

COUNTRY HEALTH SA South East Region

Naracoorte Health Service Registered Midwife (and Registered Nurse if applicable) Transition to Professional Practice Program 2017

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

The Naracoorte Health Service is offering a 12 month TPPP position in 2017. The Registered Midwife will be based at Naracoorte for their transition year.

RM TPPP participants at Naracoorte will work across all areas of the patient journey including antenatal, intrapartum and postnatal care. 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 Naracoorte Health Service has 39 acute beds and Naracoorte has an average of 200 births per year from 37 weeks.

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.

About the South East Region

Welcome to the South East Region, we boast a population of around 62,000 and cover an area of 21,000 square kilometres. The picturesque Limestone Coast is famous for the quality of our world-renowned fine wines, and natural attractions such as the unique Blue Lake, World Heritage listed Naracoorte Caves, and Coorong National Park. The South East offers numerous lifestyle, education (Naracoorte has 4 schools) and employment opportunities as well as excellent sporting and recreational facilities. Entertainment venues and fine food restaurants are comparable to those available in larger cities. Naracoorte is only an hour away from Mount Gambier.

Naracoorte is in the South East region located midway between the capital cities of Adelaide and Melbourne close to the attractions of the Southern Grampians and the Shipwreck Coast in Western Victoria.

The South East Region encourages and supports staff development and education in rural nursing through the South East Nursing Development Program.

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 learning 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 obstetric care environment. Exposure is also able to be provided to acute clinical areas for those applicants who are newly registered for nursing and midwifery.

RM TRANSITION TO PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE PROGRAM STRUCTURE

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

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.

Rotations - The Registered Midwife TPPP offers rotation through all the key practice areas including ante natal, labour ward and post natal. Holding registration as a registered General Nurse is an advantage. For newly graduated RM and RN the rotations also include exposure in an acute area. Acute areas include medical, surgical paediatric, emergency and day surgery.

Study Days – are provided and these address content that is relevant to the clinical and professional development needs of the transitioning RM. The opportunity to debrief occurs at the commencement of each study day and at ward level as required. There is a link with the Women and Children's Hospital in Adelaide and the Woman and Children's Health Network Registered Midwife Transition program is utilised for resources. For joint RN RM applicants study days will also link into the acute area including Advanced Life Support.

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.

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

Employment is usually offered as a 0.6 - 0.9FTE position over 7 days and is a contract position for the length of the program. RN/RM applicants for the combined program are required to work a minimum of 0.8 FTE. Re-employment and retention rates have remained consistently high at all participating Health Services.

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