

Federal Budget 2004-Aged Care Training Package

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The Council of Deans of Nursing and Midwifery (Australia and New Zealand) congratulates the Federal Minister for Ageing and the Treasurer on the allocation of \$101.4 million dollars for training in aged care over the next 4 years. In particular, the Council is pleased to see the allocation of \$33 million for 400 additional undergraduate higher education places in aged care nursing growing to 1,094 places over the next four years. The announcement of these new places is timely given the recent release of the Aged Care Core Component in Undergraduate Nursing Curricula Principles Paper and the demographic trend that indicates the majority of Australians requiring health care services are over 65 years.