

Logan and Beaudesert Hospitals
Paediatrics

Graduate Nurse Program

Hospital overview

Logan and Beaudesert are one of the fastest growing regions in Queensland. The facility has steadily grown from a 48-bed community hospital in 1990 to the 435-bed secondary teaching hospital it is today.

The population of Logan and Beaudesert is very diverse, with the largest proportion of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander population in southern Queensland living in this area and a significant number of people from culturally or linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Logan and Beaudesert Hospitals offer Women's and Children's Services including general paediatrics, special care nursery, obstetrics and gynaecology.

The Pathway to Excellence® program is an evidence-based quality program, focusing on excellence in nursing and midwifery services leading to improved patient outcomes. It recognises the hospital's commitment to a positive practice environment with high levels of job satisfaction, patient care and safety.

Program overview

Our graduate program promotes the development of confidence in clinical practice through provision of structured clinical learning and exposure. New graduate nurses will gain experience in a wide range of specialities within paediatric care including medical, surgical, oncology, metabolic and palliative care patients and their families.

We believe in creating an optimal learning environment for our new graduates, promoting opportunities to progress practice and support career development.

New graduates will be provided with a structured and supportive program, coordinated by a nurse educator, designed to enable a smooth integration into paediatric practice.

Transition program

Transition is a suite of blended learning programs for nurses comprising of theoretical learning and practical learning undertaken in the clinical setting for a specialty area of practice.

The Acute Paediatric Transition program offers a structured 12-month process through which core knowledge and skills are developed. Successful completion of all requirements enabling articulation to tertiary credit to many post-graduate programs.

Graduate opportunities

Graduates will be given the opportunity to rotate between two diverse, yet equally rewarding and challenging paediatric areas.

Graduates can complete a 12-month placement in the Children Inpatient Unit (CIU) or a rotation between the Children's Inpatient Unit and Children's Emergency Department.

- Children's Emergency Department will provide initial assessment, resuscitation, stabilisation and management of children. This includes managing trauma and life-threatening emergencies, early intervention and treatment of complex injuries and medical issues, and those in acute crisis.
- CIU provides ongoing diagnosis and treatment for children with injuries or disorders for a wide range of conditions.
- Our goal is to collaborate with a wide range of healthcare partners, including families, to deliver the highest quality patient and family-centred care.



Unit information

The CIU is a purpose-built paediatric ward with a total of 27 beds, a children's playroom, teenage retreat, parent facilities, specialised allied health services, and child protection.

The aim of the CIU is to provide holistic, evidenced based and coordinated care, which is child and family centred, for paediatric patients within the Logan Hospital catchment area. A multidisciplinary team will provide this care. The team will strive to achieve optimal outcomes for their patients and families

Models of care

The model of care developed for the children's ward acknowledges and supports the contribution that the family make in a child's wellbeing and recovery. In helping to promote this philosophy, CIU will support and assist parents to participate in care, stay with their children and provides access to education and support.

Services

The CIU provides inpatient hospital care for infants and children up to 16 years of age. Services include:

- Paediatric medical conditions
- A broad range of surgical procedures such as general, orthopaedic, ENT and oral surgery
- MRI scans
- Audiology testing under sedation
- Outreach oncology services
- Chemotherapy and palliative care services

Hospital initiatives

- Pathway to Excellence®
- Commitment to Reconciliation
- Planetree
- Digital Hospital
- BFHI



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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