Overview

The University of Western Sydney (UWS) School of Nursing and Midwifery is a national leader in nursing education, research and scholarship. The School has the largest undergraduate pre-registration nursing degree course in Australia with over 2,000 students. The School has a strong reputation for quality, relevant and contemporary professional education, and is supported in clinical education and research activities by strong links with the health service sector, particularly in Greater Western Sydney. This expertise can be delivered to national and international corporate and government clients.

Areas of Research Activities

The UWS School of Nursing and Midwifery has been awarded many competitive grants from the National Health and Medical Council (NHMRC) and the Australian Research Council (ARC). The School is committed to supporting nurse researchers and provides opportunities for undergraduate and postgraduate students to work with accomplished nurse researchers to develop research skills during their degree studies. The School hosts the Family and Community Health Research Group (FaCH), a Research Group incorporating staff from the Schools of Nursing and Midwifery, Psychology, Biomedical and Health Sciences, and Business. The FaCH brings a unique multidisciplinary perspective to its work on six distinct yet complementary research streams that are bound together through the theoretical concepts of resilience and capacity building. These streams are:

- Support for vulnerable families
- Chronic and complex care
- Workforce education research in nursing (WERIN)
- Aged care and graduate workforce issues
- Nurturing parents and parenting (NIPPER)
- Exploring pregnancy outcomes (ExPO)

Teaching, Learning and Training

The UWS nursing academics specialise in many areas including:

- Children, adolescent and women’s health care
- Dementia and aged care
- Systematic reviews and publication
- Pre-natal and post natal care
- Chronic and complex care
- Cancer and palliative care

The School offers a diverse range of innovative professional degree programs at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels in a dynamic yet relevant mix of disciplines. Most programs are available with the flexibility of full-time and part-time attendance.
Resources
The School of Nursing and Midwifery has approximately 60 full-time academic staff, the majority of whom have practical clinical and research experience.

The School has strong associations with Area Health Services in Western Sydney and has established collaborative research centres and projects.

The School and the Sydney South West Sydney Area Health Service (SSWAHS) established the South Western Sydney Centre for Applied Nursing Research (CANR) team. The team is active in the development and evaluation of evidence based guidelines as well as the publication of Systematic Reviews. CANR is home to the New South Wales Centre for Evidence Based Health Care which is the NSW Collaborating Centre of the Joanna Briggs Institute and works closely with the clinical facilities and clinicians across SSWAHS. The Joanna Briggs Institute is a collaboration of international research centres, with branches in 26 countries whose purpose is the developing of evidence to inform nursing practice and disseminate findings to clinicians to enable them to base their practice on contemporary research.

Previous Clients and Projects
UWS School of Nursing and Midwifery academics are engaged in collaborative efforts with various businesses and research partners.

- Systematic reviews and meta-analysis on various health research issues - Joanna Briggs Institute
- Investigation of the effectiveness of tap water compared to normal saline on clinical outcomes (healing and infection rates, patient satisfaction) acute and chronic wounds - National Health Medical and Research Council (NHMRC)
- Collaborating on research with other universities - e.g. University of New South Wales (UNSW) Quit in General Practice

Areas of International Activity
The School has links with universities in USA, New Zealand, China and the United Kingdom, and a program of Visiting Professorships exposes students to distinguished nurses from around the globe. Examples of research with international linkages include:

- Improving the quality of postnatal care, breastfeeding support and health outcomes for new mothers, infants and families: University of Central Lancashire and Thames Valley University in UK
- Improving the quality of midwifery care for women experiencing normal pregnancy and birth: University of Central Lancashire

How to Become Involved as a Partner with UWS Nursing and Midwifery Experts
UWS operates commercial engagement with the government and business community through UWS Innovation & Consulting. This provides business partners with a single clear point of access to UWS leading edge research and delivery of projects utilising high calibre staff. This dedicated unit comprised of professionals with extensive corporate experience, can be the catalyst to help your business keep in touch and up-to-date. We invite you to discuss with us some of the issues your business is facing.

For information on consultancy services, assistance in finding a nursing specialist to meet your particular needs, or information on other opportunities, please contact:

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