

COUNTRY HEALTH SA Flinders & Upper North Region

PORT AUGUSTA HOSPITAL

2017 Registered Midwife

Transition to Professional Practice Program (TPPP)

Port Augusta is located in the mid North region some 400 kms north of Adelaide at the top of Spencers Gulf, "The gateway to Australia"

It is a 52 bed acute care hospital with modern facilities. Clinical areas include Medical, General Surgical, Operating Theatre, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Paediatrics, Emergency Department, Specialist Consulting Suite, Chemo Therapy Unit and a Renal Dialysis Unit. Other services include Palliative Care, Community Mental Health, Diabetes Education, Community Midwifery Services (Pre and Post Natal), Allied Health Services (Hospital and Community), Domiciliary Care, Women's Health Service, Anangu Bibi Birthing Project and the District Nursing Division.

Port Augusta is a regional base for the Royal Flying Doctor Service, which provides medical care and retrievals for patients in isolated remote communities and tourists. Therefore our hospital serves a large remote area with many remote health outposts or small local hospitals in our state.

Port Augusta Hospital offers the graduate midwife opportunities to consolidate knowledge and skills with the support to further develop as a midwife and provide proficient and safe care to women who choose to birth in rural areas.

Over 340 births per annum, with 7 days 24 hour coverage with an on-site paediatric service enhances the high risk client population.

Port Augusta Hospital provides the opportunity to work with Aboriginal communities and individuals and the graduate midwife will provide direct midwifery care, cultural and individual case management to patients on a shift-by shift basis.

Midwifery led antenatal outpatient clinics in conjunction with the 2 hospital based obstetricians can further enhance your skills, knowledge and clinical competence in this field.

There will be opportunities to work within the Level 2- 4 Nursery with support, gain experience in the antenatal clinic, intra and postpartum midwifery care as well providing skills within the operating theatres. The graduate midwife will be required to work a 7 day roster with all shifts rostered. There will be a requirement to be rostered on-call once sufficient experience has been gained with a flexible roster system operating.

The Anangu Bibi Birthing Project is co- located on our ward area, "a nationally recognised Aboriginal Birthing programme that is 10 years strong" with supported Aboriginal Maternal Infant Care workers working in partnership with community, midwives and clients to deliver strong birthing outcomes for Aboriginal babies.

It is anticipated there will be 1 part-time (0.8 FTE) position available with the expected date to start Jan/Feb 2017. The program will be available to Graduate Midwife applicants who are eligible for Registration as a Registered General Nurse. The inpatient area is a 24 bed ward consisting of secure areas for the care of paediatric clients, Level 2-4 nursery which has the capacity for 3 acute isolettes, total of 12 neonatal beds, plus an open cot, with 2 birthing suites and OTH in close proximity to the ward area. The inpatient area also cares for a range of general medical/surgical and paediatric clients.

If you are interested in an exciting and rewarding transitioning midwifery program in a busy acute health unit, please contact us so we can discuss the best way to introduce you to our services and answer all your questions.

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