



Media Statement

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A family affair...

Enrolled Nurse Melanie Smith didn't need to look far for inspiration when it was time for her to pick a career path, with her mother Coreen Adam working as a Registered Nurse at Royal Perth Hospital.

The 17 year old from Queens Park become the youngest nurse at RPH when she joined the 2011 Graduate Program early this week.

Melanie has always had a keen interest in nursing.

"I think it is a rewarding profession. Not only are you able to care for people when they need it the most but there are also career development opportunities," Melanie said

Coreen Adam, who started at RPH in 2008 as a part of the Graduate Program and is now completing her Honours in aged care, said that she's very happy that her daughter has chosen nursing as career.

"We both enjoy working with people and with the support available to Graduate Nurses at RPH, she will enjoy working here as a nurse. She is following not only in my footsteps, but also of her grandmother who also worked in the profession," Coreen said.

Melanie is looking forward to putting all her new knowledge into practice and learning from experienced nurses and other professionals throughout her time at RPH.

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PHOTO CAPTION: Nursing in the blood - Melanie Smith (front) and her mother Coreen Adam.

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