

# **NETSMART\* Junior Educational Scholarship**

## **Online Stroke Education for Nurses**

### **Application Guidelines and Form**

**Through an unrestricted educational grant from Boehringer Ingelheim, the Acute Stroke Nurses Education Network (ASNE) is delighted to offer education grants to FOUR Australian stroke nurses to complete the world renowned NETSMART Junior program**  
**Valued at US \$500 each.**

- NETSMART Junior is a distance-education program which allows nurses to develop expertise in acute stroke nursing care.
- The program is module based with guided presentations by Dr Anne Alexandrov<sup>1</sup> covering cerebral anatomy and physiology through to management of acute stroke, thrombolysis, radiological interpretation and clinical assessment.
- Participants undertake an online pre-test at course commencement.
- Each module is completed with a post-test to assess knowledge enhancement.
- Participants work at their own pace throughout the modules. Modules are regularly reviewed and updated to reflect the latest stroke research and science.
- Clinical ASNE mentors will be available to assist successful applicants.
- Completion of NETSMART Jr may contribute to post graduate studies in acute stroke nursing, through the Australian Catholic University. Successful applicants can seek further information following scholarship acceptance.
- Successful completion of each NETSMART Jr module is recognised with a Certificate of Completion and acknowledgment of CPD points (provided by NETSMART).
- Nurses who successfully complete the NETSMART Jr course are eligible to sit the prestigious Neurovascular Registered Nurse (NVRN) Exam, offered by ASNE and the Association of Neurovascular Clinicians (ANVC) at the Smart Strokes conference.

**\* Neurovascular Education and Training in Stroke Management and Acute Reperfusion Therapies**

**NET SMART Jr topics include the below:**

- Introduction to acute stroke, including stroke research
- Emergency systems and prehospital care
- Clinical assessment, anatomy and physiology
- Neuroimaging
- Reperfusion therapies
- Management of Intracerebral haemorrhage
- Neuro-critical care
- Complications of stroke
- Secondary stroke prevention
- Stroke units

More information can be found at [www.learnstroke.com](http://www.learnstroke.com)

NETSMART Jr consists of 8 compulsory modules, with 2 optional modules.

It is recommended that the modules be completed in order, however participants may undertake them in any order.

Some modules also contain Clinical Skills, these are highly recommended as they consolidate learning, however they are not compulsory.

If you would like to undertake the clinical skills but are unsure how to do so, please contact your ASNEN clinical mentor for suggestions.

**Interested stroke nurses are invited to apply now!!!**

**All applications will be reviewed by the ASNEN Committee.**

**The application and review processes are entirely independent of  
Boehringer Ingelheim.**

# EDUCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP TERMS AND CONDITIONS



## Eligibility criteria

Eligible applicants must be:

1. A member of ASNEN
2. Nurses with current AHPRA registration and who have included a copy of his/her Authority to Practice and current CV (max 3 pages).
3. Domiciled in Australia
4. Nurses with a minimum of 12 months continuous stroke-related employment, ideally within an advance practice role; e.g. Stroke Liaison Nurse, Stroke Nurse Consultant or Nurse Practitioner/Candidate.
5. Nurses committed to improving outcomes for those affected by stroke.
6. Able to provide a completed application with appropriate goals and objectives demonstrating commitment to stroke nursing.
7. Have the support of a supervisor/manager to undertake the program
8. Able to COMMENCE THE PROGRAM WITHIN 6 MONTHS AND COMPLETE THE PROGRAM WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF ACCEPTANCE

## Important information regarding scholarship funds

Successful applicants, or their employer, will be expected to fund their registration and enrolment into the program upfront. All applicants must provide a certified copy of their receipt, along with payment details showing Australian dollars, to ASNEN at the commencement of the course.

Funds will then be eligible for the following reimbursement schedule:

- On completion of 50%<sup>2</sup> of the NETSMART Jr course, ASNEN to refund 50% of the course fees<sup>4</sup>
- On full completion<sup>3</sup> of the NETSMART Jr course, ASNEN to refund remaining 50% of course fees<sup>4</sup>

Completion to be demonstrated by the submission of certified copies of module certificates to ASNEN (regardless of order of completion).

**NB. Applicants who do not commence the course within 6 months of acceptance, OR do not complete the course in 12 months from acceptance will be ineligible for fund reimbursement.**

## Application process

This application process is highly competitive

- Applications will only be accepted via email
- An application receipt will be sent by email to the applicant within 3 business days. Please assume that if no receipt is forthcoming, the application has not been received by the ASNEN committee. It is the applicant's responsibility to follow this up with the ASNEN contacts.
- Applications will be reviewed by the ASNEN Review Committee. All successful applications will be approved by the ASNEN steering committee. Information about committee members can be found on the ASNEN website [www.asnen.org](http://www.asnen.org)
- The application and review processes are entirely independent of Boehringer Ingelheim.
- The four successful recipients of the educational awards will be announced as part of the ASNEN session at the SMART Strokes 2019 conference – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2019.
- A further announcement will be made within the SSA newsletter and on the ASNEN website

*ASNEN would like to recognise Boehringer Ingelheim for their ongoing support of stroke nurse education.*

<sup>1</sup>Dr Anne Alexandrov is Assistant Dean and Professor at the University of Alabama, Birmingham (UAB) School of Nursing; Professor of Nursing at Australian Catholic University (ACU), Sydney, and Attending Nurse for the UAB Comprehensive Stroke Research Centre. Dr Alexandrov is a recognised clinical expert in the areas of emergency and critical care with concentrations in neuroscience and vascular dynamics, and is considered the leading international nursing expert in acute stroke management. Dr Alexandrov has authored numerous original scientific publications related to her work in the area of stroke reperfusion therapies, experimental blood flow augmentation strategies, and stroke centre development and credentialing.

<sup>2</sup> 50% completion is 4-5 modules

<sup>3</sup> Full completion is 8-10 modules

<sup>4</sup> Fund reimbursement will be based upon the receipt provided to ASNEN (showing cost in Australian dollars) at the commencement of the course. No funds will be transferred without this proof of cost

# Application Form for NETSMART Junior Educational Scholarship



Personal Information			
Name:			
Address:			
Telephone:	(Home)	(Mobile)	(Business)
Email Address:			

Employment Details	
Hospital/Organisation:	
Health Service and State:	
Position:	
Length of employment in current position:	
Brief description of role and responsibilities:	
Educational Background:	(Please list all undergraduate and graduate studies completed)

Department Manager/Supervisors Details:	
Name (print)	
Position	
Signature:	
Comments:	



Will you be in attendance at the Smart Strokes conference 2019? (not compulsory)	
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Are you a member of ASNE? (If no, please join via <a href="http://www.asne.org">www.asne.org</a> )	
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

Declaration:	
I declare that the information I have provided in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct. In signing this application, I agree to fulfil the requirements set out in the ASNE Terms and Conditions, as determined by the ASNE Steering Committee, which I have read prior to completing this application.	
Signature:	Date:

**Application check list:**

- I have read and understood all of the terms and conditions set out in this document
- I have completed the educational scholarship application form
- I have attached my AHPRA Registration documentation
- I have attached my current CV (max. 3 pages)

**Enquiries to:**

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**Applications sent to: (Applications will only be accepted by email)**

[secretary@asne.org](mailto:secretary@asne.org)

Indicate in Subject: "ASNE Application for NETSMART"

**Closing Date: Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July (5pm)**