



Princess Alexandra Hospital
Cardiac Catheter Laboratory (CCL)

Graduate Nurse Program

Hospital overview

Princess Alexandra Hospital (PAH) is a 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 nursing practice, 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.



CCL mission statement

CCL promotes and facilitates a culture that encourages research in the delivery of evidence-based practice resulting in excellent patient care.

We provide a high standard of patient focused care working in partnership with the patient, their family and the cardiology team.

CCL operates Monday to Friday and provides 24-hour support. It is a major tertiary referral centre for Metro South Health and South West Health.

CCL is staffed by a multidisciplinary team including nursing, medical, radiographers, cardiac physiologists, administrative and support officers.

Graduate support

In CCL you can develop your skills and knowledge as a Registered Nurse in a supported environment.

- A full time CCL nurse educator
- Experienced nurse preceptors
- 1:1 graduate / preceptor ratio for a minimum of 3 months
- Structured learning modules and assessment.

You will have the opportunity to view and participate in a variety of procedures and care for patients with a broad range of cardiac conditions pre and post procedure.

Clinical skills

- Recording a 12 lead ECG
- Chest pain management
- IV cannulation
- Removal of femoral and arterial sheaths
- Cardiac monitoring
- Defibrillation
- Transcutaneous and transvenous pacing
- Advanced life support

Clinical experience

Scrub and scouting roles include:

- Coronary angiograms including pre and post procedural nursing care
- Coronary stenting interventions
- Acute STEMI interventions
- Permanent pacemaker insertion
- Implantable defibrillators insertion

- Electrophysiology studies including ablation procedures
- Structural heart procedures.

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 needed 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.

More information

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