

Renal 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.

Renal patients from Geelong are treated at a number of centres within Geelong and the region. The major units are based at South Geelong and Geelong Hospital. The South Geelong complex houses the home training and night haemodialysis units, satellite haemodialysis patient care and the peritoneal dialysis unit. The acute unit at Geelong Hospital includes the complex care of both outpatients and in-patients. A dedicated ward provides in-patient care when necessary.

Aims of the Renal Services Specialist Year

1. To transfer existing theoretical and clinical knowledge into providing quality patient care in the Renal Services Department.
2. To develop knowledge and skills necessary to achieve a competent level in renal nursing practice.
3. To explore the role of the renal nurse and reflect upon your own nursing practice.
4. To make an informed decision on the possibility of renal 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 Renal Unit with rotations through peritoneal dialysis, home haemodialysis, pre-dialysis patient education and the acute and South Geelong haemodialysis units.

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 renal 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