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Description:	<p>One of the most pressing challenges in the field of global health is the shortage of health professionals. In order to meet the needs of ageing societies, both Germany and Australia alongside other Western countries rely on and will continue to rely on migrating health professionals particularly nurses, to address projected shortages.</p> <p>Migrating health professionals who must meet the registration and language requirements of their destination, face additional challenges. For example, successfully transitioning to a new healthcare workplace, understanding and addressing the health literacy needs of patients and relatives, and communicating effectively with members of an intra- or inter-professional team in a different language.</p> <p>This project aims to promote scientific exchange between scholars from different scientific disciplines and institutions in Australia and Germany and to develop ideas for joint research activities on the aforementioned topics. To explore relevant research questions and strategies and to promote joint research activities we use a discursive approach with mutual visits to the partner institutions in Melbourne and Berlin. Several workshops and on-site visits in combination with data collection initiatives are planned during the project period. Furthermore, at least one thematically relevant PhD project is associated in each working group.</p> <p>This project is dedicated to research and strengthen the clinical communication of foreign-born qualified health professionals particularly nurses with a special focus on health literacy enhancement and interprofessional collaboration. Expected outcomes are joint research proposals, publications, and presentations at international congresses, which may provide benefits for both the Australian and the German contexts, and potentially elsewhere.</p> <p><u>Contact und information:</u></p> <p>Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin Institute of Health and Nursing Science CVK – Augustenburger Platz 1 / 13353 Berlin / Germany ☎ +49 30 450 529 092 / ✉ m.ewers@charite.de ✉ doreen.herinek@charite.de / ✉ jamie.smith@charite.de</p> <p>University of Melbourne Department of Medical Education / Melbourne Medical School Level 7, Medical Building, Grattan St The University of Melbourne, Victoria 3010 / Australia ☎ +61 38 344 3072 / ✉ robynwk@unimelb.edu.au</p>