

COUNTRY HEALTH SA Riverland Mallee Coorong Region

RIVERLAND GENERAL HOSPITAL 2019 Registered Midwife (and Registered Nurse if applicable) Transition to Professional Practice Program (TPPP)

About the Riverland General Hospital

Designated to be one of the four General Hospitals within Country Health SA, the redeveloped facility has 38 hospital beds, services include: acute medical, chemotherapy, rehabilitation, renal, surgical, Maternity Services, and 24 hour Emergency Department services. Working within the Mallee Coorong Region, two neighbouring hospitals at Waikerie and Loxton also provide birthing services within the Riverland, along with Murray Bridge in the Mallee Coorong.

The Maternity service has an average birth rate of 160-180 deliveries per year that are provided within a combined 32 bed obstetric, medical and surgical unit with 2 birthing suites therefore dual RN/RM qualification is an advantage due to the complexity of the unit.

What does the TPPP for Midwives look like at Riverland General Hospital?

Riverland General Hospital offers midwives the opportunity to work across the maternity continuum, including ante/post-natal care, intrapartum, antenatal clinic, outpatients department and community midwifery. It is estimated there will be close to 180 births at this hospital in 2019.

This innovative program is available to applicants who are also eligible for registration as a Registered General Nurse. The Country Health SA RM TPPP has been developed with particular emphasis on the uniqueness of midwifery within the rural setting. Though employed by one health unit, it may be possible to arrange rotation to work in other health units in the region.

The program is co-ordinated through the CHSA: Riverland General Hospital with links to the Women and Children's Local Health Network transition education and support program.

The program includes:

- Clinical supervision for newly qualified midwives
- Supportive, team collegiality
- Diverse clinical experience in all areas of midwifery
- Paid study days throughout the program
- Full or part time positions are negotiable and tailored to the suitable applicant

The position is offered on a full time basis and dual RN/RM qualification is required for the RM TPPP at this facility as the full breadth of experience can be gained in a close and supportive setting. The expected date to start Feb / March 2019, will be negotiated with the suitable applicant

Support to the beginning midwife is provided through effective clinical supervision and mentorship. Following successful completion of the program the registered midwife would be considered for continued employment dependant on available hours within the nursing midwifery compliment.

If you are also a new Registered Nurse and interested in applying for the combined Registered Nurse and Registered Midwife TPPP please contact us for more information and indicate this on your application. This program gives graduates new to both the nursing and midwifery professions support as they start their career.

For more information and detail about the program such as RMTPPP starting dates please contact:

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