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Lucy McKenna wins Liz Baker Scholarship

Austin Health Radiology nurse Lucy McKenna has won the 2010 Liz Baker Memorial Diabetes Education Certificate Scholarship.

Ms McKenna was thrilled to be presented with the award last Friday following a rigorous application process.

"I was ten when my sister was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes and this personal experience has given me a passion for diabetes education," Ms McKenna said.

The Scholarship will provide Ms McKenna with financial assistance to complete a one-year Diabetes Education Certificate at Deakin University.

"My hope is that this course will increase my knowledge of diabetes and produce better outcomes for our patients. It will also allow me to provide diabetes training to nursing staff."

The Scholarship is awarded by Austin Health's Diabetes Scholarship Selection Committee in honour of the late Liz Baker, a staff member who died unexpectedly in 2004. Ms Baker was passionate about diabetes education and was an inspiration to patients and staff through her work.