

Princess Alexandra Hospital
Respiratory – Ward 2D

Graduate Nurse Program

Hospital overview

The Princess Alexandra Hospital (PAH) is a large 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.

Unit overview

Ward 2D is a 28 bed unit comprised primarily for respiratory, cardiology and oncology patient care. The unit has a monitored 4 bed Respiratory Acute Care Unit (RACU) for high nursing acuity patients (i.e. Non-Invasive Ventilation nursing care), 2 negative pressure isolation rooms for management of airborne MRO, 4 single rooms for droplet or contact MRO management. The remainder consisting of cohort bays. All rooms have ensuite facilities.

The most common medical problems experienced by patients in 2D include:

- Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD)
- Asthma
- Lung cancer
- Sleep disorders
- Respiratory Failure (Type I and II)
- Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension
- Motor Neurone Disease

Patients are also admitted for investigative procedures such as angiograms, bronchoscopy and biopsy as well as radiotherapy, immunotherapy, chemotherapy and palliative care.

Program overview

The Graduate Program provides RNs with the support and education required to consolidate clinical practice and skills in the field of respiratory and medical nursing. Practice Development is supported using preceptorship and mentorship frameworks.

New Graduate transition is developed, monitored, and implemented by the unit specialist Nurse Educator and Clinical Facilitator. Supported by the Nurse Practice Development Unit (NPDU) to provide addition resource ensuring your advancement aligns with organisation values.

During the 12 month program you will gain knowledge and experience in respiratory medicine, working through structured clinical skills and education packages. Providing realistic, achievable goals tailored to support your transition.

Hospital initiatives

- Nurse 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 recognised for nursing excellence and developing leaders of the future.
- Supportive clinical and educational environment that promotes competence and confidence in clinical practice.
- Multiple career development pathways with opportunities to achieve your future career goals.

More information

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