

YORKE AND NORTHERN LOCAL HEALTH NETWORK

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

About the Yorke and Northern Local Health Network

The Yorke and Northern Local Health Network (YNLHN) has 16 Hospitals, eight Commonwealth Funded Residential Aged Care facilities, as well as two CHSA medical practices at Booleroo and Orroroo. Community Health services also provide Country Health Connect outreach services across the region. It services a resident population of approximately 75,000.

Yorke and Northern Local Health Network (YNLHN) includes the areas of the Clare Valley, Lower North, Mid North and Yorke Peninsula. This includes the townships of Balaklava, Booleroo Centre, Burra, Crystal Brook, Clare, Jamestown, Laura, Maitland, Orroroo, Peterborough, Port Broughton, Port Pirie, Riverton, Snowtown, Wallaroo and Yorketown.

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 Yorke & Northern Local Health Network?

The YNLHN 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 YNLHN 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 TPPP in YNLHN 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 YNLHN.

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

- Starting dates – most programs commence between January and March although there may be some programs which commence later
- Whether the position is full 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 YNLHN 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:

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Nurse & Midwife Education Facilitator

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The Yorke & Northern Local Health Network will be offering TPPP RN positions in the following health services:

1. Wallaroo Hospital & Health Services

Wallaroo Hospital is a 21 acute bed facility with a 7 bed co-located private Hospital includes acute surgical, medical and 24 hour emergency service. The hospital provides specialist outpatient services, maternity service through a midwifery team practice and has over 120 deliveries per year. A Nurse Practitioner in the area of healthy aging supports the clinical areas so opportunity exists to work with nurses at the forefront of their specialities. A busy Perioperative unit undertakes surgery 4 days per week with specialties including Orthopaedic, Ophthalmology, Urology, Gastro Intestinal, Gynae, Vascular, Plastics, ENT and general surgery.

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2. Maitland Hospital & Health Service

Maitland Hospital & Health Service is a 32-bed complex, with 16 beds for people receiving active medical treatment, 4 renal dialysis chairs and 12 aged-care beds. Services include inpatient care in general medicine for adults and children, as well as palliative care and a 24-hour Accident & Emergency Service. Community Nursing and Allied Health services are available at the site via Country Health Connect.

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3. Yorketown Hospital

Yorketown Hospital is a 26 bed acute service facility that provides a range of services for the community and visitors to the area. Services include 24 hour emergency service, elective surgery, outpatient services, palliative care and various associated clinical support services to the community. The Hospital has Visiting specialists from Adelaide and the private local General practitioners (GPs) provide medical and procedural services to the hospital.

Contact: Sharon Godleman, EO/DON
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4. Balaklava Soldiers Memorial District Hospital

The Balaklava hospital is a 39 bed facility with 17 acute care beds and 22 commonwealth funded residential aged care beds. Services include 24 hour emergency service, Orthopaedic and Plastics Surgery and Transitional care packages

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5. Port Pirie Regional Health Service

Port Pirie Regional Health Service is the largest site with 82 beds providing the following services:

- Surgical, Medical, Paediatric, Haemodialysis and three monitored beds
- Obstetric service with antenatal midwife and domiciliary midwife
- Accident and Emergency Department
- Hospital in the Home service
- Aged care and Respite
- Operating Theatre (including Chemotherapy Unit)
- Dialysis
- A wide range of community and Allied Health Services are offered.

Rotations

Port Pirie applicants are required to complete a rotation in one of the smaller health units. This can be one of the following units, but is subject to change:

1. Peterborough Soldier's Memorial Hospital

Peterborough Hospital is a 12-acute bed, and 8 long-stay aged care bed facility, which provides a range of services to Peterborough and the surrounding rural community. It provides a 24-hour Accident and Emergency service, palliative care, outpatient services, and various associated clinical support services. Peterborough also has an 11-bed Residential Aged Care Facility on the grounds. Visiting specialists from Adelaide and the private local General practitioners (GPs) provide medical and procedural services to the hospital.

2. Jamestown Hospital and Health Service

Jamestown hospital is a 24-bed unit including 13 Commonwealth Residential Aged Care beds servicing the Jamestown and surrounding rural community. The health unit provides a 24-hour Accident and Emergency service, operating, x-ray, community health, outreach and outpatient services. The hospital caters for surgical, medical, emergency and obstetric patients and has a

day surgery suite. Visiting specialists from Adelaide and the private local General practitioners (GPs) provide medical and procedural services to the hospital

3. Southern Flinders Health – Crystal Brook Hospital

Crystal Brook has 25 beds which include medical, surgical, same day services and maternity. A 24-hour Accident and Emergency service is also provided as well as an outpatient clinic. In addition to acute services, there are 12 Aged Care places.

4. Port Broughton District Hospital & Health Services

Port Broughton is a 20 bed health unit servicing Port Broughton and the surrounding rural community. The health unit has a 24-hour Accident & Emergency Department, an outpatient clinic, 16 beds for patients receiving active medical treatment and 4 aged care beds.

For more information on **Port Pirie, Peterborough, Jamestown, Crystal Brook & Port Broughton:**

Contact: Michael Eades, DON&M
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Comments from 2018 TPPP Registered Nurses:

“the program is excellent and I had a great experience”

“I was able to consolidate my practice”

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 19 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 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.

