#### **GRADUATE PROGRAMS**

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# Ward 2A: Surgical – Orthopaedics & Urology QEII Hospital

## **Graduate Nursing Program**

## **Hospital Overview**

- QEII is a medium-sized hospital with 205 beds with an additional 44 beds offsite and more than 1700 staff.
- Currently QEII is undergoing an expansion project to add another 112-bed specialised surgical facility by 2027 to assist with future growth and become the premier surgical hospital for Metro South Health.
- QEII provides a range of inpatient and outpatient services including general medicine, general surgical, cardiology, geriatric medicine, intensive care, acute stroke, palliative care, and has a state-of-the-art Emergency Department and Endoscopy Suite.
- Accredited Pathway to Excellence® hospital providing a positive practice environment where nurses can flourish.

#### **Our Staff**

QEII employs over 1700 staff including:

- 972 nurses
- 355 medical officers
- 133 allied health professionals

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## **Our Activity**

In the 2022 – 2023 financial year there were:

- Over 35 000 patients admitted to QEII
- Over 65 000 patients treated in the Emergency Department
- 6 700 patient procedures conducted in the Endoscopy Suite

### **Aim of the Graduate Program**

- Assist the graduate nurse to transition from novice to competent practitioner.
- Provide structured learning experiences that will assist the graduate registered nurse to develop their required clinical knowledge and skills.
- Support the graduate in both education and clinical environments.
- Promote the development of confidence in clinical practice.
- Provide adequate organisational support and practice-based education to assist the graduates successful transition into the workplace and to remain satisfied in the profession long term.

#### Find out more

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## Ward 2A: Surgical – Orthopaedics & Urology

#### **Unit Information**

Ward 2A is a 34-bed surgical unit. Our service provides holistic, contemporary, evidence-based care for Urology and Orthopaedics patients, utilising a coordinated multidisciplinary team approach for all elective and non-elective patients, resulting in optimal patient outcomes.

2A is a urological referral hospital for Logan, Beaudesert, and the Bayside area, and the orthopaedics referral hospital for the Bayside area, admitting all orthopaedic patients that require overnight admission and/or surgical intervention. 2A has the largest fractured Neck of Femur (#NOF) intake between Princess Alexandra, QEII, and Redland's Hospital catchment area.

In Ward 2A we provide a high standard of patient-focused care through assessment, planning, early intervention, and evaluation of surgical needs to support patients achieving optimal health outcomes.

#### **Our Staff**

Ward 2A has a large team of nursing staff including a Nurse Unit Manager, Clinical Nurses, Registered Nurses, Enrolled Nurse Advanced Skills, and Assistants in Nursing.

The Surgical Education team provide support to surgical graduates throughout the Graduate Program. The Surgical Education team consists of a Surgical Nurse Educator and two Surgical Clinical Facilitators that provide support across Surgical Services – Ward 2A, Ward 2B, Urodynamics and Specialist Out-Patients Department.

### Metro South Hospital Initiatives



## **Common Surgical Presentations** and **Procedures**

- Cystoscopy
- Prostate surgery
- Bladder irrigation
- Transurethral resection of bladder tumour
- Transurethral resection of the prostate
- Percutaneous Nephrolithotomy
- Knee replacement
- Hip replacement
- Neck of Femur (NOF) repair
- Knee reconstructions
- Upper/Lower limb procedures
- ORIF
- Wound washout
- Urosepsis

#### Graduate opportunities

- Learn and consolidate specialist surgical skills
- Management of post-operative patients across multiple specialities
- Management and escalation of the deteriorating patient
- Online and face-to-face learning
- Opportunity to undertake quality initiatives

