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The best of both worlds

Growing the Flowers:

Preparing Undergraduate Nursing Students for a Community Placement in a Neoliberal Economy



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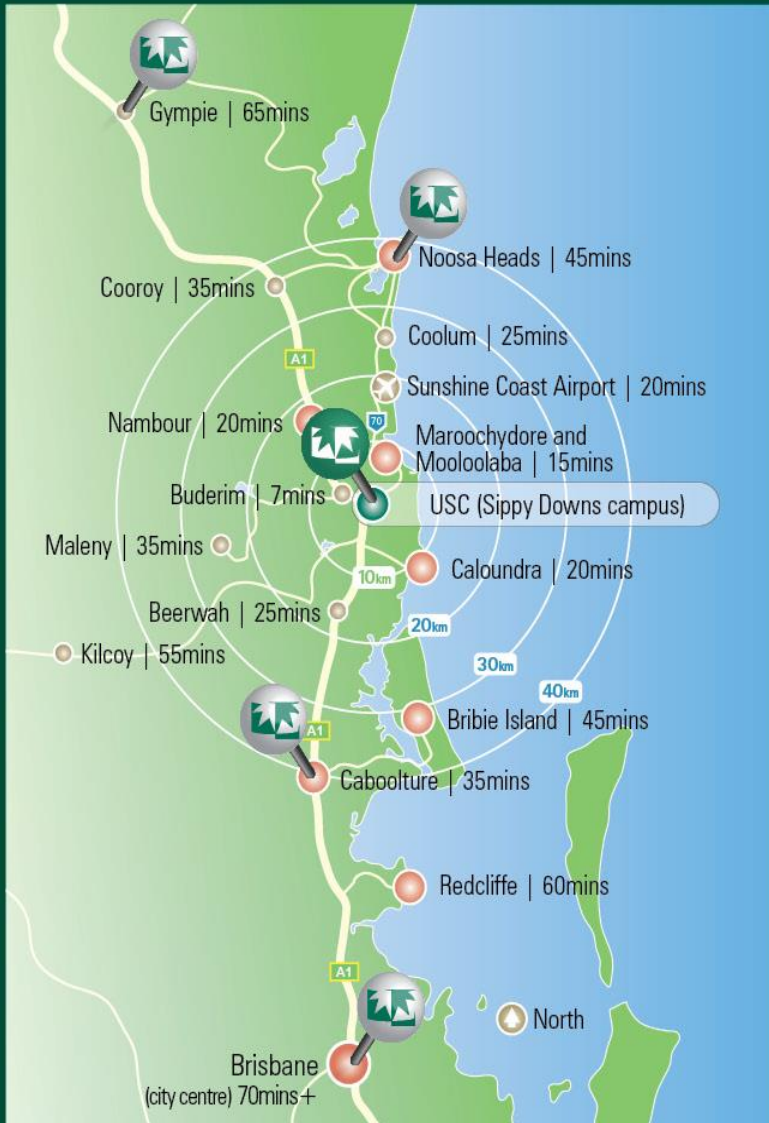
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The Drivers

- Health Workforce Australia (HWA Clinical Training Funding Program)
- USC commitment to **Community Engagement**
- USC commitment to **Blended Learning**
- Attrition of **students**
- Government commitment to **Primary Health Care**
- **Expensive** clinical placements
- But community is **special** and is a career option





The Community Project

- Project officer
- Community breakfast
 - Current stakeholders
 - Future stakeholders
- General Practice Nurses -needs analysis
- Practice Nurses feedback





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Outcomes

NUR202 Clinical Practicum 3



- Preceptorship workshops informed Blended Learning resources:
 - Vodcasts:
 - MCQ
- Certificate
- Assessment related



Conclusion

- Positive feedback
- Engaged community stakeholders
- Enhanced clinical placement opportunities
- Enhanced clinical preparedness of students



