

Centre for Education and Practice Development



Medical/RAPU 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 Rapid Assessment and Planning Unit (RAPU) at The Geelong Hospital was established in May 2008 and is a stand alone short stay Medical unit. The focus is on ensuring a smooth, efficient episode of care by a cohesive, multidisciplinary team. We aim to avoid lengthy waiting times in ED, provide effective interdisciplinary care planning and a safe and well co-ordinated discharge.

Aims of the Medical/RAPU Specialist Year

1. To transfer existing theoretical and clinical knowledge into providing quality patient care in the RAP Unit
2. To develop knowledge and skills necessary to achieve a competent level in acute medical nursing practice.
3. To gain experience working within a multidisciplinary team in the acute care setting.
4. To make an informed decision on the possibility of acute medical 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 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 acute medical 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