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## SMARTcare6: Beyond the Bedside

In an effort to bolster the number of nurses and midwives working in the local health system, The University of Notre Dame hosted hundreds of people at a special event to showcase the wide range of possible careers open to healthcare students.

The *SMARTcare6 event held in early August* encouraged collaboration between students and academic staff, promoted learning, industry engagement, and networking opportunities. This year's event explored the theme of 'Beyond the Bedside,' emphasising the multi-various roles that a Nursing degree can lead to.

SMARTcare6 aimed to inspire students and graduates to explore career pathways beyond traditional bedside roles. The event began with talks by industry leaders and inspirational graduates, followed by a networking session with industry representatives. Attendees were encouraged to engage with interactive stalls, participating in activities, and enjoying food from food trucks, all designed to encourage collaboration and networking in-person.

Attendees were able to partake in featured workshops on topics such as IV Cannulation, Advanced Life Support (ALS) practice, and suturing. The event also incorporated the theme of self-care, specifically the importance of personal well-being throughout one's professional journey.

Senior Lecturer and co-organiser of the event Dr Ben Hay said the event not only looked at career opportunities for students and graduates but tackled current issues in the healthcare industry such as self-care and wellbeing during times of stress.

"The feedback we've been receiving from students, families, alumni and industry has been amazing," Dr Hay said.

"Attendees loved hearing from the speakers we organised and especially appreciated the opportunity to network with healthcare professionals and industry leaders."

The event was supported by Gold sponsors ANFWA and NMSupport, and Silver sponsors Intellilearn, HESTA, Paywise and Health Professionals Bank (HPB). The School of Nursing and Midwifery express their gratitude to these sponsors and the University for their support.

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