

Graduate Nurse Program

Hospital overview

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

- 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 Unit information

Brain Injury Rehabilitation Service (BIRS) is the specialist brain injury referral service for Queensland promoting optimal client focussed outcomes that allow for the reintegration of individuals following brain injury back into the community. BIRS consists of four services (Inpatient and community based) which encompass providing client care through the rehabilitation phase and return into the community to support clients throughout their whole life.

The Brain Injury Rehabilitation Unit (BIRU) is a 26-bed unit and provides acute inpatient neurological rehabilitation for Queensland and the northern NSW. Patients are referred from a variety of inpatient and external sources to PAH for these services.

The Brain Injury Rehabilitation nurse is an integral member of the rehabilitation team, providing specialised nursing care for a variety of neurological specialties. The role includes:

- Rehabilitation approach/ rehabilitative care
- Teaching and coaching
- Observation, assessment and interpretation
- Administering and monitoring therapeutic interventions
- Management of rapidly changing situations
- Management, advocacy and coordination
- Monitoring and ensuring the quality of health care practices

Hospital Initiatives

- Magnet®
- Commitment to Reconciliation
- Digital Hospital



Program benefits

- A 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 to build an enriching and rewarding professional career.
- Joining an organisation that is internationally recognised for nursing excellence and developing leaders of the future.
- A 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

Our Brain Injury Rehabilitation Unit (BIRU) graduates have a unique opportunity to join the BIRU nursing team for the duration of their graduate program for the best access to many opportunities to learn with and from experienced brain injury rehab nurse colleagues.

More information

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