

Emergency Department 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



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.

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QEII Jubilee Hospital



Emergency Department (ED)

Unit Information

The QEII Emergency Department provides specialised and contemporary emergency care to our community, ensuring that we provide a service that meets the needs and expectations of our community. We are committed to delivering a highly skilled workforce that is dedicated to delivering high quality healthcare and is driven to meeting key clinical and quality performance indicators.

Our Activity

The Emergency Department provides a 24-hour service, 365 days a year.

It manages between 4500 – 5500 patient presentations per month (approx. 65,000 patients per annum).

We have an excellent record for staff retention and boast four generations of ED nurses.

Graduate Nurses

As a graduate nurse you will be welcomed into this dynamic team and progress through the areas of the ED with the guidance and support of the education team. You will be required to attend workshops where you will participate in fun activities, group learning, find new skills and form new friendships along the way.

During the 12-month contract in ED, you will be enrolled into the Transitions-to-Practice program (TSP) emergency nurse, with the opportunity of articulation to post-graduate qualification.

Experience gained in emergency nursing; Older Adult, Adult, Paediatrics, Mental Health, Surgical, Medical, Urology, Orthopaedic and Obstetric presentations.

Graduate program opportunities

Acute Nurse manages patient presentations in the acute areas of the department. This could be anything from a fall, cold or flu through to more complex patients with chest pain or sepsis requiring specialist time sensitive interventions.

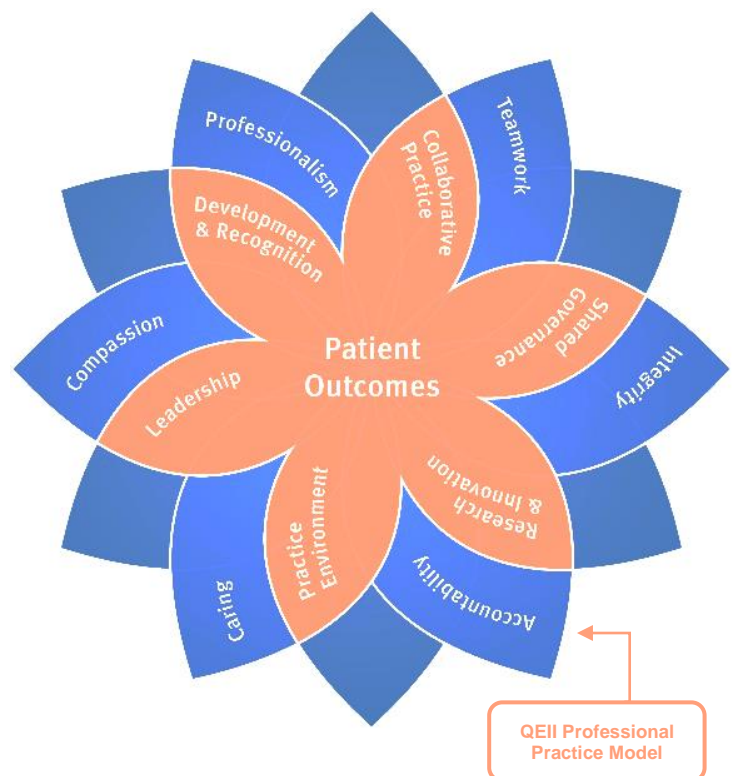
Fast Track Nurse manages all types of less acute ailments and minor injuries. They are a dab hand at anything from dressings, instructions on strapping, crutches for mobilisation to administration of intranasal medications for sedation and suturing.

Resus Nurse is highly specialised to manage emergent situations. They practise at a high level of expertise and works in a multidisciplinary resus team whose functionality is to manage high acuity in life and death situations.

Triage Nurse works at the 'front of house' and is the 'face' of the ED. They draw on years of experience and can determine acuity, early and acute deterioration, as well as patient disposition at a glance.

Short Stay Nurse manages the 'back of house' where patients of a lesser acuity wait on either; results, transfer to a ward or simply discharge home.

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