

COUNTRY HEALTH SA WHYALLA HOSPITAL & HEALTH SERVICES TRANSITION TO PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE GRADUATE MIDWIFE PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION TO THE WHYALLA HOSPITAL & HEALTH SERVICES

Whyalla Hospital & Health Services is a campus of Country Health SA and is located in Whyalla, a busy seaside city of over 22,500 residents. Originally built in 1940, a number of redevelopments have resulted in the present multi story ACHS accredited facility. The health service is affiliated with the University of South Australia, Adelaide University and Flinders University for the purpose of medical, nursing and allied health education and research.

The health service has close collaborative links with the University of SA (Whyalla Campus), Spencer Gulf Rural Health School and the Spencer Institute of TAFE (Whyalla Campus), and has an on-site learning resource centre.

The health service has been designated to be one of the four regional hospitals within Country Health SA and services are anticipated to be developed to support that role. The health service has accommodation for 72 acute inpatients, a 20 bed Day Surgery/Procedure unit, a busy theatre complex. It also includes a Domiciliary Care Service and a Community Health facility that provides local and outreach nursing and allied health services across a wide area and currently employs over 400 staff.

GRADUATE MIDWIFERY PROGRAM 2010

The Whyalla Hospital & Health Services offers a 12 month full-time (part-time may be negotiated) Graduate Midwifery program, working in a busy rural Women's and Children's Unit which has an average of 300 deliveries per year. Maternity services are provided in a combined 19 bed Obstetric, Gynaecological, Surgical and Paediatric unit. There are 3 birthing suites.

A Domiciliary Midwifery service, pre admission clinic and ante-natal clinic support an early post natal discharge program.

There is also an at risk program for aboriginal and teenage girls providing midwifery care through antenatal, birth and postnatal period.

1 Resident Obstetrician and weekly visiting Obstetricians provide the obstetric services to the unit.

The course is designed to expose the graduate midwife to the roles and responsibilities of the registered midwife in a rural acute care setting enabling them to consolidate preparatory theoretical education with practical application and rationale.

We would welcome the participants to continue employment following successful completion of their graduate year.

Program outline:

- Graduate midwifery program tailored to meet the individual's needs
- 2 Day orientation and induction (supernumerary days)
- Additional study leave will address participants educational needs
- Preceptorship throughout the 12 month program, to ensure a continual support network is maintained and to assist the overall development of the graduate, striving to achieve the desired outcome of a developing confident independent registered midwife
- A supportive and welcoming culture
- Flexible rostering practices
- 6 weeks paid annual leave

COME AND VISIT WHYALLA HOSPITAL & HEALTH SERVICES

If you are interested in a challenging and rewarding graduate midwifery program in a busy acute health unit, and want city facilities with a seaside rural flavour, please contact us so we can discuss how best we can support your application. This may include videoconference and/or support with travel and accommodation for an on-site visit.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Applicants will be considered anytime throughout the year:

- Whyalla Hospital & Health Services application form (contact the human resource department).
- Cover letter clearly outlining why you are seeking employment within our health unit and what qualities you will bring to our organisation.
- Curriculum vitae.
- Academic transcript.
- Clinical Placement reports.

For more information

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