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Online toolkit for clinical facilitators of the School of Nursing and Midwifery undergraduate students

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Teaching and supporting undergraduate nursing students is a professional responsibility of all registered nurses (Australian Nursing &Midwifery Council, 2011). The highly challenging nature of clinical supervision demands the need for high-level support (Forbes, 2010). Nurses with varying levels of nursing and teaching experience facilitate nursing and midwifery students from diverse backgrounds in a variety of clinical settings. Such facilitation roles include; preceptor, facilitator, clinical teacher/educator, coach, and buddy. Providing this support can be difficult for facilitators because of a lack of timely preparation and ongoing support (Forbes, 2011). An additional challenge is that registered nurses supervise students from a range of universities all with different requirements. To support the profession and build capacity within the clinical setting, the School of Nursing and Midwifery has developed an innovative, interactive online set of resources to support nurses whatever the nature of their role with Deakin nursing and midwifery students.

