

Group Pregnancy Care: improving access, health literacy and social inclusion

Group Pregnancy Care (GPC) for refugee background women is a world-first inter-agency, community informed model of pregnancy care and group information sessions designed to improve women's access to care, enhance health literacy and reduce social isolation. The program is delivered by a multidisciplinary team including hospital employed midwives, a maternal and child health nurse, a bicultural worker and a hospital employed interpreter. Group Pregnancy Care is provided in a community setting in four locations in Melbourne for Karen (from Burma), Assyrian Chaldean (from Iraq and Syria), Afghan and Vietnamese women.

A comprehensive evaluation is being undertaken by the Intergenerational Health group at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute in partnership with the participating health agencies, lead refugee agencies, state government and other researchers.

More information about Group Pregnancy Care is on the website:

<https://www.mcri.edu.au/research/projects/group-pregnancy-care-study>

As an applicant (Masters by research or PhD) you should have an interest in the social, emotional and physical wellbeing of women (and their children) who have survived refugee experiences. We welcome applicants from broad disciplinary areas (public health, midwifery and nursing, psychology, sociology etc) and your proposed project can be qualitative, quantitative or mixed methods.

Group Pregnancy Care offers an array of topics for scholarly inquiry in the context of pregnancy and early childhood including but not limited to: implementation of complex interventions, evaluation, health services and policy research, refugee and migrant health, mental health and health literacy.

Applicants will enrol at the University of Melbourne and need to meet the University's eligibility criteria. Applicants may wish to apply for a scholarship <https://scholarships.unimelb.edu.au/>

To apply please submit your CV and a cover letter outlining your interest in conducting research in this area.

Applications close November 30th 2018. Submit your applications to elisha.riggs@mcri.edu.au

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