**UQ Summer Research Project Description**

Please use this template to create a description of each research project, eligibility requirements and expected deliverables. Project details can then be uploaded to each faculty, school, institute, and centre webpage prior to the launch of the program.

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| **Project title:** | **Understanding the factors that enhance international undergraduate student transition to Australian nursing and midwifery practice.** |
| **Hours of engagement & delivery mode** | The project will run for 6 weeks, approximately 36 hrs per week from 13 Jan – 21 Feb 2025.  The project will be offered through a hybrid arrangement of on-site and remote work. |
| **Description:** | Clinical placements are pivotal in undergraduate nursing and midwifery education, providing students with practical experience essential for their professional development. However, the transition from classroom learning to clinical practice can be challenging, often inducing stress and anxiety. This stress is heightened for international nursing students, who face additional challenges such as acculturation to new social norms, cultural traits, educational systems and concerns about making mistakes in English. The impact includes decreased confidence, communication, and overall well-being, leading to avoidance behaviours and reduced interaction with staff and patients. The project will review existing research on clinical placement experiences and factors affecting successful transitions. The aim will be to understand what factors contribute to domestic and international students’ experience of successful placement transition and how these factors may differ. |
| **Expected learning outcomes and deliverables:** | Students will be work alongside a team to:   * Gain experience in database searches and undertaking a scoping review of the literature * Contribute to the development of a poster for a conference presentation. |
| **Suitable for:** | This project is open to Bachelor of Nursing, Bachelor of Midwifery or Dual degree Bachelors of Nursing and Midwifery students only. Students will have completed a minimum of 2 years of their program by end of 2024. |
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