

# COUNTRY HEALTH SA WHYALLA HOSPITAL & HEALTH SERVICES TRANSITION TO PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE PROGRAM 2010

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Whyalla Hospital & Health Services is a campus of Country Health SA, and is located in Whyalla, a busy seaside city of over 23,000 residents. The hospital was originally built in 1940, and 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 and Flinders Universities 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, and includes a Domiciliary Care Service and a Community Health facility providing local and outreach Nursing and Allied Health services across a wide area, and currently employs over 400 staff.

## TRANSITION TO PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE PROGRAM

Are you interested in commencing your professional career in a modern acute Health Care Facility in regional South Australia that offers diversity, challenges and experiences that expose you to the complex health issues facing rural and remote clients?

Then this Transition to Professional Practice program is for you!

The course is designed to expose the Graduate Nurse to the roles and responsibilities of the Registered Nurse in an acute care setting, enabling them to consolidate preparatory theoretical education with practical application and rationale. It is anticipated that the WH&HS Transition to Professional Practice program is the first year of a supported 3 to 5 year plan which enables the graduate to develop competencies and postgraduate career directions.

Our aim is to develop sound independent Registered nurses that are able to confidently manage a 20-24 acute bed unit by developing effective skills in ward management and leadership by the completion of the program. Therefore, Clinical placement is principally located in the Surgical and Medical/Rehabilitation units. All graduates will have a 2 week Peri operative Recovery suite rotation to develop airway & pain management skills.

Specialised Unit placement will be assigned according to personal development and preference

- Accident and Emergency
- Peri-Operative
- High Dependency Unit
- Women's and Children's Health

There will also be the likelihood of an opportunity for a negotiated and supported placement in one of the nearby rural health services.

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### For more information

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