

Australia lays focus on students to pursue career in aged care

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The \$3.7 million will enable the University of South Australia to support an additional 200 student placement weeks for the first two years

The government will provide \$3.7 million to the University of South Australia (UniSA) to create a training site in Port Lincoln encouraging nursing and allied health students to pursue a career in aged care.

This announcement signals a collaboration between UniSA and Matthew Flinders Home where the training and simulation site will be built.

The grant will enable nursing and allied health students to get practical experience in residential and community-based aged care, ensuring UniSA can contribute to the recruitment and retention of the aged care workforce.

The \$3.7 million funding will be allocated across three key areas:

Infrastructure: for design, development and fit out of the purpose-built training facility onsite at Matthew Flinders Home.

Accommodation: to purchase and develop student accommodation.

Establishment: to develop the education program, student placements, activities; and the support, staffing and running costs of the training facility.

The grant is part of the Federal Government's \$18.4 million investment to establish up to seven health training sites in rural and remote aged care services.