

Neonatal Services Logan Hospital

Graduate Nursing Program

Unit Overview

The Neonatal service is a purpose-built nursery with a total of 26 beds with family facilities. The aim of the neonatal unit is to provide holistic, evidence based and coordinated care which is family centred and for the patients in the Logan catchment area. A multidisciplinary team provides care to the neonate and the team is dedicated to achieving safe and optimal outcomes for the neonates.

The Neonatal Service provides specialised multidisciplinary neonatal inpatient services for sick and/ or preterm neonates at Logan Hospital in the Logan-Beaudesert catchment area. The Neonatal Service has variance above Level 4 CSCF Public and Licensed Private Health Facilities v3.2 (Queensland Government (2019), and it supports Level 5 CSCF Maternity Services.

The SCN provides specialised inpatient hospital care for:

- Care of Neonates from 32 Weeks gestation
- Care of Neonates greater than 1500grams
- Resuscitation, Stabilisation and Transfer of neonates requiring Tertiary Neonatal Care (NICU)
- Neonatal Resuscitation and Stabilisation Training programs
- Care of Neonates requiring Respiratory Support (CPAP and HHFNC)
- SCNN - Care of Neonates requiring SCN support in the Maternity Inpatient Unit (MIU), thus keeping families together.
- NEDP - A Neonatal Early Discharge Program – Home visiting by SCN Nurses
- Neonatal Nurse Navigator

They utilise a shared governance structure with Nursing and Midwifery Director of Women's and Children's Services, and Director of Obstetrics, and Gynaecology, and Director of Children's and Neonatal Services.



2025 Graduate Program Overview

Neonatal graduates undertake a suite of blended learning programs for nurses comprising theoretical learning and practical learning undertaken in the clinical setting.

Special care nursery neonatal transition support program's aim is for neonatal high dependency care and offers a structured 12 to 24 months process through which core knowledge and skills are developed. Successful completion of all requirements enables graduates to articulate to tertiary credit to many post-graduate studies.

Graduates will be given opportunity to rotate between Neonatal unit and Childrens Inpatient Unit for a six- or 12-months placement. Support is provided by the Nurse Educator, Clinical Facilitator, Nurse Unit manager and Clinical Nurse Consultant along with other clinicians in the unit.

Structured supportive program includes:

- Orientation
- TSP/ specialist training
- Study days
- Unit support
- Clinical shifts
- Rotations

Our current graduates say,

"I have found the graduate program at Logan Hospital to be a supportive and structured program that has helped me transition into clinical space. The education team are friendly, approachable and full of knowledge and the entire team in SCN is welcoming".

"The graduate program is a great opportunity to ease newly registered nurses into the professional practice environment from academic learning. The Special Care Nursery has been such an amazing opportunity to develop new skills and interests specific to neonates. The team here have been incredibly supportive, and my experience here has cemented my passion for neonatal nursing, and I look forward to seeing where this graduate program takes me."

Benefits of undertaking a graduate program in neonatal services at Logan

Our neonatal graduate program promotes the development of confidence in clinical practice through provision of structured clinical learning and exposure. We believe in creating optimal learning environments for our graduates, promoting opportunities to progress practice and support career development.

Past neonatal graduates are now working as registered nurses in neonatal service at Logan.



Past graduates say,

"I found completing the grad programme highly beneficial. I was able to specialise my learning and practice in special care nursery whilst also being heavily supported by clinical facilitators, educators and fellow staff on the ward, who were always willing to help me and teach. All this support and learning has helped me become more confident in my practice and has helped shape me into the registered nurse that I am today".



"The graduate program helped me to easily transform my theoretical knowledge into the clinical practice. This program enabled me to gain confidence in caring for newborns who requires special care needs. I was able to secure a job in neonatal services at Logan after completion of my grad program which I consider as a success achieved through the training and support, I received in my grad year".

"Being a part of the graduate program has allowed me to experience a wide range of learning opportunities whilst undertaking interesting, meaningful and challenging work. The special care nursery truly has such a positive culture and I have felt so valued and supported in my work. I am incredibly grateful for the support I received in my grad year from the clinical facilitator and my colleagues".

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