



Princess Alexandra Hospital
Ward 2C Neurosciences

Graduate Nurse Program

Hospital overview

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

We are nationally recognised for our expertise in trauma management and major organ transplants.

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

The Neuroscience Graduate program is a 12-month program that aims to develop novice nurses into specialists. In this time, you will be supported by a unit preceptor, a Clinical Facilitator, Nurse Unit Manager, Clinical Nurse Consultant and the entire 2C Nursing team.

Learning packages

- Neurological observations
- Limb powers
- Enteral nutrition management
- Tracheostomy management
- External ventricular drains
- Epilepsy

Clinical skills assessment tools

- Neurological assessment
- Limb power observation
- Care of cerebral spinal fluid drains

Unit information

Ward 2C is a 36 bed Neuroscience department caring for both Neurology and Neurosurgical patients. The unit includes an eight-bed high acuity neurosciences unit (HANU) that cares for acutely unwell, ICU step downs and post-operative Neurosurgical patients.

Patient demographic

2C is a unique department in that we care for patients under both the division of medicine and the division of surgery, some typical patient presentations include:

- Traumatic brain and spinal injuries
- Intra-cranial tumours and lesions
- Infections – meningitis and ventriculitis
- AVM, cavernomas and aneurysms
- Subarachnoid haemorrhage
- Epilepsy
- Motor neurone disease
- Parkinson's disease
- Functional neurological disorder
- Encephalitis
- Myasthenia gravis

Hospital initiatives

- Magnet®
- Commitment to Reconciliation
- Digital Hospital

Program benefits

- 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
- 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.

Graduate placement opportunities

- Become a member of a dedicated and motivated team of nurses
- Learn specialist skills required to care for neurologically affected patients
- Opportunities to join the Surgical Experience Rotational Program and complete rotations in Orthopaedics, ENT/Plastics, Hepatobiliary post your graduate year
- Further tertiary study options available through University of Tasmania with a discounted rate through a partnership with ANNA (Australasian Neuroscience Nurse Association)
- Work within a portfolio group that aligns with the NSQHS and contribute to quality projects on the ward

More information

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

