

**Princess Alexandra Hospital**  
Ward 5D – Infectious Diseases

## Graduate Nurse Program

### Hospital overview

The 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.

### Unit overview

Ward 5D is a specialised infectious diseases ward that aims to provide an isolated and specialised environment in which patients with infections can be safely treated with the necessary holistic and specialised care. To always provide the optimal Standard of Infectious Diseases Nursing including strict adherence to the concept of Standard and Additional Precautions.

We provide a high standard of patient focused care through assessment, planning, early intervention and evaluation of acute medical, surgical problems to support people in achieving optimal health outcomes

The ward was recently refurbished in 2021 which has increased the capacity of negative pressure rooms. The ward is comprised of a 24-bed unit, incorporating 2 4 bed bays, 1 x 2 bed bay and 14 single rooms.

### Program overview

The 5D Graduate RN Program provides RNs with the support and education required to consolidate clinical practice skills in acute medical and surgical Nursing. The

program is structured over 12 months and is aligned to a 6 month rotation to MAPU.

Practice Development is supported by a dedicated Nurse Educator and Clinical Facilitator, with support from the Nurse Practice Development Unit (NPDU).

### Hospital initiatives

- Nurse Magnet®
- Commitment to Reconciliation
- Digital Hospital



### 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 recognised for nursing excellence and developing leaders of the future
- Supportive clinical and educational environment that promotes competence and confidence in clinical practice
- Multiple career development pathways with opportunities to achieve your future career goals

### More information

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