



Princess Alexandra Hospital
Emergency Department (ED)

Graduate Nurse Program

Hospital overview

Princess Alexandra Hospital (PAH) is a large 780 bed tertiary health care centre, providing care in most major adult specialties.

- We are one of Australia's leading academic and research health centres.
- Our nursing excellence is internationally recognised, and we are the only hospital in Queensland that has prestigiously been formally recognised as a Magnet organisation since 2004 by the *ANCC Magnet Recognition Program*®.
- Continued Magnet Recognition ultimately recognises excellence in the practice of our 2,400 nurses, the delivery of high-quality care, support for personal and professional development, the supportive team environment and the commitment and passion to safe person-centred care.

Graduate program overview

Transition Support Program – Emergency is comprised of four modules, two clinical skills assessment items and two written assignments equating to approximately 300 hrs of study.

The program is divided into four modules that consist of self-directed learning, prescribed readings and interactive activities.

Development of clinical skills and familiarisation of equipment and procedures is completed through demonstrations, simulations and practice.

Graduate support days

Throughout the Transition Support Program our emergency nurses are offered five graduate support days. Two of those days are conducted with participants from across the health service.

The fifth graduate support day is an introduction to working in resuscitation.

Articulation to post graduate studies

Completion of all the components of the Transition Support Program – Emergency gains credits for two subjects at selected universities when applying for post graduate qualifications pertaining to Emergency.

Unit information

ED at PAH, is one of the largest adult teaching hospital departments in Australia and provides an emergency medical service 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. With over 70 medical staff, 215 nursing staff and extensive allied health and administration staff we manage approximately 70,000 patients a year. PAH ED has also been the recipient of:

- 2020 CENA Australasian ED of the Year award
- 2020 ENA Lantern Award

The department has 25 acute care beds and 5 resuscitation rooms. These in combination with a 14-bed short stay unit, Ambulatory Care and dedicated Toxicology and Mental Health units, allow for specialised directed care.



The two major trauma rooms are serviced directly by a CT scanner in an adjoining room, which allows for integrated imaging and trauma resuscitation

Hospital Initiatives

- Magnet®
- Commitment to Reconciliation
- Digital Hospital.

Program benefits

- A structured graduate nurse program that will assist you to transition from novice graduate nurse to a confident and skilled practitioner.
- The provision of education and support needed to build an enriching and rewarding professional career.
- Joining an organisation that is internationally recognised for nursing excellence and developing leaders of the future.
- A supportive clinical and educational environment that promotes competence and confidence in clinical practice.
- Diverse clinical specialties from which to choose.
- Multiple career development pathways with opportunities to progress and achieve your future nursing career goals.

Emergency department education team

- 1 Nurse Educator
- 2 Clinical Facilitators

The education team supports the educational needs for approximately 215 nurses and works closely with a multidisciplinary team who are based in the ED with strong university affiliations.

More information

Visit metrosouth.health.qld.gov.au and search “graduate programs”.

