Thank you for the opportunity to input into discussions around Educating the nurse of the future recently in Mt Gambier.

Following on from our discussions at the workshop we would also like to add the following points for consideration:

- Education focus on building resilience and skills needed to work within a changing resource constrained environment
- Self-care – Mental Health
- Focus on primary health care and chronic disease management and aged care as a specialist role
- Preparation for working in non-traditional areas
- Education/empowerment of clients and their care givers-family, friends
- IT skills – video conferencing, e-records, clear understanding of professional responsibilities/accountabilities associated with emerging IT mediated communication modes.
- Need for clearer understanding of what critical thinking is and what this actually looks like in practice- unpacking our thought and decision making processes.
- Empowerment to maximize nursing’s professional voice and role as advocate, political change agent.
- Emphasis on education of general RN in skills to preceptor/mentor nursing students.

Thank you for considering these additional points.

Kind Regards

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