

# COUNTRY HEALTH SA MID NORTH CLUSTER TRANSITION TO PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE PROGRAM – RN 2011

## MID NORTH CLUSTER

The Mid North community is situated to the north of Adelaide the capital of South Australia, an approximate two and a half to three hours drive. The residential population of the area is 28,988 with 2,440 children aged 0 to 5 years (ABS Census 2001). The Flinders Ranges, Clare Valley and Yorke Peninsula are within close distance. Numerous sporting, cultural and art events are hosted throughout the area. A range of clubs, ovals, racetracks and sporting complexes ensures the districts sports person are well catered for with almost every sport offered. A regional shopping centre, fairs and fresh produce markets are held across the cluster.

The health units within the Mid North Cluster are: Mid North Health – Booleroo, Jamestown, Orroroo, Peterborough; Port Broughton District Hospital and Health Service; Port Pirie Regional Health Service; Southern Flinders Health – Crystal Brook and Laura. The communities are well served by general practitioners, resident and visiting specialists and a community and allied health service, as well as general medical, surgical, obstetric and aged care facilities and programs. The leadership across the cluster is dynamic and progressive and the health units boast modern facilities that provide a safe supportive learning environment.

More specifically the acute services include:

- Surgical, Medical, High Dependency and Paediatric
- Obstetric that includes antenatal midwife, domiciliary midwife and team midwifery
- Accident and Emergency
- Hospital in the Home
- Aged care and Respite
- Operating Theatre
- Cancer Care that includes chemotherapy and palliative

A multiple range of allied health services are offered to the community that include the following disciplines, although not exhaustive.

Podiatry	Social Work	Radiology
Physiotherapy	Speech Pathology	Women's Health
Palliative Care	Dietetics	Diabetes Education
Occupational Therapy	Mental Health	Aboriginal Health

Check out allied health services at the following website [www.hsfinder.sa.gov.au](http://www.hsfinder.sa.gov.au) (Human Services Finder for Port Pirie).

The Transition Program is conducted over a period of 12 months and includes both theoretical and clinical components. The aim of the program is to enable new graduates to integrate the functions of clinician, manager, researcher and teacher to the level of advanced beginner. Practical experience is gained through rotation of the medical and surgical ward, accident and emergency, operating theatre suite and one to two smaller health units within the cluster.

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