

**STUDENT  
EXPERIENCES  
ON UNIVERSITY  
PREPERATION FOR  
MENTAL HEALTH  
NURSING**

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CHOOSING  
MENTAL HEALTH  
NURSING AS A  
CAREER

**FINDING A**  
**UNIVERSITY TO**  
**STUDY AT**

VIEWS OF  
NON - MENTAL  
HEALTH  
CLINICIANS ON  
MENTAL HEALTH  
CAREER INTENTIONS

POSITIVE ASPECTS  
OF UNIVERSITY  
PREPERATION FOR  
WORKING AS A  
MENTAL HEALTH  
NURSE

# POSITIVE ASPECTS OF UNIVERSITY PREPERATION FOR WORKING AS A MENTAL HEALTH NURSE

■ Consistency of staff and peers →

Bonding →

Confidence in developing skills

- Experienced mental health academics
- One goal: Mental Health Nursing
- Good psych topics for assignments
- Division 2 registration

**NEGATIVE ASPECTS**  
**OF UNIVERSITY**  
**PREPERATION FOR**  
**WORKING AS A**  
**MENTAL HEALTH**  
**NURSE**

# NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF UNIVERSITY PREPERATION FOR WORKING AS A MENTAL HEALTH NURSE

- Lack of clinical placements
- Lack of quality placements
- Inadequate preceptorship
- Few mental health subjects
- Excessive group work
- Informatics
- General nursing aged placements

HOW CAN UNIVERSITY  
PREPERATION  
IMPROVE TO BENEFIT  
THE GRADUATING  
MENTAL HEALTH  
NURSE?

# HOW CAN UNIVERSITY PREPERATION IMPROVE TO BENEFIT THE GRADUATING MENTAL HEALTH NURSE?

- Mental health subjects in all three years
- Extra topics including:
  - Working with families
  - Abuse
  - Writing nursing notes
- Practical assessments in MSE's
- Confidentiality
- Clinical placements on IPU's
- Quality preceptorship