

Ward 7C

Logan Hospital

Graduate Nursing Program

Unit Overview

Ward 7C is a 32 bed Medical Inpatient Unit that specialises in Respiratory Medicine. We receive a broad range of medical conditions that include COPD, asthma, bronchiectasis, respiratory failure (type 1 and type 2), pneumonia, DKA, delirium, cognitive impairment, tracheostomy patients and treatments such as non-invasive ventilation – Bi-Level and CPAP, high flow nasal therapy and high FiO2 high flow therapy.

7C cares for high acuity patients and can accommodate up to six NIV patients. Patients are usually admitted from the Emergency Department but can also be transferred from ICU and other inpatient units.

Ward 7C also cares for other general medical conditions and can have outliers from other units – such as renal, gastroenterology, palliative. The single rooms often will have infectious diseases patients in them that have a multi resistant organisms/ COVID/TB and other airborne diseases.

2025 Graduate Program Overview

Orientation: 4 days of hospital orientation to familiarise yourselves with the hospital environment. 3 supernumerary days on the ward when you will work with a senior RN and have chance to learn workflows.

Specialist Training: ward specific training includes High Flow Oxygen, ICC, Telemetry

Study Days: there are 4 Graduate study days a year. There is also the opportunity to attend other relevant workshops within the hospital, including Cardio-Respiratory, Tracheostomy, Stroke, PIVC, Cognitive Impairment.

Unit Support: We have a ward CF who can support you along with the Graduate CF's. our CN's and senior RN's are very experienced and invested in supporting new graduates.

Shifts: all shifts are worked in a roster that promotes work-life balance.

Rotations: 6-month rotation plan that allows graduates to experience a range of clinical settings to expand their clinical knowledge and experiences.

Testimonials

I have chosen to work in 7C as a new graduate nurse because of the positive and supportive working environment, which is essential for nurturing my clinical skills and competencies.

Looking back on my first few weeks in the ward, I recall managing a patient experiencing respiratory distress. I felt incredibly anxious, not knowing what to prioritise. However, the nursing staff guided me in managing the patient, helping me navigate the situation and manage my time effectively across other workloads. Now, I am more assertive and knowledgeable on what to do in similar situations.

Working in 7C has significantly boosted my confidence in recognising and responding to acute deterioration. I've learned to address not only the patients' acute issues but also their holistic needs.

In conclusion, my experience in 7C has been invaluable for my growth as a new graduate nurse. The positive and supportive environment has allowed me to develop essential skills and gain confidence as a nurse. This ward has taught me to prioritise effectively and consider the holistic needs of patients, laying a good foundation for my future in nursing.



Past Ward 7C Graduates ongoing careers:

Our previous graduates have moved into a variety of different specialities and roles.

- Many graduates have been able to obtain a permanent position in 7C as their initial Registered nurse position allowing them to consolidate their learning. Some of these have also become Clinical Nurses on the ward.
- Some graduates have moved to other departments to broaden their clinical knowledge and gain new experiences, including other Medical wards, ED, Endoscopy, Surgery, Paediatrics.
- Some have transferred to other hospitals including PAH, Ipswich and Queensland Childrens Hospital to work and gain further experience in specialities such as ICU and Oncology.
- As our previous graduates have progressed in their careers, they have had opportunities in higher nursing positions including relieving in CNC and NUM positions and gaining experience in Patient Flow, as Resus Co-ordinator and in Education.

Testimonials

Choosing to begin my nursing career in 7C was a deliberate decision, driven by the ward's reputation for fostering a positive and supportive atmosphere conducive to honing clinical skills. Ward 7C allowed me to have new learning opportunities by actively engaging and providing information to new graduate nurses. Their mentorship not only helped me navigate the challenges but also enabled me to manage other responsibilities efficiently.

Working at 7C has been transformative, sharpening my ability to identify and address acute deterioration and clinical problems. I appreciate 7C for letting me have these learning opportunities and their kindness. They are always open to helping graduate nurses and actively providing clinical demonstrations to enable us to create safe medical environments.

"I can say with confidence that starting my nursing career as a grad in 7C (previously 3B) at Logan Hospital has forever shaped my nursing practice. Working in this fast-paced environment with patients that are high acuity has been an exciting challenge. With the full support of the experienced nurses and educators guiding our learning as new grads on the floor, it has provided us with numerous opportunities to learn new skills and to grow as nurses."

I have thoroughly enjoyed working in 3B/7C and becoming a part of the staff and culture, they are a wonderful team and I appreciate their education and teachings. The grad experience was very well supported by NUM Clare and CF Dan, thank you for the opportunity.