



Q1) Name: Kathleen Synot

Q2) Current role: Registered Nurse, Emergency Department GCUH

Q3) How long have you been a nurse/midwife? 10 years

Q4) Why did you want to you want to become a nurse/midwife?

I spent a lot of time in hospital as teenager and wanted to be able to ensure other people felt safe during their journeys through hospital.

Q5) What were the enablers and barriers for you to complete your degree?

Pathway into nursing/midwifery – how did you get to where you are today?

My barriers were that due to time in hospital I didn't do very well in high school, had to go to tafe to complete a diploma of nursing (EEN) and then transition into university. This in the long run benefited me greatly and helped me become the nurse I am today

Q6) Do you believe our nurses and midwives are role models for our communities? if yes do you think it is a priority that we increase our workforce and why?

Yes. I believe nurses are role models for our communities, especially myself with my family and Indigenous community encouraging and helping them to feel safe in the health sector.

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