



Vaccine Update 510- Expression of Interest Health Education and Services Australia accredited immunisation course, immunisation education opportunities, and ‘What drives adult influenza vaccination in Australia’ new research article highlights importance of trusted immunisation information

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Expression of Interest for Health Education and Systems Australia accredited immunisation course – ‘Understanding Vaccines and the National Immunisation Program’

WA Primary Health Alliance (WAPHA) is supporting nurses in general practice, aged care and Aboriginal health to complete the ‘[Understanding Vaccines and the National Immunisation Program](#)’ Health Education Services Australia (HESA) accredited training program (the Program).

The Program aims to equip health professionals with knowledge and skills to competently deliver a high quality and safe immunisation service by:

- introducing the learner to immunisation as a public health measure in Australia and globally
- explaining immunology principles of vaccination and vaccine types and components

- discussing the epidemiology of vaccine preventable diseases and explaining the [National Immunisation Program \(NIP\)](#) in Australia
- explaining the legislation and ethics with immunisation practice
- providing the comprehensive requirements to provide a safe and effective immunisation service.

The Program is divided into four modules, and must be completed in sequential order.

The Program is self-paced but must be completed within a period of **20 weeks** from the date of registration.

An [Expression of Interest \(EOI\)](#) is open to registered nurses, enrolled nurses, nurse practitioners and Aboriginal Health Practitioners who require training on immunisation.

To apply, registered and enrolled nurses and Aboriginal Health Practitioners must be:

- registered with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), and
- currently employed in either a residential aged care home (RACHs), General Practice or Aboriginal Medical Service.

The EOI closing date is 30 November 2026

For all queries, email WAPHA Immunisation team at immunisation@wapha.org.au

Immunisation education opportunities

As immunisation providers, staying informed and up-to-date on new research and innovations, current immunisation programs, the latest practices and guidelines is essential to delivering safe and effective care.

Whether you're looking for information about your education requirements, online learning, immunisation event recordings and presentations, the WA Health [Immunisation Education webpage](#) is your go-to resource.

Why check in regularly?

- new events are added throughout the year
- topics cover clinical updates, vaccine safety, cold chain management, and more
- opportunities for networking and peer learning.

We encourage all providers to bookmark the page to ensure you don't miss out on valuable learning opportunities.

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Your commitment to ongoing immunisation education helps keep our communities safe and healthy.

‘What drives adult influenza vaccination in Australia’ new research article highlights importance of trusted immunisation information

A new study by the [National Vaccination Insights](#) Project team has been published, showing what drives adult influenza vaccine uptake in Australia.

Behavioural and social drivers most associated with influenza vaccination intention among adults in 2026 include:

- perceived importance of influenza vaccination for personal health
- confidence in vaccine safety and protection
- healthcare worker recommendation
- family norms
- social responsibility, and
- knowing where to access vaccinations.

Strengthening perceptions of influenza risk and the benefits of vaccination, ensuring equitable access, and reinforcing recommendations and positive social norms remain key opportunities to improve uptake.

Read the [article](#) for more insight into drivers of influenza vaccine uptake among adults in Australia.

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