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Dear colleagues,

I am delighted to let you know that, beginning in 2010, the University of Wollongong will offer two new postgraduate degrees – a Graduate Certificate in Health Services Research and Development and a Master of Health Services (Research).

These new courses are being introduced at a time when there are major pressures on the health system and when reform of health service delivery at state and national levels is the focus of major ongoing discussion.

These courses are aimed to suit the needs of a wide variety of careers including those working in:

- policy, planning and public health units of health agencies
- universities
- health research units and centres
- clinical units

The Graduate Certificate in Health Services Research and Development is the entry level course and is designed to equip students with the basic skills required to both understand and conduct health services research. It consists of 4 core subjects:

- Research studies design
- Health service research analysis
- Health services evaluation and development
- Health economic principles and research methods

After completing the Graduate Certificate, students can continue on to complete the Master of Health Services Research program.

These two initial courses are the first step in what we hope will be a full suite of programs ranging from short courses to course work masters and doctorates which between them will provide greater range and depth to education and training in health services research. Our goal is to enhance capacity for both conducting and understanding research that improves health services delivery. This is why we are focusing on health services research and development, and not just on research.

In 2010 these courses will be offered only at the University of Wollongong's Sydney Business School. The school is conveniently located in Liverpool St opposite Museum Station and Hyde Park.

The courses will be run at times we hope will be convenient to students and employers. In 2010 each of the 4 subjects in the Graduate Certificate will be run for a full day every second Friday for a total of 5 days for each subject.

The attached brochure provides more information about what we will be offering and provides contact details for anyone wanting more information. I would very much appreciate it if you forward it on to anyone you know who may be interested.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy Eagar".

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