

## Graduate Nurse Midwifery Program (GNMP) Match 2022 Candidates affected by delayed clinical placements

PMCV understands that some students have been affected by delayed clinical placements due to COVID or availability issues. Candidates may enter the 2022 GNMP Match if they will complete their course within the 18-month period from January 2022 to June 2023, which already allows for some delays in placements.

For any candidate who may be impacted by delayed clinical placements, PMCV recommends the following approach:

### Applying for positions

Candidates who are unsure about their course completion date, but believe they will complete their course by June 2023, should still apply to the 2022 GNMP Match **and indicate the predicted date that they will complete their course requirements**. Please note that course completion relates to when attendance at all academic subjects / placements is complete, not the graduation date or date of issue of exam results.

Candidates whose placements will be delayed into 2023 should consider preferencing Health Services offering graduate positions with a mid-year commencement. Details can be found on the PMCV [GNMP Match information page](#), under the Health Service Directories section in a document called [Multiple Intake Health Services](#).

If a candidate is advised of placement dates scheduled to occur later than June 2023, candidates will need to withdraw from the 2022 GNMP Match (contact [allocations@pmcv.com.au](mailto:allocations@pmcv.com.au) if you require assistance) and apply via next year's GNMP Match for a position commencing in 2024.

### Nominating referees

A delay in placements may also mean that candidates may not have two clinical placement referees at the time of application. For the 2022 Match, candidates who have worked as Registered Undergraduate Student of Nursing or Midwifery (RUSON/RUSOM) will be able to nominate clinical supervisors from their RUSON/RUSOM roles or placements as their referees.

**Please note that while it is highly recommended, it is not mandatory for candidates to nominate referees, or to have completed references to be included in the Match.** If a candidate is unable to nominate referees or if their nominated referees do not submit their reports before the submission deadline, the candidate can still be assessed and ranked for employment by health services and may be allocated to a graduate program position via the Match.

Candidates are encouraged to refer to this issue in their cover letter, so health services understand that their clinical placements have been delayed/disrupted, and health services will take this into account as part of their assessment processes.

The Department of Health and PMCV will continue to work with Education Providers and Health Services to keep them informed of placement challenges and to endeavour to maximise outcomes of the GNMP Matching process.