GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Reviewed: April 2024

Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee (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.

Find out more

metrosouth.health.qld.gov.au MS_NM_Graduate_Support@health.qld.gov.au (07) 3182 6330





2025 Graduate Program Overview

ORIENTATION

- Comprehensive hospital orientation
- 2-day nursing orientation
- Digital hospital training
- Online learning modules
- Minimum 1-week supernumerary

EDUCATION

- 4 Workshop Davs
- Speciality Transition to Practice programs
- · Unit-based education
- Insight Quality Initiative program

SUPPORT

- Graduate Coordinator: A dedicated Nurse Educator who is responsible for the coordination and management of the QEII Graduate Program.
- Graduate Clinical Facilitators (CF): dedicated CFs to graduate transition, available to support with clinical skills, communication, and debriefing new experiences.
- Clinical Facilitators (CF): Unit CFs who can assist with transition to nursing culture, guidance, education or friendly debrief.
- Regular peer meeting with other new graduates.

Metro South Hospital Initiatives



Testimonials

The best thing about my new graduate year at QEA was the easy access to supportive education staff including the graduate educator, clinical facilitators & preceptors. I was so grateful for the personal service and tailored program to suit my needs. I love the size of QEAI - I know so many people from all around the hospital and they know my name too.

- Tralee

The best thing about my new graduate year at QEAI was working with such a friendly & supportive team that allowed my skills and confidence to grow. I gained the ability to communicate and offer support to patients and their family members. The greatest thing about working at QEAI is the small community hospital feel with the benefit of working for QLD Health in a major metro area.

- Anna

