

WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH NETWORK

Women's and Children's Hospital

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

The Women's and Children's Health Network is South Australia's leading provider of health services to children, young people and women. Within this network the Women's and Children's Hospital provides specialist acute and chronic health care services to babies, children and young people from birth to 18 years of age. The hospital also provides the state's largest maternity and obstetric service and Level 5 and 6 neonatal services. Located in North Adelaide, the hospital is surrounded by parklands and is only minutes from the city.

We employ a range of Nursing, Midwifery and Allied Health Professionals who work in partnership with babies, children, young people, women and their families.

Our Paediatric TPPP has been designed to help you "Take your first steps in Paediatric Nursing".

What does the TPPP look like at the Women's and Children's Hospital?

The Women's and Children's Hospital offers various TPPP options such as:

- Dedicated Paediatric Program (two diverse Paediatric placements)
- Dedicated Perioperative Program

A dedicated Paediatric Program will provide new Registered Nurses with a comprehensive Paediatric experience during their first year of practice. Diverse clinical placements are complimented by clinical orientation, and exciting learning opportunities throughout the year.

The dedicated Perioperative Program offers a unique opportunity for those interested in spending a full year within either Recovery or the Scrub/Scout role. The dedicated Paediatric Emergency Program offers a unique opportunity to develop skills and knowledge related to this specialised area during a twelve month placement.

Please see the hospital website for more information about these program options and availability for 2020.

Two WCH placements are offered within the dedicated Paediatric program providing you with an opportunity to experience various clinical settings and develop a wide range of Paediatric nursing skills. Clinical placements are conducted in a variety of Medical and Surgical wards and specialty areas including:

- Medical Short Stay Ward
- Cassia Ward
- Newland Ward
- Kate Hill Ward
- Surgical Short Stay Unit (DOSA, Day Surgery, Short Stay Ward)
- Paediatric Intensive Care
- Paediatric Mental Health (Boylan)
- Adolescent Ward

- Rose Ward (Babies under 12 months)
- Paediatric and Obstetric Theatre
- Recovery and Anaesthetics
- Paediatric Emergency
- Neonatal Intensive Care
- Special Care Baby Unit
- Oncology/Haematology Service (Michael Rice Haematology Oncology Service)

Please note: positions are offered at 0.84FTE or 1.0FTE as stipulated by the individual wards.

Throughout your TPPP at the Women's and Children's Hospital, you will be supported by various members of our team including:

Transition Support Team

- Transition Support Nurse Educator
- Nurse Educators
- Nurse Unit Managers
- Associate Nurse Unit Managers (Education)

Ward Supports

- Practice Support People (Preceptors)
- Nurse Unit Managers
- Nurse Managers

Intakes are planned to commence in early 2020 (January, February). Applicants **must** be registered prior to the commencement of their contract.

Why apply at the Women's and Children's Hospital:

At the Women's and Children's Hospital we understand that caring for babies and children and their families is a specialised and rewarding area of nursing. We care for many children with age specific or congenital conditions which are not seen in other specialties of Nursing. Throughout your TPPP, you will be provided with many opportunities to enhance your knowledge and skills related to Paediatric Nursing and Family Centred Care.

We recognise that your TPPP can be a challenging but rewarding learning curve and have designed our program to support and help you to "Take your first steps in Paediatric Nursing". All TPPP specific education sessions have been designed to consider the various stages of transition ensuring that the topics are relevant for your current stage of development. You will be given the opportunity to attend the "Introduction to Paediatrics" Professional Development Days which compliment ward-based education activities. TPPP specific debriefs and dynamic education sessions are also held weekly to encourage and support all participants. You will be provided with ongoing support from all members of the Transition Support Team and ward staff.

Feedback from previous TPPP RN's

- ❖ *"I have progressed through all the stages (of Transition), from not even knowing the routine of the ward and just seeing the next step through to feeling like I have worked on the ward for a very long time and now feel at ease" (TPPP RN)*
- ❖ *"My confidence has increased dramatically through experience and supervision from specialist staff. Both (placements) were extremely supportive working environments, facilitating growth and self-confidence through constant feedback. I felt comfortable asking questions without feeling "silly" (TPPP RN)*
- ❖ *"I feel the TPPP at WCH assisted in taking away the initial fear of starting as an RN from University, then the ongoing support throughout the year aided in my progression" (TPPP RN)*
- ❖ *"Amazing program and I feel so lucky to have been given the opportunity to work with such amazing and passionate nurses" (TPPP RN)*
- ❖ *"In my two placements I have (worked with) children from infancy right through to young adults. I have developed communication skills necessary to deal with different age groups and their families. I have attended a great deal of education and professional development sessions that have increased both my knowledge and clinical skills" (TPPP RN)*
- ❖ *"Fantastic program that provides amazing support and educational opportunities. Although the year has provided me with many challenges I feel that the program has allowed me to progress at a pace suited to me so that the challenges could be overcome. The program has made me feel like a valued member of the team. I would recommend the program to any new nurses" (TPPP RN)*

Information sessions:

Come and meet our Transition Support Team and learn more about how we can help you to "Take your first steps in Paediatric nursing!" on **4th July 2018 from 2.00pm – 4.00pm** in the Queen Victoria Lecture Theatre. Please enter via Kermode Street entrance and follow the signs. (For more information including a summary of the session and a hospital map please see our WCH website.)

Enquiries

If we haven't answered your question please submit it via email to healthjobs@sa.gov.au in the subject line please ensure you state **TPPP REGISTERED NURSE QUERY**.