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## SA Health Job Pack

Job Title	Associate Nurse Unit Manager - Mental Health
Eligibility	Open to Everyone
Job Number	858099
Applications Closing Date	20/2/2024
Region / Division	Limestone Coast Local Health Network
Health Service	Mental Health Services
Location	Mount Gambier
Classification	RN/M2A
Job Status	Permanent Full Time position, working over a 7 day roster
Salary	\$100,343 - \$107,279 p.a.

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## Criminal History Assessment

Applicants will be required to demonstrate that they have undergone an appropriate criminal and relevant history screening assessment/ criminal history check. Depending on the role, this may be a Department of Human Services (DHS) Criminal History Check and/or a South Australian Police (SAPOL) National Police Check (NPC). The following checks will be required for this role:

- Working with Children Check (WWCC) - **DHS**
- National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Worker Check- **DHS**
- Unsupervised contact with Vulnerable groups- **NPC**
- Unsupervised contact with Aged Care Sector- **DHS**
- No contact with Vulnerable Groups - General Employment Probity Check - **NPC**

Further information is available on the SA Health careers website at [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/careers](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/careers) - see Career Information, or by referring to the nominated contact person below.

# Immunisation

## **Risk Category A (direct contact with blood or body substances)**

This role carries specific immunisation requirements. To be eligible for appointment in this role you will be required to meet the immunisation requirements associated with Category A (direct contact with blood or body substances). [Please click here for further information on these requirements.](#)

## Guide to submitting an application

Thank you for considering applying for a position within SA Health. Recruitment and Selection processes across SA Health are based on best practice and a commitment to a selection based on merit. This means treating all applications in a fair and equitable manner that aims to choose the best person for the position.

A well presented, easy to read application will allow the panel to assess the information they need from your application. To give yourself the best opportunity to reach interview, the application should clearly and concisely demonstrate to the selection panel that you are suitably equipped to perform the role, and that you possess all of the stated minimum essential skills, abilities, knowledge, experience and educational qualifications (where required).

The online application form to apply for this position will ask for employment history, education, qualifications and referees however to understand the position and requirements we suggest you become familiar with the attached Job and Person Specification.

We request that you attach the following to your application -

- ↳ **A covering letter** of up to 2 pages introducing yourself to the selection panel and describing your skills, abilities, knowledge, qualifications and experience in relation to the position;
- ↳ **A current Curriculum vitae/Resume** that includes your personal details, relevant employment history, education, training courses, qualifications and professional memberships.

\* Refer to [Guidelines for Applicants](#) for further information regarding

- Salary Packaging
- Opportunities for movement within SA Health
- Flexible working arrangements
- Criminal History screening and background checks
- Immunisation requirements
- Rights of review
- Information for applicants

**ROLE DESCRIPTION**

<b>Role Title:</b>	Associate Nurse Unit Manager
<b>Classification Code:</b>	Registered Nurse Level 2
<b>LHN / HN / SAAS / DHA:</b>	Limestone Coast Local Health Network (LHN)
<b>Hospital / Service / Cluster</b>	Mental Health (MH)
<b>Division:</b>	Limestone Coast
<b>Department / Section / Unit/ Ward:</b>	Limestone Coast
<b>Role reports to:</b>	Reports operationally to the Manager Integrated MH Team through to the Director Mental Health.  Professionally reports to the Registered Nurse at a Level 3/4 classification for clinical practice issues and standards, where the direct line manager is not a Registered Nurse.
<b>Role Created / Reviewed Date:</b>	Reviewed March 2023
<b>Criminal History Clearance Requirements:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DHS Working With Children Check (WWCC) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NPC – Unsupervised contact with vulnerable groups <input type="checkbox"/> NDIS Worker Check
<b>Immunisation Risk Category</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Category A <input type="checkbox"/> Category B <input type="checkbox"/> Category C

**ROLE CONTEXT**

<b>Primary Objective(s) of role:</b>
<p>Provide nursing services in a variety of mental health service settings which has been consolidated by experience and/or further study with staff at this level developing from competent to proficient practitioners.</p> <p>Accepts accountability for their own practice standards, activities delegated to others and the guidance and development of less experienced staff.</p> <p>Provide support to the Nurse Unit Manager or equivalent in the leadership of nurses in the ward/unit/service.</p> <p>Employees in this role will undertake a portfolio within which they will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Promote continuity and consistency of care in collaboration with other Associate Nurse Unit Managers and the Nurse Unit Manager or equivalent;</li> <li>&gt; Assist the Nurse Unit Manager in contributing to the delivery of a comprehensive and integrated range of evidenced based, recovery-oriented services across the multi-disciplinary Local Health Network (LHN) Mental Health (MH) service appropriate to the needs of the consumer and the local community; and</li> <li>&gt; Assist the Nurse Unit Manager or equivalent in undertaking ward/unit/service management responsibilities e.g. Performance management processes, recruitment, staffing, leave management, rostering, work allocation and attendance management; financial and supplies planning and monitoring.</li> </ul>

**Key Relationships/ Interactions:**

Internal

- > The Associate Nurse Unit Manager maintains a close working relationship with Clinical Nurses (Level 2) and supports the role of the Nursing Unit Manager.
- > Maintains cooperative and productive working relationships within all members of the health care team.
- > Supports and works collaboratively with less experienced members of the nursing team.

External

- > Maintains relationships with non-government organisations and other government organisations.

**Challenges associated with Role:**

Major challenges currently associated with the role include:

- > Working with individuals where there are multiple complexities and diverse cultural backgrounds;
- > Recognising and responding to clinical deterioration or other incidents and escalating appropriately; and
- > Providing evidenced based care, developing clinical skills while keeping up to date with professional standards of practice and quality management initiatives consistent with organisational policies.

**Delegations:**

- > Nil.

**Resilience:**

SA Health employees persevere to achieve goals, stay calm under pressure and are open to feedback.

**Performance Development**

The incumbent will be required to participate in the organisation's Performance Review and Development Program which will include a regular review of the incumbent's performance against the responsibilities and key result areas associated with their position and a requirement to demonstrate appropriate behaviours which reflect a commitment to SA Health values and strategic directions.

**General Requirements:**

\*NB References to legislation, policies and procedures includes any superseding versions

Managers and staff are required to work in accordance with the Code of Ethics for South Australian Public Sector, Policies and Procedures and legislative requirements including but not limited to:

- > *Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (SA)* maintaining your own health and safety and not place others at risk and comply with any reasonable instruction that is given to allow SA Health to comply with the WHS Act, and when relevant WHS Defined Officers must meet due diligence requirements.
- > *Return to Work Act 2014 (SA)*, facilitating the recovery, maintenance or early return to work of employees with work related injury / illness;
- > Meet immunisation requirements as outlined by the *Immunisation Guidelines for Health Care Workers in South Australia 2014*;
- > *Equal Employment Opportunities* (including prevention of bullying, harassment and intimidation);
- > *Children's Protection Act 1993 (Cth)* – 'Notification of Abuse or Neglect';
- > *Disability Discrimination*;
- > *Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Act 2012 (SA)*;
- > *SA Information Privacy Principles*;

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- > Relevant Awards, Enterprise Agreements, Public Sector Act 2009 (SA), Health Care Act 2008 (SA), and the SA Health (Health Care Act) Human Resources Manual;
- > Relevant Australian Standards;
- > Duty to maintain confidentiality;
- > Smoke Free Workplace;
- > To value and respect the needs and contributions of SA Health Aboriginal staff and consumers, and commit to the development of Aboriginal cultural competence across all SA Health practice and service delivery;
- > Applying the principles of the South Australian Government's Risk Management Policy to work as appropriate;
- > Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (South Australia) Act 2010;
- > Mental Health Act 2009 (SA) and Regulations;
- > Controlled Substances Act 1984 (SA) and Regulations;
- > The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia Registration Standards (including the Guidelines and Assessment Frameworks for Registration Standards);
- > The Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia Professional Practice Codes and Guidelines (including Competency Standards, Codes of Ethics and Professional Conduct, Decision Making Framework and Professional Boundaries);
- > Professional Practice Standards and competencies consistent with area of practice as varied from time to time; and
- > SA Health / LHN's policies, procedures and standards.

### **Handling of Official Information:**

By virtue of their duties, SA Health employees frequently access, otherwise deal with, and/or are aware of, information that needs to be treated as confidential.

SA Health employees will not access or attempt to access official information, including confidential consumer information other than in connection with the performance by them of their duties and/or as authorised. SA Health employees will not misuse information gained in their official capacity.

SA Health employees will maintain the integrity and security of official or confidential information for which they are responsible. Employees will also ensure that the privacy of individuals is maintained and will only release or disclose information in accordance with relevant legislation, industrial instruments, policy, or lawful and reasonable direction.

### **White Ribbon:**

SA Health has a position of zero tolerance towards men's violence against women in the workplace and the broader community. In accordance with this, the incumbent must at all times act in a manner that is non-threatening, courteous, and respectful and will comply with any instructions, policies, procedures or guidelines issued by SA Health regarding acceptable workplace behaviour.

### **Cultural Statement:**

The Limestone Coast LHN welcomes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and values the expertise, cultural knowledge and life experiences they bring to the workplace. Limestone Coast LHN is a culturally inclusive work environment that is respectful of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.

**Special Conditions:**

\*NB Reference to legislation, policies and procedures includes any superseding versions

- > A current driver's license is essential, as is a willingness to drive on country roads and travel in light air craft as required. Intra state travel will be required; interstate travel may be required.
- > Participation in an on call after hours roster; flexibility and some out of hours work may be required.
- > Must be willing to work a 24-hour roster over 7 days – applicable for inpatient setting only.
- > Meet immunisation requirements as outlined by the Immunisation Guidelines for Health Care Workers in South Australia 2014 specific to the role.
- > Appointment is subject to immunisation risk category requirements (see page 1). There may be ongoing immunisation requirements that must be met.
- > It is mandatory that no person, whether or not currently working in SA Health, will be eligible for appointment to a position in SA Health unless they have obtained a satisfactory Background Screening and National Criminal History Clearance.
- > Prescribed Positions under the Child Safety (Prohibited Persons) Act 2016 must obtain a satisfactory Working With Children Check (WWCC) through the Screening and Licensing Unit, Department for Human Services (DHS).
- > Approved Aged Care Provider Positions as defined under the Accountability Principles 1998 made in pursuant to the Aged Care Act 2007 (Cth) must obtain a satisfactory National Police Certificate (NPC) through the South Australian Police confirming the clearance is for the purpose of employment involving unsupervised contact with vulnerable groups.
- > Risk-Assessed roles under the National Disability Insurance Scheme (Practice Standards – Worker Screening Rules 2018) must obtain a satisfactory NDIS Working Screening Check through the Department of Human Services (DHS) Screening Unit.
- > National Police Certificates must be renewed every 3 years thereafter from date of issue.
- > Working With Children Checks must be renewed every 5 years thereafter from date of issue.
- > Depending on work requirements the incumbent may be transferred to other locations across SA Health to perform work appropriate to classification, skills and capabilities either on a permanent or temporary basis subject to relevant provisions of the Public Sector Act 2009 for Public Sector employees or the SA Health (Health Care Act) Human Resources Manual for Health Care Act employees.
- > The incumbent may be required to participate in Counter Disaster activities including attendance, as required, at training programs and exercises to develop the necessary skills required to participate in responses in the event of a disaster and/or major incident.
- > The incumbent may be required to undertake further study to obtain a qualification which supports the needs of the health unit. Where further study is required, the LHN will provide support and assistance in accordance with provisions of the SA Health (Health Care Act) Human Resources Manual. Note, however, this Special Condition does *not* apply to existing LHN employees with continuous employment with the LHN which commenced prior to 1 October 2016.
- > Fulfil all SA Health and LHN's requirements to ensure registration is maintained including participation in ongoing professional development and relevant clinical supervision requirements.
- > Must be willing to undertake mandatory Management of Actual and Potential Aggression training.
- > Position duties may change based on changing requirements as determined by MH Executive planning processes.
- > Limestone Coast LHN MH embraces the principles of positive psychology and aims to be a flourishing MH service that impacts meaningfully and positively on the communities it serves. To this end, Limestone Coast LHN MH promotes the principles of PERMA, as described by Dr Martin Seligman-Adelaide Thinker in Residence Program, for our staff, consumers and partners.

## Key Result Area and Responsibilities

Key Result Areas	Major Responsibilities
Direct/indirect consumer care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Provide proficient, person centred, clinical nursing care and/or individual case management to consumers in mental health settings.</li> <li>&gt; Monitoring consumer care plans to ensure appropriate care outcomes are achieved on a daily basis.</li> <li>&gt; Oversee the provision of nursing within a team/unit.</li> <li>&gt; Provide evidence-based health education, counselling, and/or therapeutic/rehabilitation programs to improve the health outcomes of individual consumers or groups.</li> </ul>
Support of health service systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Assists and supports the Nurse Unit Manager or equivalent in management, clinical, and education activities.</li> <li>&gt; Plan and coordinate services including those from other disciplines.</li> <li>&gt; Act to resolve local and/or immediate nursing care or service delivery problems.</li> <li>&gt; Support change management processes.</li> </ul>
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Participate in clinical teaching, overseeing learning experience, and goal setting for students, new staff and staff with less experience.</li> <li>&gt; Assist the Nurse Unit Manager and Nurse Educators to maintain a learning culture by being a resource person, encouraging reflection and professional development, and assisting others to maintain portfolios/records of learning.</li> </ul>
Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Participate in clinical auditing, clinical trials and/or evaluative research.</li> <li>&gt; Integrate advanced theoretical knowledge, evidence from a range of sources and own experience to devise and achieve agreed consumer care outcomes.</li> <li>&gt; Assist the Nurse Unit Manager or equivalent to maintain and record monitoring and evaluative research activities in the ward/unit/service.</li> </ul>
Professional leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Promote continuity and consistency of care in collaboration with the Nurse Unit Manager or equivalent of the ward/unit/service.</li> <li>&gt; Provide leadership in the provision of nursing care within a team/unit/service and facilitate consumer flow.</li> <li>&gt; Act as a resource person within an area based on knowledge, experience and skills.</li> </ul>





## **Knowledge, Skills and Experience**

### **ESSENTIAL MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS**

#### **Educational/Vocational Qualifications**

- > Registered or eligible for registration as a Nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia, and who holds, or who is eligible to hold, a current practicing certificate.
- > Must hold a relevant postgraduate qualification in Mental Health practice.

#### **Personal Abilities/Aptitudes/Skills**

- > Effective communication, problem solving, conflict resolution and negotiation skills.
- > Ability to work effectively within a multidisciplinary team.
- > Ability to prioritise workload and meet set timelines, whilst working under minimal supervision.
- > Ability to be creative, innovative and flexible when approaching issues within the healthcare setting.
- > Commitment to meeting the needs of consumers in the mental health service.
- > Ability to engage with Aboriginal community/consumers in a culturally appropriate manner and a willingness to undertake further training in this manner.

#### **Experience**

- > Registered Nurse with at least 3 years post registration experience or currently classified as a Clinical Nurse.
- > Demonstrated competence in Mental Health practice in accordance with the appropriate standards of practice.
- > Experience in management and leadership roles in a multidisciplinary team, including the leadership, supervision and direction of student nurses, enrolled nurses and less experienced registered nurses / clinicians.
- > Experience working with Aboriginal consumers.

#### **Knowledge**

- > Knowledge and understanding of relevant legislation, industrial agreements, standards, codes, ethics and competency standards.
- > Knowledge of Quality Improvement Systems as applied to a health care setting.
- > Knowledge of contemporary professional nursing/midwifery and health care issues.
- > General understanding of Aboriginal culture and a willingness to undertake further training in this area.

### **DESIRABLE CHARACTERISTICS**

#### **Educational/Vocational Qualifications**

- > Tertiary qualifications in nursing or human services related discipline.

#### **Personal Abilities/Aptitudes/Skills**

- > Ability to work within a team framework that fosters an environment that develops staff potential.
- > Skills in using computers and software relevant to the area of practice.

#### **Experience**

- > Experience in a range of mental health settings in rural and remote areas.
- > Experience working with Mental Health consumers and carers in an evidenced based, recovery-oriented framework.
- > Experience working with and understanding of people from varying cultural backgrounds, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

#### **Knowledge**

- > Understanding and/or knowledge of the issues faced by working and/or living within rural, remote and very remote areas.
- > Knowledge of SA Health and the LHNs' policies and procedures.
- > Knowledge of the LHN's Mental Health Model of Care.

## Organisational Context

### Organisational Overview:

Our mission at SA Health is to lead and deliver a comprehensive and sustainable health system that aims to ensure healthier, longer and better lives for all South Australians. We will achieve our objectives by strengthening primary health care, enhancing hospital care, reforming mental health care and improving the health of Aboriginal people.

SA Health is committed to a health system that produces positive health outcomes by focusing on health promotion, illness prevention and early intervention. We will work with other government agencies and the community to address the environmental, socioeconomic, biological and behavioural determinants of health, and to achieve equitable health outcomes for all South Australians.

### Our Legal Entities:

SA Health is the brand name for the health portfolio of services and agencies responsible to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing.

The legal entities include but are not limited to Department for Health and Wellbeing, Central Adelaide Local Health Network, Northern Adelaide Local Health Network, Southern Adelaide Local Health Network, Women's and Children's Local Health Network, Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network, Eyre and Far North Local Health Network, Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network, Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network, Limestone Coast Local Health Network, Yorke and Northern Local Health Network and SA Ambulance Service.

### SA Health Challenges:

The health system is facing the challenges of an ageing population, increased incidence of chronic disease, workforce shortages, and ageing infrastructure. The SA Health Care Plan has been developed to meet these challenges and ensure South Australian's have access to the best available health care in hospitals, health care centres and through general practitioners and other providers.

### Health Network/ Division/ Department:

Six regional LHNs oversee the rural public health system in South Australia. These LHNs provide community, rehabilitation and acute services to approximately a third of SA's population. The Vision of regional LHNs is to transform health care and actively deliver health benefits so that rural and remote South Australians live healthy lives. Within this broader context, the mission of the regional LHNs is to:

- > Support rural and remote South Australians to be healthy;
- > Commit to partnering with individuals, communities and staff to deliver high quality, high value health care that enhances the lived experience of rural and remote South Australians and their cares and families; and
- > Commit to enhancing the satisfaction, and promoting the talent, of its workforce.

Limestone Coast LHN MH's mission is *"To be a flourishing mental health service that impacts meaningfully and positively on the communities it serves"*. Within this context, there are 5 key goals that support the achievement of the Directorate's vision of *"Transforming health care and actively delivering health benefit."* These are to achieve:

- > Effective, appropriate and sustainable mental health services;
- > Access to empowering and appropriate mental health services;
- > An appropriate, skilled and well supported mental health workforce;
- > Collaborative and research based mental health service planning and policy development; and
- > Strong leadership through governance, transparency and accountability.

## Values

### LCLHN Values

The values of LCLHN are used to indicate the type of conduct required by our employees and the conduct that our customers can expect from our health service:

<b>Integrity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; We know integrity involves not only doing what is right when everyone knows, but also when no one is watching</li> <li>&gt; We recognise the importance of our work and display a high standard of professionalism</li> <li>&gt; We do what we say and say what we mean</li> </ul>
<b>Honesty</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; We engage in open, clear and honest communication</li> <li>&gt; We are transparent and truthful in our actions</li> <li>&gt; We acknowledge our strengths, limitations and mistakes and learn from these for improvement</li> </ul>
<b>Courage</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; We have the courage to speak up and respectfully challenge others</li> <li>&gt; We are committed to being a high performing team and support a culture that fosters continued progress and growth</li> <li>&gt; We show resilience in the face of adversity</li> </ul>
<b>Care</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; We provide compassionate, appropriate and safe care in a supportive and nurturing environment</li> <li>&gt; We partner with consumers, family members and carers to help them make decisions and support them along the care continuum</li> <li>&gt; We create a culture of care where staff are supported and positively engaged in their work</li> </ul>
<b>Respect</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; We seek to understand and value others by putting ourselves in their shoes</li> <li>&gt; We listen attentively, communicate openly and act without judgement</li> <li>&gt; We recognise and welcome diversity within our community and our staff</li> </ul>

### Code of Ethics

As a public sector employee, you have a responsibility to maintain ethical behaviour and professional integrity standards. It is expected that you act in accordance with the Code of Ethics, and contribute to a culture of integrity within SA Health.

The *Code of Ethics for the South Australian Public Sector* provides an ethical framework for the public sector and applies to all public service employees:

- > Democratic Values - Helping the government, under the law to serve the people of South Australia.
- > Service, Respect and Courtesy - Serving the people of South Australia.
- > Honesty and Integrity- Acting at all times in such a way as to uphold the public trust.
- > Accountability- Holding ourselves accountable for everything we do.
- > Professional Conduct Standards- Exhibiting the highest standards of professional conduct.

The Code recognises that some public sector employees are also bound by codes of conduct relevant to their profession.

### Aboriginal Health

SA Health acknowledges culture and identity as being integral to Aboriginal health and wellbeing and is committed to improving the health of Aboriginal people.

SA Health vision for Reconciliation is the gap is closed on Aboriginal health disadvantage; and Aboriginal people share the same rights, respect and access to opportunities and benefits as all South Australians.

## Approvals

### Role Description Approval

I acknowledge that the role I currently occupy has the delegated authority to authorise this document.

**Name:**

**Role Title:**

**Signature:**

**Date:**

## Role Acceptance

### Incumbent Acceptance

I have read and understand the responsibilities associated with role, the role and organisational context and the values of SA Health as described within this document.

**Name:**

**Signature:**

**Date:**