

Centre for Education and Practice Development



Stroke/Neurology 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.

The Bellerine Centre 6 North Stroke Unit at Geelong Hospital has 18 beds devoted to the treatment of stroke/neurology patients. BC6N is also the home unit for Gastroenterology, Chronic Pain Management and Renal Medicine.

Participants in this program receive a comprehensive and extensive orientation to both acute neurological and specialist medical nursing.

Aims of the Stroke/Neurology Specialist Year

1. To transfer existing theoretical and clinical knowledge into providing quality patient care in the Neurology Services Department.
2. To develop knowledge and skills necessary to achieve a competent level in neurology nursing practice.
3. To explore the role of the Neurology Division One Nurse and reflect upon your own nursing practice.
4. To make an informed decision on the possibility of neurology 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

The majority of time will be spent in the acute stroke and neurology unit (BC6N), with visits to specialty areas such as EEG.

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 acute 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