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Bethesda Nurse Top of the Educators

Enrolled Nurse Emma Brown from Bethesda Hospital in Claremont has just won a national nursing education award - the strongly contested Gertrude Berger Award.

The national memorial award is presented each year to a nursing professional who has demonstrated pioneering and visionary work in nurse education. The award also included registration to the Royal College of Nursing Australia 2010 Nursing Summit in Canberra held recently.

Twenty-five year old Emma from Palmyra has been working in the Learning and Development department of Bethesda Hospital for the past 15 months. She has developed a number of successful nursing educational programs as well as mentoring enrolled nurse graduates.

Emma said she was delighted to receive such recognition, 'I'm really passionate about enhancing the role and recognition of Enrolled Nurses, and giving them more scope through the development of alternative career pathways'.

'Attending the Summit was a fantastic opportunity to meet with nurses from other states and compare notes on education and training programs'.

The Award is named after Gertrude Berger who, during the 1950s, 60s and early 70s, contributed significantly to nurse education; firstly as the Nurse Educator at Prince Henry's Hospital in Melbourne, and later as the Education Officer at the Victorian Nursing Council.

Bethesda Hospital Chief Executive, Yasmin Naglazas, said the whole hospital was delighted with Emma's win, 'this is a great achievement for Emma, and she is a fantastic asset to our hospital'.

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