Aboriginal women yarning about experiences as undergraduate nursing students in Western Australian universities

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APPENDICES
# Appendix A  Aboriginal Student Support by University

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<td>Murdoch University</td>
<td>Kulbardi was first established in 1988. <em>Kulbardi</em> is the Noongar word for magpie. Kulbardi provides get-together events at commencement of, and during each semester. It also offers scholarships, tutoring and individual learning plans, including reminders about when assignments are due. There are small numbers at Murdoch. However, Kulbardi gives priority to students meeting the relevant requirements.</td>
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<td>Curtin University</td>
<td>Centre for Aboriginal Studies offers a range of bridging courses, tutoring, scholarships, and guidance with enrolment and other university processes. The Centre also offers networking opportunities for students, and cultural education for the university staff.</td>
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<td>Edith Cowan University</td>
<td><em>Kurongkurl Katitjin</em> is a Nyoongar phrase meaning “coming together to learn.” Kurongkurl Katitjin provides student support as required, including regular events for students to meet and network. However, these are based on the Mt Lawley campus, which creates access difficulties for students at other campuses. Students can also access tutoring and scholarships via the University Student Support Centre.</td>
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<tr>
<td>University of Notre Dame Australia</td>
<td>The university does not have an Aboriginal support centre but provides support through mainstream services under the guidance of the Aboriginal mentor. Students can access scholarships and tutoring via the mainstream student services.</td>
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*Note: Anecdotal sources, no reference*
## Appendix B  Indigenous Students Enrolments in Western Australia

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Appendix D  Information Sheet

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET

Aboriginal women yarning about experiences as undergraduate nursing students in WA universities.

Dear Participant,

You are invited to participate in the research project described below.

What is the project about?
The research project investigates the experiences of Aboriginal women enrolled in an undergraduate nursing program at a university in WA.

- To provide a holistic view of Aboriginal nursing student’s experiences during their undergraduate program.
- To investigate the factors that have helped or hindered Aboriginal nursing student’s journey through their undergraduate program.

Who is undertaking the project?
This project is being conducted by Melanie Robinson and will form the basis for the degree of Masters in Nursing Research at The University of Notre Dame Australia, under the supervision of Dr Carol Piercey from School of Nursing & Midwifery, University of Notre Dame Australia and Dr Marion Kickett from the Centre for Aboriginal Studies, Curtin University.

What will I be asked to do?
If you consent to take part in this research study, it is important that you understand the purpose of the study and what you are asked to do. Please make sure that you ask any questions you may have, and that all your questions have been answered to your satisfaction before you agree to participate.

You will be asked to take part in an interview using yarning circles, either as an individual (on your own) or in a group of 2-3 Aboriginal people. This will be audio recorded and then transcribed for analysis. You will be given a copy of the transcript for you to keep. As the information is your story you will be able to ask questions about the interpretations made, how the final report will be written and receive a copy.

Are there any risks associated with participating in this project?
There are no foreseeable risks in participating in the project. The researchers will ensure that you feel comfortable and can freely share your stories with no fear of shame and embarrassment. However, if you feel uncomfortable, you can stop at any time.
What are the benefits of the research project?

By participating in the research, you may contribute to improving the way Aboriginal students are supported in their studies at the university and could potentially inform government policy. This is a chance for you to share your story and tell people about your experiences being Aboriginal women and enrolled in tertiary nursing studies. A potential benefit will be to improve support for Aboriginal students enrolled in the Bachelor of Nursing.

What if I change my mind?

Participation in this research is completely voluntary. Even if you agree to participate, you can withdraw from the study at any time without discrimination or prejudice. If you withdraw, all information you have provided can be removed from the study. Non-participation or withdrawal from the research will not affect ongoing enrolment and assessment activities.

Will anyone else know the results of the project?

Information gathered about you will be held in strict confidence. This confidence will only be broken if required by law.

You will not be identified in future publications. Pseudonyms will be used to extrapolate specific points. Data will be stored securely in the School of Nursing & Midwifery at The University of Notre Dame Australia for a period of five years. The study may be published in educational journals and conferences such as Congress of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Nurses and Midwives.

Will I be able to find out the results of the project?

You will be given a copy of your story and any findings will be discussed with you to confirm they reflect your experiences. If there are any publications in journals or presentations at conferences you will be advised.

Who do I contact if I have questions about the project?

If you have any questions about this project please feel free to contact me, Melanie Robinson, at 0412 798 920 or 20142869@my.nd.edu.au. Alternatively you can contact Dr. Carol Piercey at Carol.Piercey1@nd.edu.au or Dr Marion Kickett at Marion.Kickett@curtin.edu.au. We are happy to discuss with you any concerns you may have about this study.

What if I have a concern or complaint?

The study has been approved by the Human Research Ethics Committee at The University of Notre Dame Australia (approval number 016076F). If you have a concern or complaint regarding the ethical conduct of this research project and would like to speak to an independent person, please contact Notre Dame’s Research Ethics Officer at (+61 8) 9433 0943 or research@nd.edu.au. Any complaint or concern will be treated in confidence and fully investigated. You will be informed of the outcome.
How do I sign up to participate?

If you are happy to participate, please sign both copies of the consent form, keep one for yourself and give the other one to me.

Thank you for your time. This sheet is for you to keep.

Yours sincerely,

Melanie Robinson
Student Master of Nursing Research
Phone: 0412 798 920
Email: 20142869@my.nd.edu.au
Appendix E  Consent Form

CONSENT FORM

Title: Aboriginal women yarning about their experiences as undergraduate nursing students in WA universities

- I agree to take part in this research project.
- I have read the Information Sheet provided and been given a full explanation of the purpose of this research project and what is involved in the interview(s).
- I understand that I will be interviewed and that the interview will be audio-recorded.
- The researcher has answered all my questions and has explained possible risks that may arise as a result of the interview and how these risks will be managed.
- I understand that I do not have to answer specific questions if I do not want to and may withdraw from participating in the project at any time without prejudice.
- I understand that all information provided by me is treated as confidential and will not be released by the researcher to a third party unless required to do so by law.
- I agree that any research data gathered for the study may be published provided my name or other identifying information is not disclosed.
- I understand that research data gathered may be used for future research but my name and other identifying information will be removed.

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- I confirm that I have provided the Information Sheet concerning this research project to the above participant, explained what participating involves and have answered all questions asked of me.

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Appendix F  Aboriginal Cadetship Program

The Aboriginal Cadetship Program is funded and managed by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (Federal Government). The program aims to improve the professional employment prospects of Aboriginal people by linking them with employers in a cadetship arrangement. Such an arrangement involves fulltime study and paid work placements. Fundamentally, the program is aimed at improving access and equity in employment, together with an education and tertiary qualifications. The key features of the Aboriginal Cadetship Program include:

- The opportunity to undertake approved tertiary study and maintain simultaneous employment;
- The undertaking of full-time study leading to a first undergraduate degree qualification;
- Facilitation of 60 days’ work experience each calendar year, typically comprising one day per week each semester, and block attendance during semester breaks, or as a block from December-February;
- Employment at Level 2.1 in accordance with the Public Service Award and the Public Service and Government Officers General Agreement 2011;
- The offer of assistance on successful completion of the Cadetship. This involves application to the WA Department of Health for a role in the healthcare sector;
- Support from: the Aboriginal Health Policy Directorate; Host Team Manager; and Host Team Buddy; for those cadets who achieve successful employment;
- A grant of $500 book/equipment allowance, plus a fortnightly salary that includes $6,000 study allowance and a salary ($57,729 pro rata i.e. paid for 30 days) each semester (Aboriginal Health Policy Directorate Report Aboriginal Cadetship Program Guidelines, 2015).
Appendix G  Research Ethics

G.1  University of Notre Dame Australia

7 July 2016

Dr Carol Piercey & Ms Melanie Robinson
School of Nursing & Midwifery
The University of Notre Dame, Australia
Fremantle Campus

Dear Carol and Melanie,

Reference Number: 016076F

Project title: “Aboriginal women yarning about their experiences as undergraduate nursing students in Western Australian universities.”

Thank you for submitting the above project for Full Ethical Review. Your application has been reviewed by The University of Notre Dame Human Research Ethics Committee in accordance with the National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007). I advise that ethical clearance has been granted conditional on the following issues being addressed:

- Researchers to provide an explanation for who the ‘Aboriginal advisory group’ is, as mentioned in Sections 3.2 and 6.3a.
- Researchers to clarify what the ‘cadetship program’ is and whether participants will be only those currently in this program or will those who have withdrawn from the program also be included. Section 3.1b only states that participants “are known to the researcher from the cadetship program.”
- HREC members believe that shame and embarrassment could possibly be a risk as a result of yarning about adversity experienced and pressure to do well in the program. Researchers to comment.
- Researchers mentioned that a ‘yarning protocol’ will be drafted following advice from the ‘Aboriginal advisory group.’ Researchers to forward this protocol to the HREC once completed.
- Researchers to complete section 6.2 regarding data storage during and following completion of the study.
- Researchers to amend the Participant Information Sheet (PIS) to include:
  - Information regarding the journal component of the study and what it entails (as mentioned in Section 2.3b).
  - A statement that this research project is for a Masters degree.
  - Amend the section regarding benefits to specify that potential benefit is to improve support for female Aboriginal students.
  - Correct all grammatical errors.
Please send your response addressing each of the issues as listed above, including supporting information where applicable, to me at Natalie.Giles@nd.edu.au by Tuesday 26 July 2016. Failure to respond and/or communicate by this time could result in a suspension of the ethical review of the project.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Natalie Giles
Research Ethics Officer
Research Office

cc: A/Prof Gerard Hoyne, SRC Chair, School of Health Sciences.
6th April, 2016

Dear Melanie,

WAAHEC HREC Project Reference: 700
Project Title: Aboriginal women yarning about experiences as a student nurse in a WA university

"thank you for submitting the above research project which was considered by the WAAHEC at the meeting held on 6th April, 2016. I am pleased to advise that the WAAHEC has reviewed and approved the following documents for use in this project:

Document(s):

- WAAHEC Application Form
- Informed Consent Form
- Participant Information Sheet

"the WAAHEC has granted approval of this research project from date of the meeting held, pending your agreement of the following conditions:

- Return the outcomes with recommendations

1. Conditions

The WAAHEC will be notified, giving reasons, if the project is discontinued before the expected date of completion.

- The coordinating Investigator will provide a Progress Report every 30th June each year in the specified format. This form can be found on the AHCWA website (www.ahcwa.org).
- The approval for studies is for three years and the research should be commenced and completed within that period of time. Projects must be resubmitted if an extension of time is required.
- Publications that arise from this research are to be provided to the WAAHEC for review prior to submission for dissemination.

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Phone: (08) 9227 1631 Fax: (08) 9228 1088 Email: ethics@ahcwa.org Web: www.ahcwa.org
ABN 48 114 220 478 ACN 114 220 478
That the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community are formally acknowledged for their contribution to this research project.

Amendments

If there is an event requiring amendments to be submitted you should immediately contact ethics@ahcwa.org for advice.

Should you have any queries about the WAAHEC’s consideration of your project please contact ethics@ahcwa.org.

The WAAHEC wishes you every success in your research.

Kind regards

Tara Pierson
For, Vicki O’Donnell
Chair, WAAHEC

This HREC is constituted and operates in accordance with the National Health and Medical Research Council’s (NHMRC) National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research (2007), NHMRC and Universities Australia Australian Code for the Responsible Conduct of Research (2007) and the CPMP/ICH Note for Guidance on Good Clinical Practice. The process this HREC uses to review multi-centre research proposals has been certified by the NHMRC.