviews and focus groups to explore the perspectives of students and the organisation around graduate year processes.  |
| **Expected outcomes and deliverables:** | The successful applicant will contribute substantially to a scoping review to identify the evidentiary basis of graduate year processes including duration and rotation. They will also have the opportunity to participate in data collection through focus groups and interviews. The scholar will be cited as an author on the scoping review.  |
| **Suitable for:** | This project is particularly suited to final year UQ nursing students with skills in database searching (eg Pubmed & Cinahl).  |
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