

# Paediatrics (Lamb Ward) Redland Hospital Graduate Nursing Program

## Unit Overview

The Redland Hospital Lamb Ward has 11 inpatient beds and cares for children with general medical and surgical conditions from birth to 16 years old. Lamb ward aims to provide a high standard of holistic family centred and evidenced based care with multidisciplinary collaboration.

## Benefits of undertaking a graduate program in Lamb Ward

Gain experience delivering family centred care to this vulnerable population within the support of a dedicated multidisciplinary team (paediatric nurses, medical officers, pharmacist, physiotherapist, occupational therapist, speech therapist and dietician) working together to deliver care at the highest possible standard.

As a general ward, Lamb graduates gain a variety of transferrable skills and develop their knowledge through exposure to a range of different medical and surgical conditions that involve neonates up to adolescents.

Enrolment on the Statewide Paediatric Transition Support Program (TSP) to develop the core knowledge and skills to care for paediatric patients, with ongoing support from a Nurse Educator (NE), Clinical Facilitator (CF), Clinical Nurse Consultant (CNC) and Nurse Unit Manager (NUM).

Successful completion of all requirements will enable articulation to tertiary credit to many post-graduate programs which provides a valuable avenue into advancing education and career development.

## 2025 Graduate Program Overview

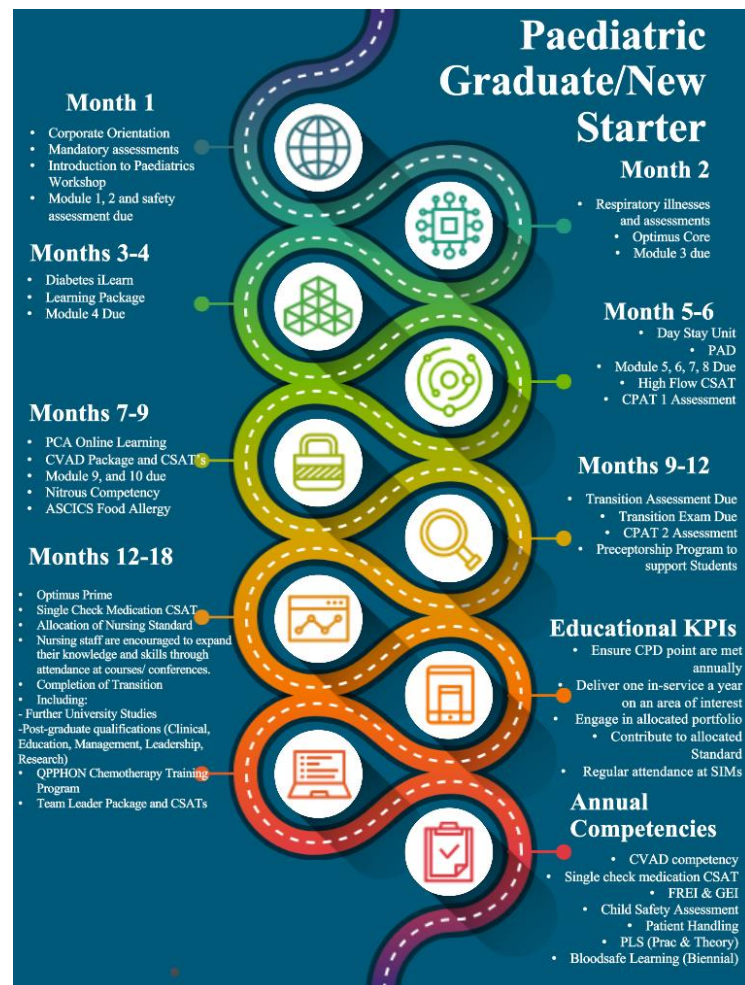
The graduate nurse program at Redland Hospital Lamb Ward is a 12-month program and there is two positions available.

The program consists of 11 supernumerary days:

- Corporate/hospital orientation (1 day)
- Nursing orientation (2 days)
- Orientation to clinical unit/working alongside preceptor (3 days)
- Graduate nurse study day (4 days)

Working with experienced paediatric nurses, our graduate program aims to develop self confidence in clinical practice through structured clinical learning and exposure.

New graduates will be provided with a structured program coordinated by the Nurse Educator.



## Past Lamb Ward graduates are now working as

- Registered Nurses at tertiary paediatric hospitals
- Team leaders
- Retrieval Nurses
- Clinical Nurses
- Clinical Nurse Consultants
- Nurse Educators
- Nurse Unit Managers



## Metro South Hospital Initiatives



## Testimonials

### Melissa, Graduate Nurse 2023

*Throughout my graduate year on Lamb Ward, I was able to work alongside supportive and experienced clinical and registered nurses that helped me gain new skills, experience and the confidence needed to become a competent registered nurse. Have the support from the ward education members and Metro South graduate team made my graduate year a positive experience and helped me transition into the fulfilling role of a paediatric registered nurse.*

### Alyza, 2024 Graduate Nurse

*Working as a graduate nurse in Lamb Ward has been an incredibly fulfilling experience so far. The close-knit team has provided continuous support and mentorship, helping me develop both my clinical skills and confidence. I have gained hands on experience with variety of paediatric conditions, which with enhanced my adaptability and critical thinking. The opportunity to build strong, compassionate relationships with young patients has been particularly rewarding.*

### Savannah, 2024 Graduate Nurse

*I commenced my graduate registered nurse position on Lamb Ward in February 2024. I have found working on Lamb Ward to be such eye opening and hands on experience. The staff on Lamb have been incredibly supportive through my time on the ward; assisting with procedures, complex patients and acting as a support system. Working on Lamb has helped assist in developing my clinical skills and communication skills with children and parents, as well as testing and improving my critical thinking skills. It has been such a privilege to work as a paediatric registered nurse; building rapport with patients and their families and having the opportunity to look after some of our smallest and youngest population.*