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To whom it may concern,

I am a maternal and child health nurse with the qualifications of

- 1. Registered nurse
- 2. Midwifery
- 3. Psychiatric nurse
- 4. Graduate diploma of child, family and community studies.

My extensive training means that I am well qualified to work in my role with families and children as a Maternal and child health nurse. Midwifery has given me a greater depth of knowledge for mothers that are discharged early from hospital and require further care. For example a mother may become unwell due to retained products from her placenta and my knowledge can help prevent severe complications occurring.

This is very cost effective that families can have many of their requirements met because of my skills. My university qualifications allow a holistic approach for the emotional and physical wellbeing of all members of the family.

As it is well documented that early intervention assists in promoting more positive outcomes for children, it is essential that appropriately qualified staff are employed to deal with the complex issues that arise within families.

Scholarships are one avenue to attract more experienced staff who would otherwise find it difficult to obtain the extra qualifications required to perform the maternal and child health role.

Yours sincerely

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