



**Princess Alexandra Hospital**  
 Ward 4C – Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary  
 Acute Surgical Unit

## Graduate Nurse Program

### Unit information

Ward 4C is a 28-bed acute general surgical ward at the Princess Alexandra Hospital (PAH), Brisbane. This unit provides a tertiary specialty service in Hepato-Pancreato-Biliary (HPB) surgery and Acute Surgical (ASU) admissions.

It is a high acuity unit which provides specialised services to patients requiring surgery and management of the diseases of the liver, pancreas and biliary tree, as well as those who have experienced a traumatic event or emergency thoracic and abdominal surgeries that present to the Emergency department.

### Types of patients

#### Hepato-pancreato-biliary conditions:

- Liver and pancreatic cancer
- Pancreatitis (gallstone or alcohol induced)
- Obstructive jaundice
- Neuro-endocrine tumours
- General surgery
- Liver resections
- Whipples

#### Acute Surgical conditions:

- Hernia repair
- Laparotomy
- Laparoscopic cholecystectomy
- Bowel resections
- Distal pancreatectomy
- Splenectomy

### Graduate nurse skills

- Care for complex surgical and trauma patients
- Manage post-operative patients with PCA and epidural analgesia
- Manage a variety of drainage systems
- Manage fluid regimes and intravenous infusions including parenteral nutrition
- Care of the palliative patient

- Wound management
- Attend weekly ward-based in-services
- Attend fortnightly ward meetings

### Opportunities in Ward 4C

In maintaining a high standard of nursing, specialised skills in HPB nursing are required. To achieve a professional atmosphere and team unity, ongoing staff development and education is recognised in providing staff development and high standards of patient care. Staff are also involved in trauma courses, Surgical Experience Rotation Program (SERP) and in-services to ensure a high standard of care is achieved and maintained.



### Hospital overview

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

- We are nationally recognised for our expertise in trauma management and major organ transplants.
- 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.

### Hospital initiatives:

- Magnet®
- Commitment to Reconciliation
- Digital Hospital

### More information

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### Program benefits

- 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
- 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

