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CDNM Statement on AI in Australian Healthcare Education

The Council of Deans of Nursing and Midwifery (Australia and New Zealand [CDNM]) has released a new position statement addressing the role of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in nursing and midwifery education, research and practice.

The statement outlines CDNM's support for the responsible use of AI technologies, emphasising the importance of maintaining clinical safety, educational integrity and ethical standards as AI becomes increasingly embedded in healthcare and education settings.

The position statement presents six key principles to guide AI use in nursing and midwifery education in Australia:

- Prioritising educational outcomes and integrity while preparing graduates for AI-enabled healthcare environments
- Using established national frameworks and institutional protocols to guide responsible AI use
- Ensuring institutional policies remain the primary authority for AI governance
- Regularly reviewing and updating AI guidance to reflect technological advances and emerging risks
- Upholding ethical governance, data security, and equity in AI implementation
- Investing in ongoing professional development and infrastructure to support effective AI integration

"This statement reflects our commitment to preparing future nurses and midwives for a rapidly evolving healthcare landscape. AI presents exciting opportunities to enrich nursing and midwifery education, but its adoption must be guided by principles that protect the quality of education, integrity of research and the safety of patients," said CDNM Chair, Professor Karen Strickland.

The full position statement is available now on the [CDNM website](#).

About the CDNM

The Council of Deans of Nursing and Midwifery (Australia & New Zealand) (CDNM) is the peak organisation representing universities and other higher education institutions that offer undergraduate and postgraduate programs in nursing and midwifery throughout Australia and New Zealand.

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