

YORKE & NORTHERN REGION (Y&NR)

Midwifery Model of Care Team

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

About the Yorke and Northern Region

The Yorke and Northern Region (YNR) include hospitals and health services within the Yorke Peninsula, Southern Flinders and the Lower and Mid North areas of South Australia. The maternity services range across 5 hospitals in the region, Clare, Crystal Brook, Jamestown, Port Pirie and Wallaroo. The average number of births across these sites is 480 a year. All women in the Y&NR are eligible to book into the birthing service, and depending on risk and site capability may have an alternative birthing site. All women booked with the service will be allocated a known midwife that will work in a continuity partnership with the medical officer at the booked site to deliver care for the continuum of the pregnancy, birth and postnatal period.

What does the TPPP for midwives look like in the Y&NR?

The program is designed to expose the graduate midwife to the roles and responsibilities of the registered midwife in a continuity of care programme in a rural context. The program provides graduates with supported experiences to further integrate professional knowledge and skills to provide proficient and safe continuity of woman centred care that is inclusive of their baby and families before, during pregnancy, birth and early parenting. Exploration and clarification of evidence-based midwifery practice underpinned by best practice principles and shared care will be emphasised during the program.

The TPPP is conducted over a 12 month period (2 x 0.84 FTE part-time positions, hours negotiable). The program is co-ordinated through the CHSA: Y&NR links to the Women and Children's Local Health Network transition education and support program. The TPPP provides practice exposure in the antenatal clinic, intra and postpartum midwifery care, operating theatre suite. The midwife works closely with midwives, obstetrician/general practitioners, health team and inter-agencies in a continuity Model of care with an allocated caseload.

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.

If you are also a new Registered Nurse and interested in applying for the combined Registered Nurse and Registered Midwife TPPP please contact us 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.

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