



CENTRE FOR EDUCATION
& PRACTICE DEVELOPMENT
&
COMMUNITY HEALTH DIVISION

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**Community
Nursing
Specialist
Year
2009**

GEELONG HOSPITAL

The Community Nursing Team provides general home nursing care to older and disabled people, and to those recently discharged from acute and sub-acute hospital care, and specialised home nursing to Palliative Care and Hospital in the Home patients.

Community Nurses also provide assessment and referral to other home care services including Personal Care, Home Help and Delivered Meals provided by the City of Greater Geelong, Surfcoast and Golden Plains Shires, and to Allied Health and Carer support services provided both by Barwon Health, non-government organisations, and private providers.

Community Nursing is organised into three teams serving geographical areas extending from

- central Geelong to the north & west (Corio team);
- to the East (Newcomb Team); and
- to the South and coastal areas (Belmont).

AIMS OF THE COMMUNITY NURSING SPECIALIST YEAR

1. To transfer existing theoretical & clinical nursing knowledge into providing Community Nursing that is caring, competent, minimises risk to the client, provider and the environment, timely and cost effective.
2. To explore and reflect upon the role and potential impact of home based care provision.
3. To make an informed decision on the possibility of Community Nursing as a post graduate qualification and career direction.
4. To provide an articulated pathway to postgraduate studies with tertiary credits.

DURATION OF THE PROGRAM: 52 weeks
NUMBER OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE: 3

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

The positions are located with the Belmont, Corio and Newcomb teams, however, rotations between sites may be required.

CLINICAL SUPERVISION

Preceptors, senior nursing staff and the Community Health Clinical 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 Community 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 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.