

Fact sheet

Transition to Practice Program for Graduate Mental Health Nurses: Information for Regions

This program operates as a statewide initiative for nurses employed in public sector mental health and Drug and Alcohol Services South Australia (DASSA) and will offer up to 24 places.

The 2010 program commences in March and will offer participants:

- > Five professional development study days.
- > An organisational commitment to two clinical rotations where available; each with a supernumerary orientation day.
- > Provision of clinical supervision in each clinical setting.
- > Provision of a clinical facilitator in each clinical setting.

The determination of specific employment arrangements rests with the individual regions or organisations and will reflect the needs and circumstances of the graduate and individual organisations.

Participant selection

Potential participants apply to the designated person in the mental health or DASSA service using the approved application form (see website address below). Applications close on 29 January 2010. The success of applications is determined at the local level. Completed applications (endorsed by the applicant and employer) are to be forwarded to the Mental Health Project Officer at the Nursing and Midwifery Office, SA Health by 5 pm on 12 February 2010.

The following allocation of positions has been made:

Health Service Region	Number of Transitional Places Allocated
Country Health SA	Four
CYWHS	Two
SAHS	Six
DASSA	Two
CNAHS	Ten

Each region will:

- > Promote the course to new graduates commencing employment and/or newly employed mental health nurses who completed their training overseas
- > Select participants using the aforementioned process
- > Support the graduate's participation in the program including:
 - provision of a clinical support facilitator
 - access to clinical supervision
 - offer two clinical rotations, where possible
 - supernumerary orientation days
 - attendance at professional development days.
- > Participate in the evaluation of the program.



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Further information regarding the program is available in the Program Outline or by contacting the appropriate person in your region:

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