

# COUNTRY HEALTH SA WESTERN EYRE CLUSTER (CEDUNA, STREAKY BAY, WUDINNA, ELLISTON CUMMINS, TUMBY BAY)

## TRANSITION TO PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE PROGRAMS 2011

Rural Nursing – The EYRE is pure!

### GENERAL INFORMATION

The Pt Lincoln, Ceduna, Midwest Health and Lower Eyre Cluster have 7 Health Units located on the beautiful Eyre Peninsula. This area covers over 72000 sq kms of beautiful coastline and countryside. The population throughout is in excess of 33,000. The Western Eyre Clusters offers many lifestyle and leisure rewards.

Details specifically related to the graduate program at the Port Lincoln Health Service can be accessed from the Country Health website and to [sandy.lebrun@health.sa.gov.au](mailto:sandy.lebrun@health.sa.gov.au)

### TRANSITION TO PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE PROGRAM

The Western Eyre Clusters are dedicated to providing clinical support and learning experiences in a supported environment, to enhance the knowledge base and skills of the newly Registered Nurse. The Western Eyre Clusters aim to assist the Graduate in the successful transition from novice to advanced beginner Registered Nurse.

The program offers opportunity across the Health Units within the CHSA cluster arrangement and are active participants in the program by the provision of clinical rotations / placements and support. The program will be individually tailored to suit each Graduate Nurse.

EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS – Ceduna, Wudinna, Elliston, Streaky Bay, Cummins and Tumby Bay health units include:

- 12 month contract position
- 6 weeks paid annual leave, 2 weeks available at 6 months
- 7 day rostering
- Full-time and Part-time positions can be negotiated (minimum of 0.6FTE)
- Support through housing or rental assistance will be provided to Graduate Nurses where possible.
- On completion of the program, priority will be given to offering permanent employment to the Graduate Nurse where ever possible, yet ongoing employment is not guaranteed.

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### For more information

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Commencement dates are from January 2010 however a program may be tailored for successful applicant, in consultation with the Health Unit Director of Nursing.

### WHAT DOES THE PROGRAM OFFER?

- 3 Health Unit orientation days and 5 Professional Development Days throughout the remaining year (at various sites).
- Provides a Mental Health Professional Development Day, to increase knowledge base in rural Mental Health.
- Graduates will have access to a range of resources including individual email, library, internet, teleconference and videoconference facilities.
- A Preceptor program within the health units.
- 5 weeks supernumerary placements (max) will be allocated for each Graduate Nurse. Placements options include other Eyre Cluster Health Units, metro placement, Community Health, Aboriginal Health, RFDS and many other Health areas.
- Support and assistance continues for each graduate nurse throughout the length of the program.
- Theoretical and clinical components exist within the Graduate Nurse Program.
- Free on-site parking
- Opportunity for accreditation in specialist areas e.g. – Renal Dialyses,

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