Royal Adelaide Hospital
Clinical Placement Service Areas

Cardiovascular Service
The Cardiovascular Service offers you an exciting opportunity to discover the diversity of cardiovascular nursing. This includes acute medical cardiology and interventional cardiology with the ability to observe and/or participate in interventional procedures for the relief of acute coronary disease, blocked heart valves and erratic heart rhythms. Additionally our cardiothoracic ward provides excellent opportunities to care for patients in the pre, peri and post operative periods for complex heart and lung surgery. Finally the vascular unit enables you to extend your knowledge and surgical nursing skills in the care of patients with peripheral vascular disease.

The diversity and exciting technology of the Cardiovascular Service combined with its excellence in patient care delivery, coupled with support and guidance from a highly skilled and motivated nursing team provides you with an ideal package of nursing opportunities.

Operating Rooms
This busy and diverse service includes nursing positions in
- Anaesthetic nursing
- Pre Anaesthetic Clinic
- Operating rooms
- Surgical Admission Suite
- Post Anaesthetic Recovery Unit (PARU)
- Day Surgery Unit.

The hospital has 19 operating rooms and provides 24/7 Emergency/Trauma Operating Services and PARU.

A well structured induction program supports new staff. There are options to rotate through areas. There are only limited graduate placements here.

Surgical Specialties Service
This progressive, exciting and diverse service offers nursing practice opportunities across a wide range of surgical and specialty areas. The service provides both elective and emergency trauma surgical care and has an extensive surgical and procedural ambulatory care service.

Expert nurse clinicians provide expert clinical practice development in specialties including but not limited to ophthalmology, ENT, urology, gynaecology, plastic surgery, burns, breast/endocrine, oesophago-gastric, hepato-biliary, pancreatic, colorectal, oral and maxillofacial, gastroenterology and neurosurgery. In addition, neurology, a Specialised Stroke Unit, stomal therapy, Gastrointestinal Investigation Suite and the Infection Prevention and Control Unit add to the variety of experiences available.

Orthopaedic and Trauma Service
Orthopaedic and Trauma Service nurses are committed to achieving excellence in musculo-skeletal nursing, using a patient centred approach in a positive practice environment. This unique and progressive service focuses on elective and emergency multiple trauma orthopaedic conditions, utilising the latest orthopaedic technologies in care provision.

Client support in elective joint replacement surgery is a practice focus. Similarly the Bone Infection Unit is a specialist service dedicated to the investigation and treatment of patients with bone or joint infections. The Spinal Injuries Unit provides a state-wide and Northern Territory service for the intensive first stage care for clients with severe spinal cord damage and injury.

Orthopaedic and Trauma Service also has practice opportunities in a very busy Outpatient Department setting.
Critical Care Services and Radiology

This is a broad and diverse area encompassing the:
> Intensive Care Unit > Nuclear medicine
> Emergency Department > Medical Emergency Team Services
> Emergency Extended Care Unit > Hyperbaric Unit
> SA Organ Donation Agency. > Diagnostic Radiology

TPPP placements are supported within the Intensive Care Unit, Emergency Department and Radiology Department only.

Combining an enthusiastic and highly skilled nursing team with a commitment to patient focussed outcomes, and area specific orientations with ongoing support and education, afford an interesting and varied introduction to these expanding areas.

Cancer Centre

The Cancer Centre provides highly skilled treatment and care to inpatient and day patient care areas before, during and after chemical and radiation therapies. The care we provide extends across the care continuum from acutely curative treatment through to end of life and palliative care support. Patient support and education forms a significant part of skilled nursing work.

The unit provides a state wide service for some cancer therapies. There are many interesting treatments using cutting edge technology including women’s health investigations, complex blood product replacement, stem cell treatments and radiotherapy treatments.

Internal Medicine Service

Internal Medicine is the second largest service within the hospital with 156 beds. It consists of seven wards S8, Q8, R8, S7, R7, S2 and the Acute Medical Unit as well as the Diabetes Centre, Chest and STD clinics and out patients departments.

The services provided by internal medicine include infectious diseases, geriatric medicine, thoracic medicine, endocrine and metabolic Service, immunology, drug and alcohol services, telemetry, dermatology, sexually transmitted diseases and general medicine.

Internal Medicine offers you the unique chance to care for a diverse variety of complex patients. Our patients require a multidisciplinary approach that gives you an opportunity to work closely with medical and allied health professionals. Internal Medicine offers a supportive, caring environment that allows you to consolidate and develop your nursing skills.

Hampstead Rehabilitation Centre (HRC)

HRC is a campus of the Royal Adelaide Hospital and provides specialist interdisciplinary rehabilitation and community crisis and planned respite care. The campus has 150 beds and these are allocated between six in-patient units.

The campus has two state wide service units and they provide specialist care to spinal cord injury patients and to patients who have an acquired brain injury. Other diagnostic groups managed at this hospital include strokes and other neurological conditions, orthopaedic, amputee and burns rehabilitation.

Nurses who wish to work in this environment can expect to learn rehabilitation skills and techniques that assist the patients and family to re-gain lost function and to develop new skills in daily living and a range of functioning towards a measure of independence.

The campus offers a very pleasant working environment with good staff facilities including free on-site easy parking set in a green park/garden like setting. We would welcome you selecting us as part of your TPPP knowing that you will be supported by the HRC nursing staff as well as the team from staff development at the RAH.
**Mental Health Services**

Acute mental health care is provided through community based teams and for clients requiring emergency and elective hospitalisation. There are short and long term rehabilitation nursing practice roles, opportunities for community support roles, assessment services and services to elderly mental health clients. Specialities such as forensic mental health are also available. Nursing practice in this service involves a high level of client and carer participation. Nurses develop skills in a range of therapeutic intervention, life-skills development and supportive communication roles.

**Renal Service**

The renal services are recognised worldwide for outstanding patient care, high-quality training programs and extensive research programs. With the integration of renal services across the region, the Renal and Transplantation Service offers a diverse and exciting opportunity to gain experience in all facets of Renal Care.

The service includes:

- 25 bed state of the art Renal and Transplantation Ward
- Satellite Dialysis Centres at Hampstead Rehabilitation Centre, Wayville, TQEH and LMH
- Home Haemodialysis Training Unit at TQEH
- An acute dialysis unit at RAH
- Peritoneal Dialysis Training Unit at TQEH and in patient complex Peritoneal Dialysis service at RAH
- 6 low acuity beds at TQEH
- Clinical Trials Unit
- Renal Liaison Education roles

**Women’s and Children’s Hospital, Children Youth and Women’s Health Service**

The Children, Youth and Women’s Health Service is South Australia’s leading provider of health services to children, young people and women. The Women’s and Children’s Hospital provides specialist health care services to children and young people with acute and chronic conditions across a variety of specialties. A collaborative program option with this site allows the participant to undertake a six month placement in one of the major medical or surgical Paediatric wards.

Transitioning Registered Nurses are provided with support from educators, preceptors, ward staff and the program Coordinator.

Please note: If you wish to indicate a preference for a placement at the Women’s and Children’s Hospital as part of the Royal Adelaide TPPP, this program option commences in January only.