

## COUNTRY HEALTH SA South East Region

### Mount Gambier and Districts Health Service Registered Midwife (and Registered Nurse if applicable) Transition to Professional Practice Programs 2017

Mount Gambier & District Health Services jointly co-ordinates a very successful Transition to Professional Practice Program (TPPP) for Registered Midwives with Naracoorte Health Service.

The Mount Gambier and District Health Service is offering a 12 month TPPP position in 2017. It is anticipated the TPPP position will be available at Mount Gambier for either direct entry or Post Graduate Midwives.

***If you are also a new Registered Nurse we are pleased to be offering a combined Registered Nurse and Registered Midwife TPPP. If 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.***

The Registered Midwife based at Mount Gambier Hospital for their transition year will work across all areas of the patient journey including antenatal, intrapartum and postnatal care and domiciliary midwifery. For those applicants that are newly registered for both RN and RM clinical exposure will also include experience and work in the acute section of the hospital.

The Mount Gambier Hospital has 78 acute beds with 20 beds in the Maternity Paediatric Unit and an average of 590 births per year, with specialist obstetricians and paediatricians and a level 4 nursery taking babies from 34 weeks gestation.

#### **About the South East Region**

The South East encompasses an area of 21,000km and has a population of 62,000. Lying midway between the capital cities of Adelaide and Melbourne it has good road and air links to both cities. The picturesque Limestone Coast famous for the quality of our world-renowned fine wines, and natural attractions such as the unique Blue Lake, Naracoorte Caves, and Coorong National Park. Close to the attractions of the Southern Grampians and the Shipwreck Coast in Western Victoria.

Excellent sporting and recreational facilities are available. Entertainment venues and fine food restaurants are comparable to those available in larger cities.

***If you are looking for a friendly and relaxed country lifestyle and a supportive workplace for your graduate year this is the program for you!***

#### **Goal of the RM TPPP**

To provide a supportive environment in which the Transitioning Registered Midwife (RM) can extend and expand their theoretical experiences and marry these with practical learning to allow extension of practical and clinical skills in the holistic care of a group of patients in the midwifery care environment.

## **Program Structure**

The Transition to Professional Practice Program uses adult learning principles, enables reflection on practice, is competency based and consists of the following:

**Hospital Orientation** - A structured Orientation Program enables the Transitioning RM to become familiar with the Health Service, the Nursing Division and the Transition to Professional Practice Program.

**Study Days** – TPPP midwives are offered the opportunity to participate in education provided for transitioning midwives from across the state at the Women and Children's hospital. Study days address content that is relevant to the clinical needs of the transitioning RM/RN and their professional development.

There is also the opportunity to participate in study days provided locally for TPPP graduate nurses where it relates to the midwife area of practice.

**A Professional Portfolio** – is provided and consists of reflective learning tools, reviews, and clinical placement evaluations assisting the Transitioning RM to demonstrate how they are building on their professional practice.

**The Registered Midwife** is based at Mount Gambier hospital for their transition year and will have the opportunity to gain antenatal, intrapartum and postnatal experience including the care of sick neonates.

**Employment** is usually offered as a 0.8FTE position over 7 days (part time may be negotiated) and is a contract position for the length of the program. Re-employment and retention rates have remained consistently high at all participating Health Services. Re-employment is dependent upon availability of positions, performance throughout the Program including record of attendance and the completion of program requirements.

**Duration of the Program:** 52 weeks inclusive of Annual Leave.

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