

## **MOUNT BARKER DISTRICT SOLDIERS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

2019 Registered Nurse

Transition to Professional Practice Program (TPPP)

### **About Mount Barker & District Health Services**

Mount Barker is situated in the Adelaide Hills and is a 30 Minute drive from the CBD in Adelaide. The town's population is over 35,000 and is a fast growing area in South Australia. The hospital has 35 beds, of which 8 are Maternity with 500 births per annum currently, 26 bed acute ward that accommodates both medical and surgical patients. Services include a 24 hours accident and emergency department, 2 Operating Theatres which operate every day and a Day Surgery department. There is also a Chemotherapy and Infusion Unit with six chairs offering low risk Chemotherapy to the community. We are pleased to offer graduate programs for both Midwives and Registered nurses.

### **What does the Registered Nurse TPPP look like at Mt Barker?**

Mt Barker Hospital is a TEAM STEPPS site and encourages team work and effective communication to support patient safety and high quality care. The new graduate will be provided with orientation, clinical supervision and excellent support to reach their professional goals for this busy transition year. A structured nursing/midwifery professional development program is a key feature of working at Mt Barker Hospital.

The graduate RN will be rotated through all the nursing areas of the hospital. A plan for this rotation is arranged with the graduate and the staff. In the second half of the year this may include shifts in day surgery and specialist areas such as chemotherapy and infusion unit, perioperative and accident and emergency.

The TPPP position is 0.8 FTE, some negotiation in relation to hours and commencement date is possible. The graduate will be expected to be apart of the on call rotation and also night duty within an agreed time frame.

There is a regional approach to management of the program and education days are scheduled with TPPP participants from the region.

The graduate RN will have opportunity to consolidate their skills with us in the management of the medical patients, a wide range of surgical patients and triage and assessment skills in outpatient and Accident and Emergency.

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