



CENTRE FOR EDUCATION  
& PRACTICE DEVELOPMENT  
&  
CARDIAC SERVICES

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**Cardiac Nursing  
Specialist  
Year  
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# GEELONG HOSPITAL

As the acute care facility of Barwon Health, Geelong Hospital is the major provider of health services to the 350,000 people of Greater Geelong & the 500,000 people of the Barwon South-Western region. The hospital has 392 beds and treated over 61,888 inpatients in 2006-2007.

The Geelong Hospital is classified as a Level 4 Cardiac Service, providing an Emergency Department, 6 Acute Cardiac beds, 10 Cardiothoracic Stepdown beds, a 26 bed Cardiac Ward and two Cardiac Catheter Laboratories.

Cardiac nurses working in this area have the opportunity to care for individuals requiring interventional or diagnostic cardiology, cardiac medical intervention as well as pre and post operative cardiac surgery.

## AIMS OF THE RENAL SERVICES SPECIALIST YEAR

1. To transfer existing theoretical and clinical knowledge into providing quality patient care in the Cardiac Services Department.
2. To develop knowledge and skills necessary to achieve a competent level in cardiac nursing practice.
3. To explore the role of the cardiac nurse and reflect upon your own nursing practice.
4. To make an informed decision on the possibility of cardiac nursing as a career direction.
5. To provide an articulated pathway to postgraduate studies with tertiary credits.

**DURATION OF THE PROGRAM:** 52 weeks  
**NUMBER OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE:** 4

## PROGRAM DESIGN

### Clinical

- Setting clinical objectives.
- Clinical assessments related to specific clinical hurdles.
- Periodic clinical appraisals.

### Theoretical

Theoretical assessments comprise 50% of the program and include:

- Assignment (2000 words) 40%
- Presentation (at study day) 10%
- Attendance at two relevant educational activities

In conjunction with clinical program, successful participants may apply for advanced standing toward tertiary study.

## CLINICAL PLACEMENTS

Positions are available in the Cardiac Ward with rotations through Cardiothoracic Stepdown and Cardiac Catheter Laboratory.

## CLINICAL SUPERVISION

Preceptors, senior nursing staff, and the Clinical Nurse Educator will be the resource staff providing ongoing support.

## APPLICATION PREREQUISITES

- Registered Nurse Division 1.
- Holds a current Victorian Practising Certificate.
- Minimum of 12 months recent post registration acute general nursing experience or similar.
- A demonstrated interest in cardiac nursing.
- Enthusiasm to learn.

## APPLICATIONS

Applications should include:

- Letter of application
- Curriculum Vitae

Applications are to be submitted via our website [www.barwonhealth.org.au](http://www.barwonhealth.org.au) by going to 'Working at Barwon Heath' and searching the job vacancies.

**Closing date for applications:**

**14th November 2008**

Interviews will be conducted as part of the selection process.