

Cancer Nursing Specialist Year



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, and the 500,000 people of the Barwon South-Western region. The hospital has 369 acute beds and treated over 66,000 patients over the 2008-09 year.

Cancer patients from the Barwon Region are managed through the dedicated acute and ambulatory Cancer Units. A comprehensive acute in-patient service is provided in a 24-bed unit (Birdsey Wing 6) that includes: management of oncological emergencies, provision of chemotherapy, peripheral blood stem cell transplants and in-patient care of the unwell radiotherapy patient.

During a period of one year the ward admits over 1900 patients for in-patient

treatment. The Andrew Love Cancer Centre provides chemotherapy and related procedures for ambulatory patients. A range of treatments are provided for over 4000 medical oncology patients, while over 2500 patients are treated in the radiotherapy department.

Aims of the Cancer Services Specialist Year

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

ENQUIRIES

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Duration of program: 52 weeks
Positions available: 1

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 includes:

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

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

CLINICAL PLACEMENTS

One position is available in the Cancer Unit. Rotations to Outpatient Chemotherapy and Radiotherapy are arranged.

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 cancer nursing
- Enthusiasm to learn

APPLICATIONS

Applications should include:

- Letter of application
- Curriculum Vitae

Applications are to be submitted via the website: www.barwonhealth.org.au

Closing date: 13 November 2009

Interview will be conducted as part of the selection process