

Perioperative Services 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



Perioperative Services

Unit Information

QEII Perioperative Services provides a high standard of specialised, efficient, and safe, patient-focused care by utilising a coordinated multidisciplinary approach, resulting in optimal patient outcomes and a cost-efficient service. Consisting of 7 Operating Theatres and a Procedure Room, the service provides capacity for General Surgery, Gynaecology, Orthopaedics and Urology specialties.

Graduates on the program will rotate through two clinical specialties, these being the Anaesthetic Care Unit, Theatre (instrument and circulating nurse) Day-Surgery Unit, and Post- Anaesthetic Care Unit. There is also a rotation offered with the Endoscopy Unit. Completion of associated unit Transition-to-Practice modules are incorporated into the program.

The perioperative education team (including a dedicated Theatre Nurse Educator and Clinical Facilitator) provide support to the graduates throughout their graduate program.

Our Activity

The Perioperative Suite is staffed for 24-hour coverage that includes:

- Monday-Friday elective surgery and Monday - Sunday/after-hours on-call emergency service coverage
- Day surgery admissions and recovery/discharges

Metro South Hospital Initiatives



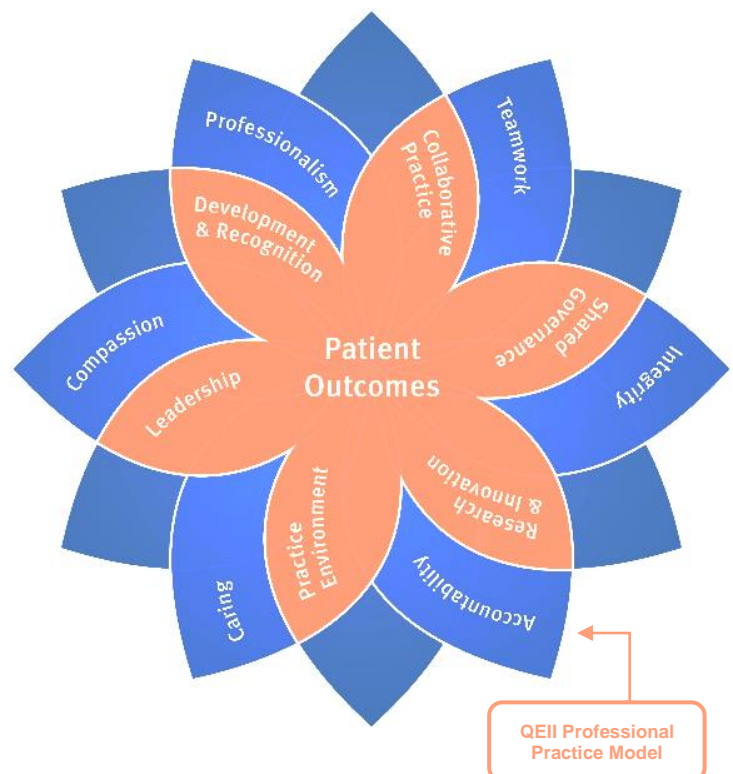
Graduate placement opportunities

Anaesthetic nurse: cares for the patient immediately preceding and following an anaesthetic. The nurse works collaboratively with the anaesthetist and the perioperative team.

Circulatory nurse and instrument nurses: ensure all instrumentation and sterile stock required for the case are available in the theatre. They are responsible for establishing and maintaining a critical aseptic field, management of accountable items, and organising instrumentation in a way that supports the work of the surgeon and remains vigilant throughout the procedure to ensure best practice. They demonstrate competence in intraoperative management of various procedures and any concerns.

Post Anaesthetic Care Nurse: cares for the patient one-on-one immediately after anaesthesia and surgery. They demonstrate competence in post-operative management of patient airway and post-operative pain and nausea, while providing safe, quality person-centred care. PACU is a high acuity area where nurses are required to have a high level of nursing and technical skills.

Day Surgery Nurse: assesses, triages, and collaborates in planning care before an elective procedure or an unplanned day stay procedure for patients. The nurse admits, prepares, recovers, and discharges patients receiving care. (ACORN 15th Edition).



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