



Princess Alexandra Hospital
Medical Assessment and Planning Unit (MAPU)

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.

Unit overview

The Medical Assessment and Planning Unit (MAPU) opened in February 2011 and provides multidisciplinary assessment, care and treatment of acutely ill medical patients, with a predicted length of stay of 48-78 hours. MAPU provides specialist physician assessment, review and evaluation of patients at the beginning of the hospital care pathway with better coordination to discharge. MAPU provides a model of care for medical patients that will also link the acute setting to support services in the community through a single point of access.

The ward is comprised of a 32-bed unit, incorporating 20 monitored beds for use by patients presenting with chest pain, syncope, paroxysmal atrial fibrillation or other disorders that may require short term monitoring.

Program overview

The MAPU Graduate RN Program provides RNs with the support and education required to consolidate clinical practice skills in acute general medicine. The

program is structured over 12 months and is aligned to a 6-month rotation to Ward 5D.

Practice Development is supported by a dedicated Nurse Educator and Clinical Facilitator, with support from the Nurse Practice Development Unit (NPDU).

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

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