

BAROSSA HILLS FLEURIEU LOCAL HEALTH NETWORK (BHFLHN)

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

About the Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network

Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network (BHFLHN) encompasses country hospitals and health services that provide support and services to approximately 40% of the total population within Country South Australia. The Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network is an area of significant population growth for South Australia. BHFLHN has 11 Hospitals and six 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 203,600.

The Barossa Hills Fleurieu Region includes the Adelaide Hills, Kangaroo Island, Fleurieu Peninsula and Barossa areas. This includes the townships of Gawler, Tanunda, Angaston, Eudunda, Kapunda, Mount Pleasant, Gumeracha, Mount Barker, Mallala, Goolwa, Cape Jervis, Normanville, Yankalilla, Strathalbyn, Victor Harbor, Kingscote and Nuriootpa.

Services delivered include, but are not limited to Acute care, Medical, Accident and Emergency, Surgery, Birthing and Midwifery, Specialist Consultancy, Renal Dialysis, Chemotherapy, Transfusions, Rehabilitation, Residential Aged Care, Respite Care, Transitional Care Packages, Aboriginal Health, Mental Health, Allied Health, Community Health (Country Connect), Community Nursing, Palliative Care, Community Home Support Packages and Home Modifications.

What does the TPPP look like in Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network?

The BHFLHN Transition to Professional Practice Program (TPPP) provides new graduates with:

Support and guidance in their first year of practice as a Registered Nurse (RN)

Experience working in a country setting that assists participants to become resourceful, flexible and adaptable - a great start and solid foundation for your nursing career

The BHFLHN TPPP program aims to support the newly qualified Registered Nurses to consolidate and develop skills and knowledge reflected in high quality nursing practice. The transition program is evidence-based, developed by rural nurses and midwives and informed by the practical experience of our rural and regional workforce.

Differences in location, size/type of health unit will make each Registered Nurse experience in their first year unique. These opportunities enable development of the skills required for a 'rural generalist' RN. This may include surgical, medical, maternity, aged care, theatre, accident and emergency and outpatient services. A BHFLHN TPPP incorporates practice support, clinical time allocated to enhance learning supported by an online learning platform and a minimum of four professional development/study days.

Opportunities exist for clinical rotation to specialty areas within the larger health services. Some sites may offer opportunity to work across health units. Opportunity for positions within this program are available, and should be discussed with the relevant site prior to application.

There is a local health network approach to management of the program and education days are scheduled with TPPP participants from BHFLHN.

The health unit contact person will be able to answer questions about the TPPP at their site including information about:

Start dates – most programs commence between January and March, although there may be some programs which commence later

Whether the position is full time or part time

What experiences that particular site can offer and whether clinical rotations are available

Whether the program includes rotations to more than one health unit

The TPPP with a speciality focus e.g. perioperative, aged care

The local community, transport, accommodation and the local area

Combined Registered Nurse and Registered Midwife TPPP

If you are also a new Registered Midwife and interested in a combined Registered Nurse and Registered Midwife TPPP BHFLHN is pleased to offer this program. The combined program gives graduates new to both the nursing and midwifery professions support as they start their careers. A separate application for the combined RN/RM TPPP can be submitted via the Registered Midwife TPPP application portal which will be available mid July 2019.

For more information about the Combined RN/RM Program contact:

Carol Salmon

Nurse & Midwife Education Facilitator

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The Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network will be offering TPPP RN positions in the following health services:

1. Gawler Health Service

Gawler Health Service is a 51 acute health service. The health service has a busy Accident and Emergency department, general medical inpatient ward, palliative care, haemodialysis unit with 9 chairs, a large range of surgical (including day surgery) and midwifery/women's health services. It is estimated that there will be close to 600 births at this hospital in 2020. The community is supported by Country Health Connect services provided at this site.

Contact: Sue Maksimovic, Nurse Unit Manager, Surgical Services
Tel: (08) 8521 2000 or Email: sue.maksimovic@sa.gov.au

2. Mount Barker & District Health Services

The hospital has 35 beds, of which 8 are Maternity with 500 births per annum currently, 26 bed acute ward that accommodates both medical and surgical patients. Services include a 24 hours accident and emergency department, 2 Operating Theatres which operate every day and a Day Surgery department. There is also a Chemotherapy and Infusion Unit with six chairs offering low risk Chemotherapy to the community. Eight beds are dedicated for maternity as the unit manages over 500 births per annum.

Contact: Charise Middleton-Frew, Associate Nurse Unit Manager
Tel: 08 83931777 or Email: charise.middleton-frew@sa.gov.au

3. South Coast & District Health Service (Victor Harbor)

South Coast and District Health Service has 30 beds and 2 chairs, all general medical services are provided for in the health service. A Chemotherapy Unit provides chemotherapy and associated procedures, blood transfusions, iron and intragam infusions. The Haemodialysis unit with 4 chairs, and Surgery 8-10 lists per week, Orthopaedics, urology, general surgery, ENT, Ophthalmology, gynaecology, Gastroenterology procedures, 24 hour Accident and Emergency Department with approximately 50 retrievals per year.

Contact: Amy Lee, Nurse Unit Manager
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Margaret Hirche Nurse Unit Manager (VPH / SCDH)
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4. Kapunda Hospital

Kapunda Hospital is a 23 bed acute care hospital, offering a wide range of services to our community, including general medical, surgical, obstetrics and birthing services as well as a 24 hour Accident and Emergency service.

Contact: Sue Kelly, Director of Nursing & Midwifery
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5. Strathalbyn & District Health Service

Strathalbyn & District Health Service is 20 bed hospital that provides a range of services including acute medical, surgical, fast-stream rehabilitation, gerontic, palliative care and a 24 hour accident and emergency service. The operating theatre is in use up to 2 times per fortnight.

Contact: Jane Wright, Nurse Unit Manager
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6. Angaston Hospital & Tanunda Hospital

Angaston Hospital is a 25 bed acute care hospital, offering a wide range of services to our community, including general medical and surgical services; Outpatient facilities including Bensons Radiology are also available on site. Angaston Hospital has a 24 hour Accident and Emergency service and one Transitional Care bed.

Tanunda Hospital is a busy acute care hospital. Tanunda Hospital has 15 beds, including general admission and 1 Transitional Care bed. Tanunda Hospital also has a 24 hour Accident and Emergency service.

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Comments from 2018 TPPP Registered Nurses:

"I have felt so supported in my learning"

"I loved the opportunity and the learning....."

Where to get more information?

Applicants are encouraged to attend one of the following information sessions:

Face to Face

Room 5, Glenside Campus, 226 Fullarton Road

Thursday 18 July 2019: 11:00am - 12:30pm

For applicants located in rural areas or on rural placement, the information session will be repeated on Friday 19th July, from 2.30-3.30 in the following locations:

- Port Pirie Regional Health Service
- Whyalla Hospital
- Mount Gambier Hospital
- Riverland General Hospital
- Port Augusta Hospital
- Port Lincoln Hospital

Please meet in main foyer of the health unit no later than 2.15pm to be taken to the room allocated.

Further information please contact:

Sandra Gilbert

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We are continually working to increase opportunities for TPPP positions in the health services.

Please check the SA Health TPPP Updates section for news of any change as to where TPPP positions are offered.