

Want to be supported in gaining experience across a range of wards to really find your fit?



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Great support straight out of Uni and real sense of belonging – what more can you ask for?

My name is Susie, I completed the TPPP for Registered Nurses program in 2011 and am now working at The Queen Elizabeth Hospital (TQEH). When I lived in the UK I was working for a bank, but I'd always wanted a career in nursing - something rewarding that I'd really enjoy. I wanted to come back to Australia and decided to combine the two – coming home and pursuing my dream of studying nursing.

I love having contact with people, and away from work I enjoy the great outdoors, popping a bottle of South Australian wine with friends, and catching up with my extended family who I missed when I was in the UK.

Having graduated from Uni, I applied for the TPPP and was accepted into the program. The support was a huge motivating factor, having that constant safety net rather than being thrown straight in the deep end. It's a great experience having experienced staff who are dedicated to seeing you on the wards and providing you with feedback and help with difficult cases.



## By trying new things within the program, I discovered new areas of interest.

My Nurse Management Facilitator was amazing. She was always there to talk things through with, providing a perfect balance of autonomy and support. When we made mistakes, (which everyone does), we were never reprimanded. We were coached through the steps of how to correct them - the staff always acknowledging that we were in learning mode. In fact, the level of support really exceeded my expectations. And having exposure to so many different areas of nursing really helped me find my fit. I was open to anything coming out of Uni, and thought I would become a Medical Nurse, but really I got the most out of the program by trying new things.

Throughout my program I rotated through three areas - Medical Nursing (Oncology/Haematology), Surgical (Vascular, Urology, Gynaecology) and Critical Care (Emergency Department). The rotations are excellent as you gain experience across a range of different areas and get a real taste for what you like.

Having worked in those three areas I found that Emergency Nursing is what I love, and that's where I'm working now. I'm going back to Uni next year to do the Graduate Diploma in Emergency Nursing, and also planning to undertake the Advanced Life Saving course. Mental Health is another area I am interested in, and working at TQEH I will have the opportunity to gain exposure and experience in this field, with the support of SA Health as I undertake training and development.

My experience in the TPPP was fantastic. The level of support from experienced staff was excellent. I was constantly amazed at how much they know and was always impressed by their willingness to share that knowledge.

I would strongly encourage others to do the TPPP program. Uni's great but it cannot provide real life experience. Only through the different TPPP rotations was I able to get a taste for where my career would lead next.

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