



Federation University (Institute of Health and Wellbeing)

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2024 NCP Taiwan 35858 Consortium

Occupational Therapy, Physiotherapy, and Nursing Study Tour

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Transforming the Future of Ageing with Cross-Cultural Insights and Interdisciplinary Collaboration in Taiwan.

What is the program?

The "Ageing with Dignity in Taiwan" initiative is a pioneering project that unites students from Federation University, Monash University, University of Canberra, Ming Chi University, and Chang Gung University across nursing, allied health, and design disciplines. Over 15 days in January 2025, this program immerses participants in a diverse learning experience, including cultural visits, lectures, and hands-on workshops focused on understanding and innovating in the field of ageing. The collaboration aims to develop practical solutions for ageing societies by blending interdisciplinary knowledge and cross-cultural insights.

The project culminates in a public exhibition, showcasing the participants' work to an audience of academic, healthcare, and industry leaders. This event, alongside contributions to conferences and the production of video vignettes, amplifies the initiative's reach and impact. Partnerships with the Australian Primary Health Care Nurses Association and Austrade in Taipei, leveraging their networks and expertise, further enhance the project's significance. With a commitment to inclusivity, the initiative prioritizes participation from diverse and underrepresented groups, embodying innovation and fostering lasting relationships between Australia and Taiwan.



What is involved?

The mobility project merges educational pursuits with practical experiences, fostering interdisciplinary and cross-cultural collaborations primarily between students from diverse universities and disciplines like design, nursing, and allied health. Engaging with Taiwan's healthcare system and its professionals, the initiative enhances students' understanding of healthcare, cultural sensitivity, and innovation. It prepares them to address complex issues, including those faced by ageing populations, through critical thinking and problem-solving, while also honing their communication skills across cultures.

Participants will also have the chance to present their innovative health solutions at a prestigious conference, gaining valuable exposure to industry experts and potential networks. The project's comprehensive evaluation includes assessing students on research, teamwork, project execution, and cultural competence, involving faculty from several universities and partner institutions. This approach ensures a well-rounded, transformative learning experience that aligns with students' academic goals and future career aspirations, emphasizing teamwork, cultural proficiency, and healthcare innovation within a global context.

Who is this for?

The program is open to enrolled 2nd year Bachelor of Nursing Students, Occupational Therapy Students or Physiotherapy Students who have successfully completed at least a full first year. The programs will meet part of the requirements of 3rd year (1st Semester) NURBN3031: Nursing Context 8: Teaching, Learning and Situational Leadership for Health Practice or NHPOT4022 Advanced Rural or Urban Practice or NHPPS4111 - Research Honours Project 1.

What are the benefits?

The project offers significant benefits including interdisciplinary and cross-cultural learning, fostering global perspectives on ageing, and enhancing competencies in innovative problem-solving within healthcare and design. It enables professional networking through exhibitions and conferences, promotes inclusivity by targeting diverse student groups. By immersing students in Taiwanese culture and collaborating on real-world challenges, the initiative not only enriches their academic and professional development but also contributes to societal well-being through innovative solutions for ageing populations.

Everything you need to know about the Ageing with Dignity in Taiwan study tour.

Who is eligible for funding?

The New Colombo Mobility Program is open to an Australian university undergraduate student who:

- a) is an Australian citizen.
- b) is not a (dual) citizen or permanent resident of Sri Lanka.
- c) is enrolled in an Australian onshore campus and undertaking a Bachelor degree or Bachelor Honours degree at Federation University for the duration of the mobility project.
- d) meets the age requirements (aged between 18 and 28 years inclusive)
Please note that 30% of the participants may be over 28 years of age and it is very likely that Federation University will be exempt from this restriction.
- e) not be an employee of the branch of DFAT that administers the NCP
- f) does not during the course of their Bachelor degree or Bachelor Honours degree:
 - i. receive more than one student grant for the same mobility project.
Or
 - ii. receive more than two student grants during the course of their Bachelor degree or Bachelor Honours degree

Please note that in this round we will only be able to take 14 students to Taiwan.

All students who meet the criteria or wish to participate are invited to submit an [Expression of Interest \(Eoi\)](#) by Friday the 16th of August 2024.

Where are we going?

Students will initially be staying at hotel accommodation in the Western districts of Taipei City as advised by our university partners Ming Chi University and Chang Gung University. Students may also be staying in university campus dormitories for part of their stay. Specific details are to be confirmed.

When are we going?

It is expected this two (2) week program will commence on Friday, 10th January 2025 to Saturday, 25th of January 2025 (inclusive of air travel) *

What is included?

Accommodation and some meals (meals to be confirmed), local transport in Taiwan, travel insurance, all field excursions and use of the Ming Chi University, and Chang Gung University learning resources, and return airfares to and from Taipei City. (Group travel to be arranged; all students to be on the same flight).

What will it cost?

It is expected that the trip will cost approximately \$4,500 with the trip being subsidised \$4,000 by the Australian Government New Colombo Plan (NCP).



Students eligible for an NCP Grant for this study tour will be automatically authorized and will not have to independently apply.

Note: NOT included in this cost are passport and visa arrangements, some meals especially on days off, and personal expenses

Is there additional financial support?

All participating Australian students will also be able to access OS HELP up to the value of \$9,000 (a loan placed on their HECS bill)

More Information may be found on our [OS-HELP Loan Program link](#).



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Experience Taiwanese culture firsthand through site visits, workshops, and interactions with local communities

Participate in conferences and exhibitions offering students the opportunity to connect with professionals, academics, and industry leaders, opening doors to future career opportunities and collaborations.

Students from nursing, allied health, and design disciplines engage in a rich learning experience that crosses traditional academic boundaries, fostering a comprehensive understanding of ageing and dignity.

Credit to your degree

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Assistance with Costs

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This opportunity counts towards the Bronze and Silver levels of your Federation Advantage Award

My Next Steps

Ready to go? Just follow these steps
and you're on your way*

step 1

Check eligibility requirements: you need to have had successfully passed at least 8 courses by the time of the excursion.

You also need to ensure that you are eligible to enroll in **NURBN3031; NHPOT4022 or NHPPS4111.**

step 2

Check that you are financially able to undertake this trip. You will be able to get an OS-HEPL loan (if you are an Australian citizen). You should apply to receive this loan at least one month before departure.

step 3

Check essential requirements you need to complete in addition to your application.

- A valid passport
- You are willing to undertake appropriate vaccinations for entry & study in Taiwan
- Travel availability in January, 2025.

step 4

Complete your **Expression of Interest (EOI)** to undertake this tour – (all applications are submitted on-line).

Expressions of interest due: Friday the 16th of August 2024

Interview for candidates: August 2024



Questions?

If you want some help getting started, or you need to know more information, we can help.

Contact the Student Mobility Office:

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Or speak to the course coordinators:

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* Please note that submitting an expression of interest does not guarantee a placement on this trip. Places are limited and a selection process will be undertaken to select candidates according to merit

"The NCP program allows students to immerse themselves in the day-to-day operations of jobs in their field of study and enrich their experience with cultural and practical knowledge."

Professor Duncan Bentley

Federation University Vice-Chancellor and President.

