

Fact Sheet: Nurse Education and Training – Volume 2

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What are the studies in this volume and who conducted them?

- *Nursing education and graduates - Part 1* by Ms Kaye Ogle and team from Deakin University
- *Nursing education and graduates - Part 2* by Ms Kaye Ogle and team from Deakin University

What does the research say?

Nursing education and graduates - Part 1 maps all nursing education courses undergraduate and postgraduate in Australian universities and the postgraduate programs offered through the NSW College of Nursing in 2001. It also gives the numbers of graduates from these programs in 1999 and 2000. As it was completed prior to the completion of programs in 2001 it gives estimates of the number of graduates for that year. This data provides the benchmark data in some areas where there has been no information on the number of graduates from different courses for nursing specialisations such as midwifery and mental health.

Nursing education and graduates - Part 2 completes a similar mapping exercise for courses but covers more detail in the specialisation, particularly in the area of high dependency nursing. It also compares the estimates for graduates in 2001 with the actual figures on graduates and shows that estimates should be used very carefully as they can be very different. The report also provides estimates of graduates for 2002. Information about the number of graduates in different State and Territory specialist areas is very important for workforce planning. This study has been used as the only information source available on a national basis at the level of detail required for the different specialisations.

Is the research available?

Yes - all the research along with the review report *Our Duty of Care* is available on the review website at www.dest.gov.au/highered/programmes/nursing/ or on request by telephoning (02) 6240 7604 or (02) 6289 7543.