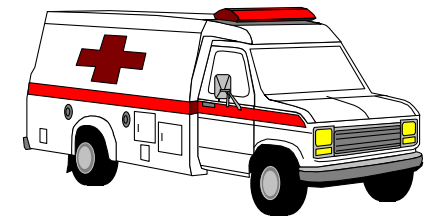




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**Emergency  
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# GEELONG HOSPITAL

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 Emergency Department is an accredited training facility for adult and paediatric emergency medicine. Attendances number more than 40,000 per annum, including 25% paediatrics. A broad spectrum of presentations includes acute cardiac, respiratory and neurological conditions as well as industrial and road trauma.

Emergency nursing provides individuals with many exciting challenges and opportunities. It offers the opportunity to develop excellent patient assessment skills and be a part of a supportive, multi-disciplinary team. The department is focused on providing high quality emergency care and professional development tailored to meet the needs of each staff member.

## AIMS OF THE EMERGENCY SERVICES SPECIALIST YEAR

1. To transfer existing theoretical and clinical knowledge into providing quality patient care in the Emergency Department.
2. To develop knowledge and skills necessary to achieve a competent level in nursing practice.
3. To explore the role of the emergency nurse and reflect upon your own nursing practice.
4. To make an informed decision on the possibility of emergency 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:** 6

## 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 10%
- Attendance at two relevant educational activities

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

## 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 emergency 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.