

Princess Alexandra Hospital

Ward 4D - Upper Gastrointestinal, Breast and Endocrine, Ophthalmology and Colorectal Surgery

Graduate Nurse Program

Unit information

Ward 4D is a 28-bed acute surgical and trauma unit at the Princess Alexandra Hospital. It is a high acuity unit which provides specialised services to patients requiring surgery and management of conditions associated with Upper Gastrointestinal, Breast and Endocrine, Colorectal and Ophthalmology specialities.

Types of patients

4D care pre and post-operatively for many different types of patients, these include:

- UGI surgery gastrectomy and oesophagectomy
- Major endocrine surgery thyroidectomy and adrenalectomy
- Breast cancer surgery mastectomy and axillary clearances
- Melanoma and soft tissue surgeries
- General acute abdominal surgery admitted via emergency
- Major colorectal surgery
- Ophthalmology surgery

Graduate nurse skills to acquire

- Care for patients undergoing various procedures i.e. insertion of pigtail drains, feeding tubes and PICC lines
- Pain management including PCA, epidural, regional blocks and NIKI pumps
- Wound management, surgical and non-surgical
- Drain management such as intercostal catheters, nasogastric tubes, feeding j-tubes and IDCs
- Care of ophthalmology patients, both surgical and non-surgical
- Care for patients undergoing endoscopy / colonoscopy procedures

Graduate nurse opportunities on 4D:

- Ward Orientation with Associate NUM
- 4D orientation package and supernumerary shifts with 4D staff
- Graduate nurse study day program
- Surgical specialities workshops



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

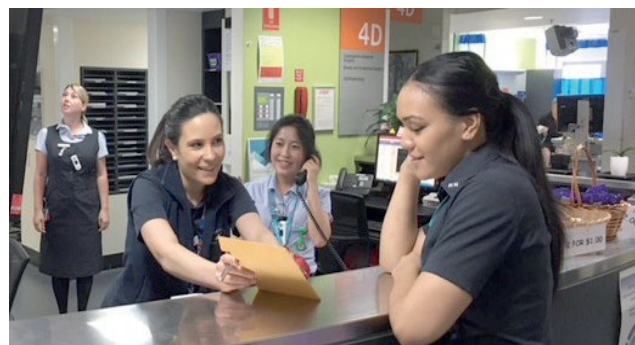
Program benefits

- 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.

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