



Princess Alexandra Hospital  
Vascular Ward 1C

## Graduate Nurse Program

### Mission statement

The Vascular Unit is a multidisciplinary health care team, whose primary focus is to provide quality holistic specialised health care to patients with vascular conditions and their families.

### Vascular Team Charter

This is the credo that all members of our team follow:

- Respect one another.
- Trust one another.
- Support one another.
- Be approachable.
- Act professionally.
- Remain non-judgemental.
- Treat others as you would expect to be treated yourself.



### Medical conditions

- Deep vein thrombosis
- Pulmonary embolus
- Chronic venous / arterial ulceration
- Cardiac conditions
- Diabetes
- Peripheral vascular disease
- Scleroderma
- Raynauds syndrome

### The exciting world of 1C

Vascular nursing is a multi-dimensional specialty involving many complex conditions with multiple and extensive co-morbidities.

The Vascular Unit is an energetic 24-bed unit providing complex and specialised care to acutely ill vascular patients.

The unit accepts both elective and emergency admissions from Queensland and Northern New South Wales.

Nursing staff develop a wide range of clinical skills and gain vast experience in many areas including:

- Prostaglandin, Alteplase, Insulin and Heparin Infusions
- PCA, Epidurals and Niki pumps
- Wound drainage
- Indwelling catheters
- Naso-gastric tubes
- Extensive and specialised wound management, including VAC assisted and Zinc bandaging
- Pre and post-operative care
- Pain management
- PICC and CVL lines
- Doppler
- Stump bandaging

## Surgical procedures

- Carotid thromboendarterectomy
- Femoral popliteal bypass graft
- Femoral to femoral bypass graft
- Abdominal aortic aneurysm repair
- Abdominal bi-femoral bypass graft
- Axilla bi-femoral bypass graft
- Endoluminal abdominal aneurysm repair
- Thrombectomy of any artery or existing graft
- Lumbar chemical sympathectomy
- Varicose veins repair
- Thoroscopic sympathectomy
- First rib resection
- Above / below knee and transmetatarsal amputation
- Bilateral femoral angiogram
- Carotid / coronary / femoral angiogram
- Balloon angioplasty
- Insertion of arterial stent
- Insertion of venous / arterial catheter for titration of "alteplase"

## 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.

## Program overview

- Preceptorship from an experienced, friendly RN on Ward 1C
- Comprehensive vascular learning package
- Ongoing in services
- Flexible rostering
- Support from multidisciplinary team
- Large range of clinical skills to learn
- Opportunities for ward portfolio.
- Opportunities to attend further education outside the ward
- Opportunities to visit the operating theatre to see vascular surgery performed
- Opportunities to assist in the vascular wound clinic.

## Hospital initiatives

- Magnet®
- Commitment to Reconciliation
- Digital Hospital

## More information

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