

COUNTRY HEALTH SA Riverland Mallee Coorong Region

LOXTON HOSPITAL

2017 Registered Midwife

Transition to Professional Practice Program (TPPP)

Loxton Hospital complex is situated within the Mallee Coorong Rural Region of Country Health SA. The region is situated approximately 2½ hours drive from Adelaide and is home to some of the most scenic areas in the state. The picturesque River Murray compliments the rural lifestyle affording many opportunities for water sports and recreation. Aside from its natural beauty, the areas regional towns offer well-appointed amenities and much in the way of social and sporting activities. Local industries include wineries, dry land farming and fruit growing. Two hospitals in the neighbouring towns of Waikerie and Berri also provide birthing services within the Riverland, along with Murray Bridge in the Mallee Coorong.

Note: Discussions are currently progressing in the Riverland Mallee Coorong Region, to determine how this program may be delivered collectively across the Region to benefit new registered midwives as they start their career.

What does the TPPP for Midwives or RN/RMs look like at Loxton?

This innovative program has been developed with particular emphasis on the uniqueness of midwifery within the rural setting with the aim of supporting the RM TPPP participant to consolidate their clinical learning experiences and to become confident and pro-active practitioners.

Loxton Hospital is a 22 hospital acute facility including: acute medical, surgical, maternity services, and a 24 hour Accident and Emergency service. The obstetric service has an average birth rate of 100 births per year. The position is offered on a part 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 midwifery program is co-ordinated by Loxton Hospital with links to the Women and Children's Local Health Network transition education and support program.

The program includes:

- Clinical supervision for midwives
- Supportive, team collegiality
- Part time FTE usually offered at 0.6.
- Diverse clinical experience in all areas of midwifery
- Paid study days throughout the program

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