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Subject: English Language Skills Registration Standard for the nursing and midwifery professions

Hi,

I would like to give feedback on the **revised draft of English Language Skills Registration Standard for the nursing and midwifery professions**. I welcome the changes.

I think the requirement that those who have a nursing degree from Australian Universities (Adelaide, Flinders, UniSa etc) must sit for English proficiency test is unfair, insulting to Australian higher education sector, Australian nurses and academics. It is also discriminatory. If the Board believes nurses should have higher English proficiency standard why not all applicants applying for registration are required to sit for the test? Do it once! Then you will found that a large number of Australian secondary graduates may fail the test!! Don't you believe that? Ask some Australian Academic?

Does the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia believe that the university system in Australia and particularly in South Australia is carp to the extent that Australian university graduates (after 3 years of study) cannot become nurses? How do they get admitted to the universities? Why?

Thanks,

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