

Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Hospital

Medical Services Ward 3A
Palliative Care and General Medicine

Graduate Nurse Program

Hospital Overview

Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Hospital (QEII) is a medium metropolitan adult facility with 181 inpatient beds. We provide a range of specialties including general medicine, surgical, cardiology, geriatric medicine, intensive and coronary care.

QEII is a *Pathway to Excellence*[®], organisation, which is a credential by the ANCC for hospitals that have created positive work environments where nurses can flourish. Pathway to Excellence Recognition ultimately acknowledges QEII nurses' 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.

QEII became a Digital Hospital in June 2018.

Our activity

In the 2018-2019 there were:

- 32,241 patients admitted to the hospital
- 55,857 patients treated in the emergency department
- 7,000+ elective surgeries.

Our staff

QEII Jubilee Hospital employs almost 1,200 staff including:

- 555 nurses
- 189 doctors including visiting medical officers
- 86 health professionals

Orientation

- Comprehensive Hospital Orientation
- 2-day nursing orientation
- Digital Hospital training
- Online learning modules
- 5-day supernumerary unit orientation

Education

- 4 workshop days
- Speciality transition to practice programs
- Unit-based education packages
- Insight quality initiative program

Support

- Graduate Nurse Educator (NE): a dedicated NE who is responsible for the coordination and management of the QEII Graduate Program.
- Clinical Facilitators (CF): unit CFs who can assist with transition to nursing culture, guidance, education or friendly debrief.
- Preceptorship: allocated preceptor/s to assist you as you settle into your new clinical environment.
- Regular peer meeting with other new graduates. A chance to catch up and learn from friends by sharing your new graduate experiences.

Unit Information

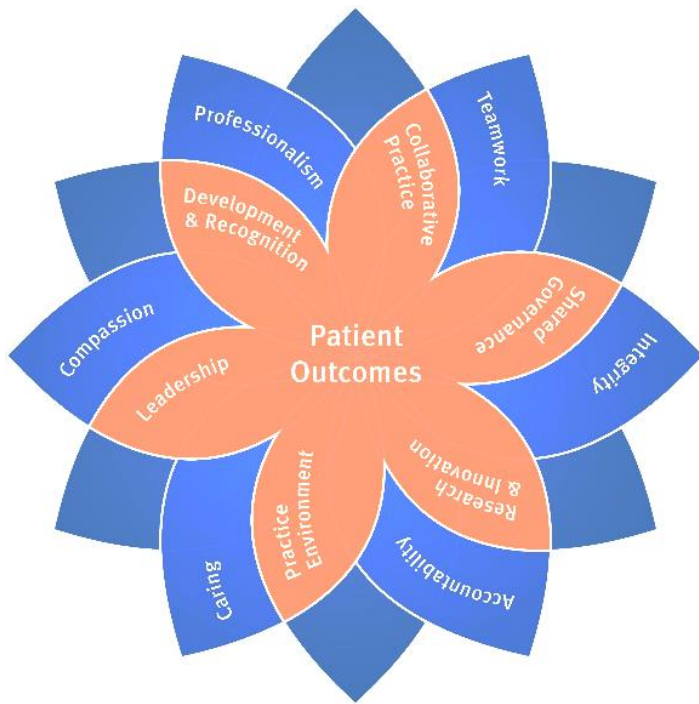
Ward 3A is a 22-bed unit with:

- 10 dedicated palliative beds
- 12 acute medical beds

Medical

Acute and chronic medical conditions include:

- Respiratory Infections
- Cellulitis
- Diabetes
- Kidney and urinary tract infections
- Intravenous infusions e.g. intravenous antibiotics, iron infusion, blood and blood products, insulin infusions
- Diabetic Ketoacidosis (DKA)



Palliative Care

Palliative care is holistic care that helps people and their families live their life as fully and as comfortably as possible when living with a life-limiting or terminal illness. Palliative care identifies and treats symptoms which may be physical, emotional, spiritual or social. We have a wide multi-disciplinary team including a counsellor for patients and their families.

We are linked with Metro South Community Palliative Care and patients have access to a 24hr on call service.

Hospital initiatives

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

Program benefits

The Graduate Program at QEII aims to:

- Assist the graduate nurse to transition from novice to competent practitioner.
- Provide structured learning experiences that will assist the graduate RN to develop their required clinical knowledge and skills.
- Support the graduate in both education and clinical environments.
- Promote the development of confidence in clinical practice.
- Provide adequate organisational support and practice-based education to assist the graduate to successfully transition into the workplace and to remain satisfied in the profession long term.

Graduate placement opportunities

- Learn and consolidate specialist surgical skills
- Management of post-operative patients across multiple specialities
- Management and Escalation of the Deteriorating Patient
- Complete Surgical learning packages
- Opportunity to Undertake Quality Initiatives

More information

Visit metrosouth.health.qld.gov.au and search “graduate programs”.