The Development of an undergraduate nursing competencies assessment tool, for use across Australian Universities

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PROJECT OVERVIEW:

The key outcome of the project was the design of a competency assessment tool that can be used across Australian universities delivering nursing programs that lead to eligibility to register as a nurse within that state/territory. The impact of such a tool is twofold. First, the interpretation of the competencies and their assessment will more clearly assure the quality of care and therefore the safety of the public. Second, the use of a standardised tool will enable benchmarking and more thorough evaluative research to be undertaken to assure the robustness, validity and reliability of work based learning in practice.