I am currently an MCH nursing student at RMIT. I am very concerned that there is some discussion about not having to be a registered midwife to train as a MCH nurse. I have 25 years experience as a general obstetric nurse, paediatric nurse, midwife and NICU nurse and I am using all these skills every day in my clinical placements. I think it is tremendously important to be a midwife to know not only what the baby's milestones are but also the changes the mother is going through.

I am also alarmed that there may not be scholarships next year. Most of my intake have scholarships. Many of them, including myself, would not be able to contemplate doing the course without financial assistance. Please reconsider.

Regards,

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