



ROLE DESCRIPTION

Role Title:	Enrolled Nurse
Classification Code:	Enrolled Nurse (Certificate and Diploma) EN/EN-MA/ENDP
Position Number:	M57406
LHN/ HN/ SAAS/ DHA:	Central Adelaide Local Health Network
Site/Directorate	The Queen Elizabeth Hospital
Program:	Critical Care and Perioperative Services
Department/Section / Unit/ Ward:	Recovery
Role reports to:	Nurse Unit Manager
Role Created/ Reviewed Date:	August 2024
Criminal History Clearance Requirements:	<input type="checkbox"/> Aged (NPC) <input type="checkbox"/> Working with Children (DCSI) <input type="checkbox"/> Vulnerable (NPC) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Probity (NPC)
Immunisation Risk Category:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Category A (direct contact with blood or body substances) <input type="checkbox"/> Category B (indirect contact with blood or body substances) <input type="checkbox"/> Category C (minimal patient contact)

ROLE CONTEXT

Primary Objective(s) of role:

The Enrolled Nurse supports the Registered Nurse/Midwife in the provision of person-centred care consistent with regulatory and statutory requirements. Practice at this level is from novice to proficient Enrolled Nurse practice. Employees at this level work under the direction and supervision of the Registered Nurse/Midwife, however at all times the Enrolled Nurse retains responsibility for his/her actions and remains accountable in providing nursing/midwifery care.

Direct Reports:

> Nil

Key Relationships/ Interactions:

Internal

The Enrolled Nurse:

- > Works under the direct or indirect supervision of a Registered Nurse and or Midwife
- > Maintains cooperative and productive working relationships within all members of the health care team

External

Maintains relationships with non-government organisations or other government organisations.

Challenges associated with Role:

Major challenges currently associated with the role include:

- > Working with children, youth, women and their families where there are multiple complexities and diverse cultural backgrounds.
- > Recognising and responding to clinical deterioration or other incidents and escalating appropriately
- > 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 & 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)* 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.
- > Equal Employment Opportunities (including prevention of bullying, harassment and intimidation).
- > Children and Young People (Safety) Act 2017 (SA) 'Notification of Abuse or Neglect'.
- > Disability Discrimination.
- > *Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Act 2012 (SA)*
- > *SA Information Privacy Principles*
- > Relevant Awards, Enterprise Agreements, *Public Sector Act 2009 (SA)*, *Health Care Act (SA) 2008*, 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 clients, 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
- > SA Health / LHN 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 patient 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 Commitment:

CALHN welcomes and respects Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and values the expertise, cultural knowledge and life experiences they bring to the workplace. In acknowledgement of this, CALHN is committed to increasing the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Workforce.

Integrity Statement:

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

Special Conditions:

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

- > Meet immunisation requirements as outlined by the Immunisation for Health Care Workers in South Australia Policy Directive.
- > **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 already working in SA Health, may be appointed to a position in SA Health unless they have the satisfactory Criminal and Relevant History Screening, as required by the *SA Health Criminal and Relevant History Screening Policy Directive*.
- > For 'Prescribed Positions' under the *Child Safety (Prohibited Persons) Act (2016)*, the individual's WWCC must be renewed every 5 years from the date of issue; and for "Approved Aged Care Provider Positions" every 3 years from the date of issue as required by the *Accountability Principles 2014* issued pursuant to the Aged care Act 1997 (Cth).
- > For appointment in a *Prescribed Position* under the *Child Safety (Prohibited Persons Act (2016))*, a current Working with Children Check (WWCC) is required from the Department for Human Services Screening Unit. For other positions, a satisfactory National Police Certificate (NPC) assessment is required.
- > 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.
- > Must be prepared to attend relevant meetings and staff development / education activities as required.
- > Some out of hours work may be required.
- > Must participate in the on call roster.
- > The rostered shift lengths may vary between 8 hours and 10 hours.
- > May be rostered over 24 hours per day and over 7 days per week.

Key Result Area and Responsibilities

Key Result Areas	Major Responsibilities
Direct/indirect patient/client care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Demonstrates knowledge and skill in assessment, care and routine procedures for area of practice; > Under the direction of a registered nurse makes decisions and takes initiative to plan and complete nursing care tasks within their scope of practice; > Engages with patients/clients to provide person centred care > Providing direct nursing care to assigned patients undergoing post procedure recovery in Recovery by using the nursing process in care delivery. > Ensuring the maintenance of patients' rights, confidentiality, safety, comfort and dignity. > Maintaining professional knowledge by reference to relevant literature and participation in staff development programs. > Documenting information on the relevant platform as delegated by the Registered Nurse responsible for the patient > Working within specified limits of preparation, knowledge, skills, competence in accordance with policies and procedures of the Unit, Nursing Division and the Hospital > Communicating patient care needs to the Registered Nurse. > Ensuring the requests for additional information by patients or their families are brought to the attention of, and met by, the Registered Nurse. > Communicating, throughout and at end of shift details on the care provided and the patient's response to that care to enable the Registered Nurse to meet the needs for documentation and to make informed decisions about the patients' ongoing care and management. > Accepting responsibility for the standard of nursing care provided. > Participating in activities associated with the care, maintenance and supervision of specialised equipment to ensure that all equipment is safe and functional. > Using effective and caring interpersonal relationship and communication skills in all interactions with patients and their families as well as other staff. > Assisting with the provision of a safe patient environment. > Performing duties as delegated by the Registered Nurse, Associate Nurse Unit Manager, Clinical Nurse, Nurse Unit Manager.
Support of health setting services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Contributes to quality improvement > Provides assistance to other members of the health care team in provision of care to individuals/groups, including overseeing the work of an AIN/M and students.
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Provides education to patients/clients, families and carers; > Contributes to the education of others; > Continue own professional development, seek learning opportunities and maintains own professional development portfolio of learning and experience.

Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Contributes to research as appropriate; > Recognises the importance of evidence-based practice.
Professional leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Under the guidance of a registered nurse coordinates and guides activities of student enrolled nurses and assistants in nursing.
Ensure a safe working environment at all times by	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Taking responsibility to prevent and minimise infection in every aspect of work in accordance with Infection Control Policies. > Maintaining effective work practices. > Adopting procedures and practices which comply with the OHS&W Act. > Making proper use of all safeguards, safety devices and personal protective equipment (as required in undertaking the duties of the position). > Taking reasonable care to protect the health and safety of self and others. > Attending mandatory safety training programs.

Knowledge, Skills and Experience

ESSENTIAL MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Educational/Vocational Qualifications

- > Registered or eligible for registration as a Enrolled Nurse with the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia and who holds, or who is eligible to hold, a current practicing certificate.
- > In order to administer medicines, must have completed an approved program of study which includes an administration of medicine.

Personal Abilities/Aptitudes/Skills:

- > Effective verbal and written communication skills.
- > Ability to work in a multidisciplinary team environment.
- > Ability to prioritise workload, recognise and report changes in clinical condition
- > Ability to provide person-centred care
- > Demonstrated ability to provide patient care and services within the specified limits of preparation, knowledge, skills and competence.
- > Demonstrated the initiative to consult with other experienced staff when care or service requires expertise beyond own abilities and / or qualifications.
- > Demonstrated effective interpersonal and communication skills.
- > Ability to work as part of a multi-disciplinary team.

Experience

- > Experience in the provision of nursing care in the healthcare setting in accordance with the appropriate standards of practice.
- > Demonstrated competence in standard nursing practice in the acute care setting.
- > Experience of successfully practicing under the direct or indirect supervision of a Registered Nurse and able to recognise limits of own competence and seeks additional supervision when required.

Knowledge

- > Knowledge and understanding the role of the Enrolled Nurse within the health care setting.
- > Knowledge and understanding of relevant legislation, industrial agreements, standards, codes, ethics and competency standards.

DESIRABLE CHARACTERISTICS

Educational/Vocational Qualifications

- > Additional education/qualifications in area of practice

Personal Abilities/Aptitudes/Skills:

- > Ability to use technology and computer skills

Experience

- > Experience in assisting with quality improvement activities within a healthcare setting
- > Demonstrated competence in the provision of services, support and assistance to patients undergoing surgical procedures.
- > Demonstrated experience in the peri-operative area, particularly the recovery nurse role.

Knowledge

- > Knowledge of contemporary nursing and health care issues.

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 Health Network, the six Regional Local Health Network's 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 GPs and other providers.

Central Adelaide Local Health Network:

CALHN is one of five Local Health Networks (LHNs) in South Australia established in July 2011. CALHN is responsible for the following health services:

- Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH)
- The Queen Elizabeth Hospital (TQEH)
- Hampstead Rehabilitation Centre (HRC)
- St Margaret's Rehabilitation Hospital (SMRH)
- Glenside Health Service (GHS) Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit; Inpatient Rehabilitation Services and Acute beds only
- Adelaide Dental Hospital (ADH).

CALHN also has governance over numerous community mental health and primary health services including Prison Health Service, SA Dental Service and DonatLife SA. Of note also is governance of the Statewide Clinical Support Services (SCSS) including Imaging, Pathology and Pharmacy, responsibility of which has vacillated between CALHN and DHW over the past few years.

CALHN is one of three metropolitan LHNs and its core population is approximately 390,000 people. CALHN also provides services to patients from other SA networks, rural and remote areas, the Northern Territory, NSW (Broken Hill) and western parts of Victoria. These services usually relate to complex services such as head and neck cancer, radiation therapy, cardiac surgery, spinal surgery or rehabilitation.

CALHN's purpose is to deliver quality and sustainable healthcare. While the delivery of high quality patient care is our number one priority, we face a significant challenge in achieving financial sustainability. A quality-assured financial recovery plan has been developed to meet these challenges. Through effective leadership and change management, the plan, which is applicable to all Programs and departments, will be implemented over the next three years.

The Critical Care and Perioperative Program within the Central Adelaide Local Health Network is a dynamic service providing expert care across both Perioperative (Theatres /Technical Suites), Intensive Care, Acute Pain Service, Medical emergency response service and hyperbaric. It serves the South Australian community through a multidisciplinary person-centred model, delivering care at the Royal Adelaide Hospital and The Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

Values and Behaviours

SA Health Values

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

- > We are committed to the values of integrity, respect and accountability.
- > We value care, excellence, innovation, creativity, leadership and equity in health care provision and health outcomes.
- > We demonstrate our values in our interactions with others in SA Health, the community, and those for whom we care.

Central Adelaide Local Health Network Values

Our values, together with our vision and ambitions provide direction for everything that happens across our network. They outline who we are, what we stand for, what our consumers and their families can expect from us and what we can expect from each other. They guide our decisions and actions.

Values	Behaviours
<i>People first</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- I am there for my patients and colleagues when they need me most.- I put myself in my patients and colleagues shoes to understand their needs.- I go out of my way to make sure my patients and colleagues achieve the best outcome and have a great experience.- I respect uniqueness in my colleagues, our patients and their families.
<i>Ideas driven</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- I look and listen to ensure I fully understand the problem and find a solution.- I look for ways to break-down barriers and silos to hear new perspectives and solve complex problems.- I invest in my own learning and look for opportunities to explore and introduce new ideas.- I am interested in critical research and how it informs creative thinking.
<i>Future focussed</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- I embrace leading practices and use them to evolve our ways of working.- I lead and support change to improve patient and organisational outcomes.- I am constantly on the look-out for opportunities to improve.
<i>Community minded</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- I put my hand up to lead work that matters.- I am accountable and focused on value.- I value and champion diversity.- I embrace collaboration and constructive partnerships.

Code of Ethics

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.

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: