

HETI HIGHER EDUCATION MENTAL HEALTH

# Trauma Informed Care and Practice (8ALF008) SCHOLARSHIPS

## APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR SEMESTER 1 2024

The Agency for Clinical Innovation (ACI) is excited to partner with the Health Education and Training Institute (HETI) to offer scholarships to support NSW Health Mental Health Services and clinicians working with vulnerable populations to receive targeted trauma informed care training.

Trauma-informed care is a re-conceptualisation of traditional approaches to health and human service delivery, where all aspects of services are organised around an acknowledgement of the prevalence of trauma throughout society, including the lives of people who access mental health services. ACI are committed to upskilling the Mental Health workforce in trauma informed care to create improved outcomes and care for consumers within our public health networks.

The Trauma Informed Care and Practice unit (8ALF008) enables students to explore and critique the concepts of trauma informed care that support and facilitate optimal wellbeing of people with lived experience and those who support or work for them.

At HETI, we are driven to make a difference in mental health. Uniquely placed within Australia's largest healthcare system, HETI's curriculum draws on leading specialists and experts while embracing the legacy from the NSW Institute of Psychiatry's 50-year history. HETI offers a number of courses within the Applied Mental Health Studies Framework. In addition to the formal postgraduate Award courses (Graduate Certificate, Graduate Diploma and Masters), HETI Higher Education provides the flexibility of studying units as Professional Development. Successful completion of any of the units as Professional Development can count towards a degree should students decide to continue with their studies.

### WHO DOES THE SCHOLARSHIP COVER?

The scholarship will be administered and delivered by HETI to NSW Health employees working in the following areas and prioritized as follows:

1. Mental Health Services
2. Clinicians working with vulnerable populations
3. Any scholarship remaining will be considered for NSW Health employees working in other settings upon application. These scholarships have been funded by the Agency for Clinical Innovation, Mental Health Network.

### UNIT COSTS

The Trauma Informed Care (TIC) scholarship covers 100% of the unit cost of \$885. Students are required to allocate the scholarship hours against the unit cost for 8ALF008 before the census date of Teaching Period 1, 2024 (12 February 2024). Current recipients of other scholarships are not eligible for the trauma informed care scholarship.

## KEY DATES FOR THE TIC SCHOLARSHIP

This unit will be offered in **Teaching Period 1** with a start on 5 February and concluding on 8 March 2024.

KEY DATES FOR TIC SCHOLARSHIP	
21 January 2024	Scholarship applications open
2 February 2024	Scholarship applications close
Ongoing	Scholarship notifications issued
5 February 2024	Teaching Period 1 commences
12 February 2024	Census Date of Teaching Period 1

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible for the TIC Scholarship, students must fulfil the following requirements:

1. Be an Australian citizen or permanent resident and a resident of NSW;
2. Have applied and been successfully admitted into a HETI Higher Education course as either a degree or professional development student;  
and;
3. Be currently employed by NSW Health. Priority will be given to
  - i. Staff working in Mental Health Services as a clinician, manager, or peer worker, or transitioning to a role in Mental Health Services or
  - ii. A clinician working with vulnerable populations and
  - iii. NSW Health employees working in other settings.
4. Not currently be a recipient of a scholarship for the Applied Mental Health Professional Development or Award Courses.

## HOW TO APPLY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP

You will need to:

1. Apply for study with HETI through our online admission form via [myHETIconnect](https://myHETIconnect), selecting the course code: PROD01 Professional Development. <https://heti.edu.au/student-information/key-information/apply>
2. You will receive an automatic unconditional offer
3. You can complete the HETI scholarship application via the Scholarship tab in [myHETIconnect](https://myHETIconnect). Note this step is separate from registration for Professional Development.
4. As part of your scholarship application, you will need to demonstrate a strong interest in trauma informed care by uploading a brief statement (maximum 300 words) that addresses the following 3 questions:
  - i. Briefly outline your current role, your workplace name and address, and your work history, noting the requirement that applicants must be working within Mental Health Services, or be working with vulnerable populations.

Scholarships will be prioritized to NSW Health employees working in mental health settings. Any remaining scholarships will be considered for NSW Health employees working in other settings upon application.

- ii. Outline your personal motivations for engaging in this course, specifically your interest in studying trauma informed care, your future career goals, and how this course will support those aspirations.
- iii. Provide the name and contact of your line manager. Providing the name and contact confirms that you have notified them of your intention to study the Trauma Informed Care and Practice Unit.

If you are a continuing student with HETI Higher Education, you will need to apply for a scholarship via Scholarship Tab within [myHETIconnect](#); the steps 2-5 are the same as described above.

## WHAT IS EXPECTED OF A SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT?

1. Apply for and be accepted into a HETI Higher Education course.
2. Once confirmed as a scholarship recipient, complete the unit enrolment via [myHETIconnect](#), Courses and Units Tab to specify preferred unit/s of study.
3. Your approved scholarship funds will be available for you to allocate to your selected units in [myHETIconnect](#).
4. The allocation of funds will need to be made by the census date of Teaching Period 1 (**12 February 2024**).
5. Complete the assessment within the unit.

Students are responsible for self-allocating their scholarship funding to their unit via [myHETIconnect](#) before the commencement date of the teaching period. Any unallocated funds after census date (12 February 2024) will be forfeited by the student and cannot be deferred.

## HOW DO APPLICANTS KNOW IF THEY ARE SUCCESSFUL?

All applicants will be advised of the outcome of their application via [myHETIconnect](#) or email. Successful applicants will receive an Offer of Scholarship Funding for the TIC unit for which scholarship funding has been granted.

## ELIGIBLE UNIT: Trauma Informed Care and Practice (8ALF008)

### Learning Outcomes Upon completion of the unit, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate application of the principles of trauma-informed care and practice;
- Critically analyse the adaptations required to improve the application of trauma informed principles to current approaches and/or interventions; and
- Examine the tensions that exist in trauma-informed care

## WHAT HAPPENS TO MY SCHOLARSHIP IF I LEAVE NSW HEALTH?

If you fail to undertake studies, cease study without completing the course or cease employment with NSW Health during study, then awarded scholarship monies will be forfeited. If you move from one Local Health District/Specialty Network to another, this does not constitute leaving the NSW Health System, and therefore scholarship monies remain with you.

## WITHDRAWAL FROM THE UNIT

Notification of a student's intention to withdraw from a unit must be made online via [myHETIconnect](#) on or before the advertised teaching period census date. Withdrawing from a unit forfeits the scholarship and cannot be deferred. If you decided to withdraw from the unit, you will need to apply for the scholarship again when next it is available. No refund of the student contribution will be given for withdrawals from a

unit or course beyond the advertised census date unless there are extenuating circumstances which are outlined in HETI Higher Education Special Consideration Policy:

[https://heti.edu.au/data/assets/pdf\\_file/0007/485728/Academic-Policies-Special-Consideration-Policy-v2.1.pdf](https://heti.edu.au/data/assets/pdf_file/0007/485728/Academic-Policies-Special-Consideration-Policy-v2.1.pdf)

Students who fail to complete the unit due to non-attendance will also forfeit any awarded scholarship monies and their student contributions for the unit/course of studies. If the student wishes to repeat or complete the same unit/course again, it will be at the expense of the student. Academic penalties will be applied as per the HETI Higher Education Enrolment Policy: <https://heti.edu.au/student-information/key-information/policies-procedures-and-forms>.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

If you would like information or advice regarding scholarships or courses, please contact:

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