



COUNTRY HEALTH SA Flinders & Upper North Region

WHYALLA HOSPITAL & HEALTH SERVICES

2017 Registered Midwife Transition to Professional Practice Program (TPPP)

About the Whyalla Hospital & Health Services

Whyalla Hospital & Health Services is a campus of Country Health SA and is located in Whyalla, a busy seaside city of over 22,500 residents. Originally built in 1940, a number of redevelopments most recently in 2011 have resulted in the present modern multi story ACHS accredited facility. The health service is affiliated with the University of South Australia, Adelaide University and Flinders University for the purpose of medical, nursing and allied health education and research.

The health service has been designated to be one of the four regional hospitals within Country Health SA and services are anticipated to be developed to support that role. The health service has accommodation for 72 acute inpatients, the first Regional Cancer Centre in SA including a medium level Chemotherapy Unit, an inpatient mental health unit with Community Mental Health services, a dedicated Rehabilitation unit and purpose built facilities, new Theatre complex and a number of new wards. It also includes the Commonwealth Home Support Program and a Community Health Service that provides specialist nursing and allied health services and currently employs over 400 staff.

What does the TPPP look like at Whyalla Hospital and Health Services?

The Whyalla Hospital & Health Services offers a 12 month 0.7FTE RM TPPP, to Graduate Midwife applicants who are also eligible for registration as a Registered General Nurse.

Maternity services are provided in a combined 19 bed Obstetric, Gynaecological, Surgical and Paediatric unit. There are 3 birthing suites. The busy rural Women's and Children's Unit which has an average of 200 deliveries per year.

A Community Midwifery service, pre admission clinic and ante-natal clinic support an early post natal discharge program.

There is also a specific award winning program for Aboriginal women providing support and midwifery care through antenatal, birth and postnatal period.

A resident Obstetrician and weekly visiting Obstetricians provide the medical obstetric services to the unit.

The program is designed to expose the transitioning midwife to the roles and responsibilities of the registered midwife in a rural acute care setting. Flexibility allows for individual learning objectives and the TPPP enables midwives to consolidate preparatory theoretical education with practical application and rationale.

Midwives participating in a TPPP rotate through all the key areas including ante natal, labour ward, post natal and community midwifery.

Participants may be offered ongoing employment following successful completion of the TPPP.

Program outline:

- Transitioning midwifery program tailored to meet the individual's needs
- Orientation and induction (supernumerary days)
- Clinical supervision throughout the 12 month program, to ensure a continual support network is maintained and to assist the overall development of the transitioning midwife, striving to achieve the desired outcome of a developing confident independent registered midwife
- Program links with and utilises the Women and Children's Registered Midwife transition program education and support resources.
- A supportive and welcoming culture
- Flexible rostering practices
- 6 weeks paid annual leave (dependant on leave accrued)

Come and visit Whyalla Hospital & Health Services

If you are interested in a challenging and rewarding transitioning midwifery program in a busy acute health unit, and want city facilities with a seaside rural flavour, please contact us so we can discuss the best way to introduce you to our services and answer all your questions. This may include videoconference and/or support with travel and accommodation for an on-site visit.

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