**UQ NMSW 2021 Winter Research Project**

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| **Project title:** | **Evaluation of an international, undergraduate, study exchange: Synchronous delivery of a research course across five virtual campuses** |
| **Project duration:** | All activities will be carried out across a four to six week period in June/July 2021. |
| **Description:** | The global pandemic of 2020 has had devasting and wide reaching impact. While not as significant as the health and economic outcomes of COVID-19, travel restrictions have also effected multiple societal activity including the international exchange of university students. With university relationships built on regular communication and student learning supported through international exposure, different opportunities to achieve these same outcomes were explored. One example of this is a virtual exchange occurring for final year nursing and midwifery students in undergraduate, pre-registration programs across Australia, Ireland, The United States and Norway. Students enrol in a home university course and international academics collaborate to deliver a series of 10 lectures and tutorials synchronously across different time zones and countries. The purpose of this Winter Research Program, is to appraise this virtual exchange from an academic and student participant perspective. It will also critically examine the structure or the program to determine how effectively it was able to achieve it’s primary outcome of offering pre-registration health students a meaningful international exchange which influenced graduate practice long term.  This project aims to produce a manuscript for journal submission. The UQ Winter Scholar will be required to source and appraise literature. They will also be guided around generating a manuscript for submission to a higher research journal and will be listed as an author on the paper. |
| **Expected outcomes and deliverables:** | The outcome of this project will be assisting to draft a manuscript for submission to an educational journal with authorship to include those directly involved with this project who have made significant contribution.  The winter scholar involved in this project can expect to gain skills around the generation of an academic paper as well as the opportunity to contribute to a publication as a result of this activity. |
| **Suitable for:** | This project is open to final year students with a GPA of 5.5 or higher. The winter scholar may be from the discipline of nursing, midwifery, social work or counselling as this is project has a teaching and learning focus rather than a discipline focus. |
| **Primary Supervisor:** | Associate Professor Peter Lewis – Director Teaching and Learning for the School of Nursing, Midwifery and Social Work will work directly with the successful summer scholar. |
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