What is the Building Nurse Capacity Project?

The Australian Government are looking to strengthen the role of nurses in primary care. APNA have received funding to work with a group of nurses from a range of health care settings to assist them to establish a Nurse Clinic in their workplace.

What is a Nurse Clinic?

A Nurse Clinic is a ‘nurse-delivered, team-based model of care’ where the nurse is the primary provider of care for the patient. In the general practice setting, nurse clinic models support a team-based approach to care delivery and involve the general practitioner and other members of the practice team.

How long does the project last for?

Building Nurse Capacity is an 18-month project running from October 2020 to April 2022. Successful applicants receive support, funding and guidance from APNA to set up a Nurse Clinic in their workplace. They also receive $10,000 in grant funding which is paid in three instalments throughout the course of the project. The clinic needs to run for a minimum of three hours a week for 40 weeks.
## Snapshot of Project Activity

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| ✓ Attendance at two full-day workshops at the start and midway through the project. | ✓ Voluntary half hour monthly video conference meetings with APNA. This provides opportunity to network with peer nurses and have your questions answered by the APNA project team. | ✓ Quarterly quality improvement PDSA submissions (*Plan Do Study Act*). Work with our project team to establish a plan to develop your clinic and overcome obstacles. There will be a short two-page document for you to complete every three months outlining your plans. | ✓ Two evaluation interviews with APNA. These are for you to share your experiences of setting up your clinic and let us know the barriers and enablers you are experiencing. These video conferences last no more than 45 minutes.  
✓ APNA National Conference 2021 - opportunity to present learnings about your nurse clinic. | ✓ Patient Enablement and Satisfaction Survey (PESS) is a quick survey you will need to ask your patients to complete.  
✓ Grant payments will be made in three instalments. You will need to complete a financial acquittal form after each payment to let us know what the funding was used for.  
✓ Data to show how your clinic is tracking. This will vary depending on what type of clinic you are running. APNA will provide assistance on what we are looking for and how to best collect this. |
| ✓ Self-Assessment tool. A brief survey to assess your advanced nursing ability before and after the project. |                                                 |                                                                         |                                                                         |                                                                         |
| ✓ Pre-project survey. A small survey to assess your confidence levels and knowledge in setting up a nurse clinic. |                                                 |                                                                         |                                                                         |                                                                         |