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Headline: CATSINaM is encouraging Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander nurses and midwives to use a new innovative website aimed at educating the sector on cultural safety.

Nursing and midwifery educators and students will benefit from a new website launched on Monday 17 September by the Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives (CATSINaM).

CATSINaM president Ben Gorrie says the website will assist nursing and midwifery educators looking for resources on cultural safety and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, history and culture.

The website, launched at CATSINaM's national conference in Adelaide, has been developed by the Leaders in Indigenous Nursing and Midwifery Education Network (LINMEN), a collaborative peer support network for nursing and midwifery educators to develop and share the highest quality education and training on cultural safety and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, history and culture.

Mr Gorrie says the new LINMEN website – www.linmen.org.au – provides ways for members to connect with one another, access resources and share projects.

LINMEN membership is free and open to organisations and individuals who work in nursing and midwifery education and are committed to cultural safety and achieving health equity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians.

LINMEN, a CATSINaM project, is funded by the Australian Government Department of Health, and supports nursing and midwifery educators by developing and sharing good practice curriculum resources and curriculum delivery strategies on cultural safety and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, history and culture.

LINMEN also provides professional development opportunities for nursing and midwifery educators, and helps to identify and share effective strategies for creating culturally safe teaching and learning environments for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and staff.

Mr Gorrie said over time it is hoped LINMEN will contribute to the recruitment and retention of more Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians in the nursing and midwifery workforce, and more experiences of culturally safe care for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.



“We highly encourage all nursing and midwifery practitioners, educators, students and policy makers to join Linmen and peruse the new website. We look forward to hearing your suggestions and feedback for how it might be further improved.”

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