

Flinders & Upper North Local Health Network

2020 Transition to Professional Practice Program (TPPP) for Registered Midwives

About the Flinders and Upper North Region

The Flinders and Upper North Region has 6 Hospitals, and a medical practice at Hawker. Community Health services also provide Country Health Connect outreach services across the region. It services a resident population of approximately 44,000.

The Flinders and Upper North Region includes Upper Spencer Gulf and Flinders Ranges areas. This includes the townships of Port Augusta, Whyalla, Quorn, Hawker, Leigh Creek, Roxby Downs, Woomera, Marree and surrounds.

Port Augusta Health Service

Port Augusta is located in the mid North region some 300kms north of Adelaide at the top of the Spencer Gulf, known as "The Crossroads of Australia". Port Augusta is a thriving culturally diverse regional centre with a population of approx. 14,000 people.

The Port Augusts Hospital is a Perinatal Level 4 Service and is the regional referral Hospital for high risk pregnancies and Paediatric and Neonatal Care. The Port Augusta Hospital cares for more than 300 birthing women per year and provides birthing services to women >34 weeks gestation. Medical Care is led by Consultant Obstetricians who operate over a 24 hour roster.

TPPP Midwives at the Port Augusta Hospital will be exposed to the full spectrum of maternity care including antenatal, birthing and postnatal services. Graduates will also be given the opportunity to develop their skills caring for neonates in busy Neonatal Nursery which is managed by our Team of onsite Paediatricians.

The Port Augusta Hospital is also home to the highly successful Anangu Bibi Birthing Program which provides pregnancy care to Aboriginal Women in the community and remote centres including Coober Pedy. The program targets high risk women and operates using a Team Midwifery Model of Care. The Program is supported by highly skilled Aboriginal and Maternal Infant Care Workers who guide the delivery of culturally safe care across the pregnancy spectrum.

Port Augusta is a regional base for the Royal Flying Doctor Service, which provides medical care and retrievals for patients in isolated and remote communities. The hospital serves a large remote area of the state.

What does the TPPP for Midwives look like at Pt Augusta Health Service?

The program will be available to Graduate Midwife, Graduate Registered Nurse and Registered Midwife or Graduate Midwife who are eligible for Registration as a Registered General Nurse.

Collaborative TPPP – CHSALHN and NALHN

The collaboration between Port Augusta (CHSA) & Lyell McEwin Hospital (Northern Adelaide LHN) has enabled two TPPP Registered Midwives in each Network with the opportunity to consolidate Midwifery skills across two diverse clinical environments and teams. 6 months will be in Port Augusta and 6 months will be at the Lyell Mc Ewin hospital. This will enhance the TPPP RM professional and clinical experience.

There will be 1- 2 full time positions available with the expected date to start Jan/Feb 2020.

You will have the opportunity to work with Aboriginal communities and individuals and the graduate midwife will provide direct midwifery care, cultural and individual case management to patients on a shift-by-shift basis.

Midwifery led antenatal outpatient clinics in conjunction with the 2 hospital based obstetricians can further enhance your skills, knowledge and clinical competence in this field.

There will be opportunities to work within the Level 2- 4 Nursery with support, gain experience in the antenatal clinic, intra and postpartum midwifery care as well providing skills within the operating theatres. The graduate midwife will be required to work a 7 day roster with all shifts rostered. There will be a requirement to be rostered on-call once sufficient experience has been gained with a flexible roster system operating.

The Anangu Bibi Birthing Project is co- located on our ward area , “a nationally recognised Aboriginal Birthing programme that is 13 years strong” with supported Aboriginal Maternal Infant Care workers working in partnership with community, midwives and clients to deliver strong birthing outcomes for Aboriginal babies.

If you are interested in an exciting and rewarding transitioning midwifery program in a busy acute health unit, please contact us so we can discuss the best way to introduce you to our services and answer all your questions.

For more information and detail about the program please contact:

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Whyalla Hospital & Health Services

Whyalla Hospital & Health Services is a busy seaside city of over 21,500 residents. Originally built in 1940, a number of redevelopments most recently in 2011 have resulted in the present modern multi story ACHS accredited facility. The health service is affiliated with the University of South Australia, Adelaide University and Flinders University for the purpose of medical, nursing and allied health education and research.

The health service has been designated to be one of the four regional hospitals within Country Health SA. The health service has accommodation for 72 acute inpatients, the first Regional Cancer Centre in SA including a medium level Chemotherapy Unit, an inpatient mental health unit with Community Mental Health services, a dedicated Rehabilitation unit and purpose built facilities, new Theatre complex and a number of new wards. It also includes the Country Health Connect and Community Health Services that provide specialist nursing and allied health services and currently employs over 400 staff.

Maternity services are provided in the Women’s and Children’s Unit, a combined 14 bed Obstetric, Gynaecological, Surgical and Paediatric unit. There are 3 birthing suites, and has an average of 170 deliveries per year. A Community Midwifery service, pre admission clinic and ante-natal clinic support an early post-natal discharge program.

There is also an award winning program for Aboriginal women providing support and midwifery care through antenatal, birth and postnatal period.

Rotating visiting Obstetricians provide the medical obstetric services to the unit.

What does the TPPP look like at Whyalla Hospital and Health Services?

The Whyalla Hospital & Health Services offers a 12 month 0.8FTE RM TPPP, to Graduate Midwife applicants who are also eligible for registration as a Registered General Nurse, commencing in February 2020.

Midwives participating in a TPPP rotate through all the key areas including ante natal, labour ward, post-natal and community midwifery.

Participants may be offered ongoing employment following successful completion of the TPPP.

Program outline:

- > Transitioning midwifery program tailored to meet the individual's needs
- > Orientation and induction (supernumerary days)
- > Clinical supervision throughout the 12 month program, to ensure a continual support network is maintained and to assist the overall development of the transitioning midwife, striving to achieve the desired outcome of a developing confident independent registered midwife
- > Program links with and utilises the Women and Children's Registered Midwife transition program education and support resources.
- > A supportive and welcoming culture
- > Flexible rostering practices
- > 6 weeks paid annual leave (dependant on leave accrued)

Come and visit Whyalla Hospital & Health Services

If you are interested in a challenging and rewarding transitioning midwifery program in a busy acute health unit, and want city facilities with a seaside rural flavour, please contact us so we can discuss the best way to introduce you to our services and answer all your questions.

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