

SOUTH EAST LOCAL HEALTH NETWORK

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

About the South East Region

The South East Local Health Network has 6 Hospitals and three Commonwealth Funded Residential Aged Care facilities. Community Health services also provide Country Health Connect outreach services across the region. It services a resident population of approximately 66,000

The South East Region includes the towns and surrounds of Millicent, Naracoorte, Kingston SE, Penola, Mount Gambier, Keith and Bordertown, extending to the Victorian border.

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.

Mount Gambier Health Service

The Mount Gambier Hospital has 113 acute beds with 20 beds in the Maternity Paediatric Unit and an average of 500 births per year, with specialist obstetricians and paediatricians and a level 4 nursery taking babies from 34 weeks gestation.

The South East encompasses an area of 21,000km and has a population of 62,000. Lying midway between the capital cities of Adelaide and Melbourne it has good road and air links to both cities.

What does the TPPP for Midwives look like at Mount Gambier Health Service?

The Registered Midwife based at Mount Gambier Hospital for their transition year will work across all areas of the patient journey including antenatal, intrapartum and postnatal care and domiciliary midwifery. For those applicants that are newly registered for both RN and RM clinical exposure will also include experience and work in the acute section of the hospital.

The Mount Gambier and District Health Service is offering a 12 month TPPP position in 2020. It is anticipated the TPPP position will be available at Mount Gambier for either Direct Entry or Post Graduate Midwives.

Employment is offered as a 0.8FTE position over 7 days (part time may be negotiated) and is a contract position for the length of the program. Re-employment and retention rates have remained consistently high at all participating Health Services. Re-employment is dependent upon availability of positions, performance throughout the Program including record of attendance and the completion of program requirements.

We offer a supportive environment in which the Transitioning Registered Midwife (RM) can extend and expand their theoretical experiences and marry these with practical learning to allow extension of practical and clinical skills in the holistic care of a group of patients in the midwifery care environment.

A structured Orientation Program enables the Transitioning RM to become familiar with the Health Service, the Nursing Division and the Transition to Professional Practice Program.

TPPP midwives are offered the opportunity to participate in education provided for transitioning midwives from across the state at the Women and Children's hospital. There is also the opportunity to participate in study days provided locally for TPPP graduate nurses where it relates to the midwife area of practice.

Duration of the Program: 52 weeks inclusive of Annual Leave

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Naracoorte Health Service

The Naracoorte Health Service has 39 acute beds and has an average of 150 births per year from 37 weeks.

Naracoorte is in the South East region located midway between the capital cities of Adelaide and Melbourne close to the attractions of the Southern Grampians and the Shipwreck Coast in Western Victoria. Naracoorte is only an hour away from Mount Gambier. The South East boasts a population of around 62,000 and covers an area of 21,000 square kilometres. The South East offers numerous lifestyle, education (Naracoorte has 4 schools) and employment opportunities as well as excellent sporting and recreational facilities. Entertainment venues and fine food restaurants are comparable to those available in larger cities.

The South East Region encourages and supports staff development and education in rural nursing through the South East Nursing Development Program.

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

RM TPPP participants at Naracoorte will work across all areas of the patient journey including antenatal, intrapartum and postnatal care. For those applicants that are newly registered for both RN and RM clinical exposure will also include experience and work in the acute section of the hospital.

The Naracoorte Health Service is offering a 12 month TPPP position in 2020.

Employment is usually offered as a 0.6 - 0.9FTE position over 7 days and is a contract position for the length of the program. RN/RM applicants for the combined program are required to work a minimum of 0.8 FTE. More than one position may be offered if suitable applicants apply.

You will be provided a supportive environment in which the transitioning Registered Midwife (RM) can extend and expand their theoretical learning and marry these with practical learning to allow extension of practical and clinical skills in the holistic care of a group of patients in the obstetric care environment. Exposure is also able to be provided to acute clinical areas for those applicants who are newly registered for nursing and midwifery.

The Registered Midwife TPPP offers rotation through all the key practice areas including ante natal, labour ward and post-natal. Holding registration as a registered General Nurse is required. For newly graduated RM and RN the rotations also include exposure in an acute area. Acute areas include medical, surgical paediatric, emergency and day surgery.

Study Days are provided and these address content that is relevant to the clinical and professional development needs of the transitioning RM. There is a link with the Women and

Children's Hospital in Adelaide and the Woman. For joint RN / RM applicants study days will also link into the acute area including Advanced Life Support.

Collaborative TPPP – CHSALHN and SALHN (Flinders Medical Centre)

The collaboration between Naracoorte Health Service (CHSA) & the Flinders Medical Centre (Southern 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 Naracoorte and 6 months will be at the Flinders Medical Centre. This will enhance the TPPP RM professional and clinical experience.

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