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### **Clinical training places for Deakin students**

Additional clinical training places for nursing students at Deakin University will encourage more health students to study and work locally, Federal Member for Chisholm Anna Burke said today.

In a timely boost for the future of the local health system, the Federal Government is providing \$1.45m in funding for Epworth HealthCare to establish a nursing preceptor program, which will see approximately 202 additional placements provided for nursing students.

The preceptor program will take place across all Epworth HealthCare sites, including Epworth Eastern in Box Hill. Deakin University is providing over \$74,000 to the project for educational material and support.

Ms Burke said students from Deakin University's School of Nursing will benefit from the additional training places.

"This funding is supporting Epworth Eastern to provide practical training opportunities for nursing students at Deakin Uni," Ms Burke said.

"These placements are taking advantage of the private settings at Epworth Eastern which are not traditionally used for this type of training.

"Students will have access to top quality facilities and the clinical training necessary to complete their qualifications.

"These students will benefit from new supervision and mentoring in a team-based, private environment which will allow practical experience with patients.

"Having more nursing students undergo their training locally will lead to more nurses working locally in the future," she said.

Ms Burke said the federal funding underlines the Government's commitment to build a health workforce that meets the current and future needs of the Australian community.

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