

Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network (RMC LHN)

2020 Transition to Professional Practice Program (TPPP) for Registered Midwives (and Registered Nurse if applicable)

About the Riverland Mallee Coorong Region

The Riverland Mallee Coorong Region includes 12 hospitals, nine Commonwealth Funded Residential Aged Care facilities and 1 CHSA medical practice. Community Health services also provide Country Health Connect outreach services across the region. It services a resident population of approximately 68,000.

The Riverland Mallee Coorong Region includes the Riverland, and the Murray River, Lakes and Coorong areas. This includes the towns and surrounds of Renmark, Paringa, Berri, Barmera, Waikerie, Loxton, Pinnaroo, Lameroo, Karoonda, Mannum, Murray Bridge, Taillem Bend and Meningie.

If you are also a new Registered Nurse we are pleased to be offering a **combined Registered Nurse and Registered Midwife TPPP at Mount Gambier and Naracoorte**. If you are interested in applying for the combined Registered Nurse and Registered Midwife TPPP please contact the relevant persons below for more information and indicate this on your application. This program gives graduates new to both the nursing and midwifery professions support as they start their career.

Riverland General Hospital (Berri)

Designated to be one of the four General Hospitals within Riverland Mallee Coorong LHN SA, the redeveloped facility has 38 hospital beds, services include: acute medical, chemotherapy, rehabilitation, renal, surgical, Maternity Services, and 24 hour Emergency Department services. Working within the Mallee Coorong Region, two neighbouring hospitals at Waikerie and Loxton also provide birthing services within the Riverland, along with Murray Bridge in the Mallee Coorong.

The Maternity service has an average birth rate of 160-180 deliveries per year that are provided within a combined 32 bed obstetric, medical and surgical unit with 2 birthing suites therefore dual RN/RM qualification is an advantage due to the complexity of the unit.

What does the TPPP for Midwives look like at Riverland General Hospital?

Riverland General Hospital offers midwives the opportunity to work across the maternity continuum, including ante/post-natal care, intrapartum, antenatal clinic, outpatients department and community midwifery. It is estimated there will be close to 180 births at this hospital in 2020.

This innovative program is available to applicants who are also eligible for registration as a Registered General Nurse. The RMC LHN, SA RM TPPP has been developed with particular emphasis on the uniqueness of midwifery within the rural setting.

Collaborative TPPP – CHSALHN and WCHN

The collaboration between CHSA & Women's and Children's Hospital) 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 Berri and 6 months will be at the Women's and Children's hospital. This will enhance the TPPP RM professional and clinical experience.

The program includes:

- > Clinical supervision for newly qualified midwives
- > Supportive, team collegiality
- > Diverse clinical experience in all areas of midwifery
- > Paid study days throughout the program
- > Full or part time positions are negotiable and tailored to the suitable applicant

The position is offered on a full time basis and dual RN/RM qualification is required for the RM TPPP at this facility as the full breadth of experience can be gained in a close and supportive setting. The expected date to start Feb 2020, will be negotiated with the suitable applicant

Support to the beginning midwife is provided through effective clinical supervision and mentorship. Following successful completion of the program the registered midwife would be considered for continued employment dependant on available hours within the nursing midwifery compliment.

For more information and detail about the program such as RMTPPP starting dates please contact:

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Loxton Health Service

Loxton Hospital complex is situated within the Mallee Coorong Rural Region of Country Health SA. The region is situated approximately 2½ hours' drive from Adelaide and is home to some of the most scenic areas in the state. Two hospitals in the neighbouring towns of Waikerie and Berri also provide birthing services within the Riverland, along with Murray Bridge in the Mallee Coorong.

Loxton Hospital is a 22 hospital acute facility including: acute medical, surgical, maternity services, and a 24 hour Accident and Emergency service. The obstetric service has an average birth rate of 85 births per year. The position is offered on a part time basis and dual RN/RM qualification is required for the RM TPPP at this facility as the full breadth of experience can be gained in a close and supportive setting. Our focus on the family unit is pivotal to our maternity care.

Note: Discussions are currently progressing in the Riverland Mallee Coorong Region, to determine how this program may be delivered collectively across the Region to benefit new registered midwives as they start their career.

What does the TPPP for Midwives or RN/RMs look like at Loxton?

This innovative program has been developed with particular emphasis on the uniqueness of midwifery within the rural setting with the aim of supporting the RM TPPP participant to consolidate their clinical learning experiences and to become confident and pro-active practitioners.

The midwifery program is co-ordinated by Loxton Hospital with links to the Women and Children's Local Health Network transition education and support program.

The program includes:

- > Clinical supervision for midwives
- > Supportive, team collegiality
- > Part time FTE usually offered at 0.8
- > Diverse clinical experience in all areas of midwifery
- > Paid study days throughout the program

For more information such as starting dates please contact:

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Murray Bridge Soldier's Memorial Hospital (MBSMH)

Murray Bridge Soldiers Memorial Hospital is situated within the Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network (RMCLHN). The hospital is approximately one hour drive from Adelaide and is located on the River Murray.

MBSMH is an acute rural hospital servicing the Murray Bridge community and surrounds. The hospital has 46 acute beds with services including medical, surgical, dialysis, chemotherapy, maternity and a 24 hour emergency department. The RMC Community Health, SA Imaging and SA Pathology are also located on site.

What does the TPPP for Midwives look like at MBSMH?

MBSMH offers midwives the opportunity to work across the maternity continuum, including ante/post-natal care, intrapartum, antenatal clinic, outpatients department and community midwifery. It is estimated there will be close to 250 births at this hospital in 2019.

The RM TPPP has been developed with particular emphasis on the uniqueness of midwifery within the rural setting. This innovative program is available to applicants who are also eligible for registration as a Registered General Nurse.

Though employed by one health unit, it may be possible to arrange rotation to work in other health units in the region.

The program is co-ordinated through the MBSMH with links to the Women and Children's Local Health Network transition education and support program.

The program includes:

- > Clinical supervision for midwives
- > Supportive, team collegiality
- > Diverse clinical experience in all areas of midwifery
- > Paid study days throughout the program

The position is offered on a 0.8FTE basis and dual RN/RM qualification is required for the RM TPPP at this facility as the full breadth of experience can be gained in a close and supportive setting.

For more information such as TPPP starting dates please contact:

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