

Centre for Education and Practice Development



Perioperative 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 Operating Suite comprises eight operating rooms conducting a wide range of surgery. The Gretta Volum Day Stay Centre comprises two operating rooms and one endoscopy room.

Over 16,500 operative procedures are performed annually. Of these approximately 6,500 are performed in the Day Surgery/Procedure Unit. The Division of Surgery is headed by a Professor of Surgery, and the Department of Anaesthetics is headed by an Associate Professor of Perioperative Medicine and Pain Management.

Aims of the Perioperative Specialist Year

1. To transfer existing theoretical and clinical knowledge into providing quality patient care in the Operating Suite, and/or Day Surgery/Procedure Unit.
2. To develop knowledge and skills necessary to achieve a competent level in perioperative nursing practice.
3. To explore the role of perioperative nurses and reflect upon your own nursing practice.
4. To make an informed decision on the possibility of perioperative 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: 2

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 day surgery/procedure nursing.

One position is available in the Operating Suite that may include a six months rotation in anaesthetic/post-anaesthetic nursing and a six months rotation in intra-operative nursing.

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 Practicing Certificate

- Minimum of 12 months recent post registration acute general nursing experience or similar

- A demonstrated interest in perioperative 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