



Princess Alexandra Hospital
Ward 4E – Digestive Health (Gastroenterology and Hepatology)

Graduate Nurse Program

Unit information

We are a 26-bed medical speciality unit within the Princess Alexandra Hospital. Ward 4E utilise a team nursing model based on best practice in conjunction with multiple support structures to deliver high quality care and promote positive patient outcomes.

As a team member on Ward 4E you will learn to care for these complex medical patients with supervision and support from the staff.

Types of patients

Ward 4E care for many different types of patients with a variety of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and some colorectal conditions. Some of these conditions include:

- Gastro-intestinal bleeding
- Inflammatory bowel disease
- Intestinal failure
- Acute / chronic cirrhosis
- Hepatitis / liver failure
- Hepatocellular carcinoma
- Variety of colorectal surgeries

Graduate nurse skills to acquire

- Care of the hepatology patient including cirrhosis, encephalopathy and hepatorenal syndrome
- Management of patients undergoing TIPPS/ TACE/ POEM / ERCP/ Paracentesis procedures
- Interventional endoscopy management for variceal bleeds
- Care of the inflammatory bowel disease patient
- Care of Ileostomies and colostomies
- Management of Parenteral Nutrition (PN)
- Liver transplant workup

Graduate nurse opportunities in Ward 4E

- Ward orientation with Clinical Facilitator
- Ward 4E orientation information book - supernumerary shifts with 4E staff
- Clinical skills assessment booklet
- Graduate nurse study day program



- Support available from the divisional Nurse Educator, 4E Clinical Facilitator, 4E NUM, 4E Staff.

Hospital overview

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

- 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

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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