

Latifa

PERSONA DESCRIPTION

Latifa, 33, female is in her final year of specialist training in Obstetrics and Gynaecology in Papua New Guinea. She is married with two small children. Latifa applied for a training position in Australia through the short-term training in a medical specialist pathway. Latifa travelled alone to Australia to keep costs down. Her mother is caring for her children. She is now nearing completion of a placement as a registrar for 12 months position in Obstetrics and Gynaecology in a Metropolitan hospital in the outer suburbs of Adelaide, South Australia. Latifa recognises that she will not gain specific qualifications or certification from her training experience in Australia. She is planning to return to Papua New Guinea in the New Year to complete the final subject in Obstetrics and Gynaecology and then start her career as a consultant in her home country. She learnt a lot from her experience in Australia. It provided her with advanced clinical skills in obstetrics and gynaecology under supervision. Latifa would like to stay in Adelaide for an extended period and to bring her family to stay but recognises extensions to short term training periods beyond one year are only approved in exceptional circumstances. She would like to see more flexibility and easier paths to extensions for those on short- term training in medical specialist pathways and options for more documentation to be provided by supervisors on training completed so international medical graduates have records for their CVs and future job applications in their home countries.

AGE 33 Years of Age GENDER Female **RELATIONSHIP STATUS** Married with children COUNTRY OF TRAINING

Papua New Guinea

STAGE OF TRAINING

Final year of training in obstetrics and gynaecology

PATHWAY

SHORT-TERM TRAINING IN MEDICAL SPECIALIST PATHWAY

MOTIVATIONS TO COME TO AUSTRALIA

To gain international experience as a registrar in Australia

AUSTRALIAN WORK LOCATION Adelaide, South Australia

strengths Has gained excellent skills working in rural and remote health in Papua New Guinea

CHALLENGES

Understanding the Australian health system and working in a large health facility

ASPIRATIONS

Complete her training as a registrar in Australia and return to Papua New Guinea to complete her training in Obstetrics and Gynaecology

ENABLERS

More flexibility and easier paths to extensions for those on short-term training in medical specialist pathways and more documentation on training outcomes

