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Western suburbs represented at the WA Training Awards 2009

A hospital and a business entrepreneur have reached the final of the prestigious WA Training Awards.

Hollywood Private Hospital in Nedlands become one of four organisations to be named as finalist in the WA Employer of the Year 2009 category sponsored by Australian Institute of Management and Wembley local Emma Hudson is a finalist in the WA Vocational Student of the Year category sponsored by the Australian Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

Providing quality training to those who help save lives and ensuring the skills of all 1700 Hollywood staff members are updated annually while introducing new staff members to the culture and values of the organisation helped the hospital make the finals.

The hospital's training and development manager Anne Green said investing in staff brought its own rewards but the external recognition was an added bonus.

"It is wonderful to be recognised for the unique contribution we are making to training," Ms Green said.

"We believe it is important to retrain older members of staff to keep them in the workforce."

Young business entrepreneur Emma Hudson, 18, who is working in one of Perth's leading advertising agencies, said she felt her study pathway gave her a significant advantage over her peers.

"Studying a Certificate III in Business provided me with a lot of real world experience," Miss Hudson said.

"You get out of training what you put into it and I feel I have reaped the rewards the training industry has to offer."

Department of Education and Training Director General Sharyn O'Neill said the WA Training Awards recognised the very high quality and standards of the training system in Western Australia.

"A highly skilled workforce is essential for our economic and social prosperity," she said.

"The high calibre of the finalists across all the award categories shows how flexible and innovative training delivers results for industries, employers, communities and training providers."

Winners of the WA Training Awards 2009 will be announced on Friday 4 September.

The winner of the WA Employer of the Year and WA Vocational Student of the Year could go on to compete against the best in Australia at the Australian Training Awards in Canberra in November.

The WA Training Awards 2009 are a joint initiative of the Department of Education and Training and the State Training Board.

For more information visit: trainingawards.det.wa.edu.au.

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