

<b>Position</b>	Registered Nurse
<b>Classification</b>	Registered Nurse Level 1 – RN1
<b>Division</b>	SAPOM
<b>Department / Section / Unit / Ward</b>	Breast/Endocrine Surgery Unit
<b>Role reports to</b>	Operationally and Professionally: > Advanced Nurse Consultant BESU
<b>CHRIS 21 Position Number</b> TBA	<b>Role Created / Review Date</b> 11/07/2024
<b>Criminal History Clearance Requirements</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Police Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Child - Prescribed (Working with Children Check)	<b>Immunisation Risk Category</b> Category A (direct contact with blood or body substances)

## JOB SPECIFICATION

### Primary Objective(s) of role:

Employees classified at this level provide nursing services in health service settings. Employees working within this level develop from novice practitioners to a proficient level of professional practice. They consolidate knowledge and skills and develop in capability through continuous professional development and experience. An employee at this level accepts accountability for his or her own standards of nursing care and for activities delegated to others.

The Registered Nurse will provide nursing services within the breast and Endocrine surgical unit, assisting in chaperoning, outpatient clinic flow, clinical and coordination of care, as well as assisting the breast unit's radiology department with procedures.

### Direct Reports: (List positions reporting directly to this position)

> **Nil**  
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### Key Relationships / Interactions:

#### Internal:

- > Provides supervision of students, Assistants in Nursing and Enrolled Nurses
- > Maintains cooperative and productive working relationships with all members of the health care team.
- > Collaborates and works closely with the breast Clinical Nurses.
- > Maintains a close working relationship with the Advanced Nurse Consultant, Breast Endocrine Surgical Unit.

#### External:

- > Maintains relationships with non-government organisations or other government organisations to meet the needs of the client group as directed by the Advanced Nurse Consultant, Breast Endocrine Unit.

### Challenges associated with Role:

Major challenges currently associated with the role include:

- > 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.
- > Working with patients and their families where there are multiple complexities, diverse cultural backgrounds and consumer expectations.
- > Recognising and responding to clinical deterioration or other incidents and escalating appropriately. Accepting responsibility for the maintenance of own knowledge and professional competence and contemporary practices.

### Delegations: (As defined in SALHN instruments of delegations)

(Levels / limits of authority in relation to finance, human resources, Work Health and Safety and administrative requirements as defined by Departmental delegations and policies.)

Financial N/A

Human Resources N/A

Procurement N/A

### Resilience

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

### Performance Development

It is your responsibility to actively participate in the Performance Review & Development Program which will include a six (6) monthly review of your performance against the responsibilities and key result areas associated with your position and a requirement to demonstrate appropriate behaviours which reflect a commitment to South Australian Public Sector and SALHN values and strategic directions.

Career development opportunities will be determined by their performance review/development plan.

### General Requirements

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

- > National Safety and Quality Health Care Service Standards.
- > *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.
- > Meet immunisation requirements as outlined in the Immunisation for Health Care Workers in South Australia Policy Directive.
- > Equal Employment Opportunities (including prevention of bullying, harassment and intimidation).
- > *Children and Young People (Safety Act) 2017 (SA)*.
- > *Public Interest Disclosure Act 2018*.
- > Disability Discrimination.
- > Information Privacy Principles.
- > Relevant Awards, Enterprise Agreements, *Public Sector Act 2009*, *Health Care Act 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.
- > *Mental Health Act 2009 (SA)* and Regulations.

### 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.

### Special Conditions

- > It is mandatory that no person, whether 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* and Child Safety (Prohibited Persons) Regulations 2019 must obtain a Working with Children Clearance through the Screening Unit, Department of Human Services.
- > Working with Children Clearance must be renewed every five (5) years.
- > 'Approved Aged Care Provider Positions' as defined under the Accountability Principles 1998 made in pursuant to the *Aged Care Act 2007 (Cth)* must be renewed every 3 years.
- > Appointment and ongoing employment is subject to immunisation requirements as per Risk Category identified on page 1.
- > 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 2008* 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.

Key Result Areas	Major Responsibilities
Direct/indirect patient care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Commitment to delivering high quality and safe care consistent with the SALHN Integrated Governance Framework and Consumer Engagement Framework and Plan.</li> <li>&gt; Provide proficient, person centred, clinical nursing care and individual case management to patients with breast cancers/ endocrine conditions.</li> <li>&gt; Co-ordination and monitoring patient care plans for individuals around surgery and ongoing treatments/ follow up to ensure appropriate care outcomes are achieved daily.</li> <li>&gt; Collaborates with the multidisciplinary team including assisting with radiological interventional procedures, preparing and attending multidisciplinary meetings</li> </ul>
Support of health setting services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Participate in quality improvement activities that contribute to patient safety, risk minimisation and safe work activities within the practice setting.</li> <li>&gt; Contribute to procedures for effectively dealing with people exhibiting challenging behaviours.</li> <li>&gt; Assists and supports the Clinical Nurses or equivalent in providing both clinical, and education activities in the outpatient setting.</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> <li>&gt; Required to contribute to a wider or external team working on complex or organisation wide projects such as clinical protocols, guidelines and/or process mapping.</li> </ul>
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Provide health promotion and education, to patients or groups and carers to improve the health outcomes of individual.</li> <li>&gt; Support nursing practice and learning experiences for students undertaking clinical placements, orientation for new staff and preceptorship of graduates.</li> <li>&gt; Assist the Advanced Nurse Consultant 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> <li>&gt; Required to participate in and/or provide clinical teaching and/or research</li> </ul>
Research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Participate in evaluative research activities within the practice setting.</li> <li>&gt; Use foundation theoretical knowledge and evidenced based guidelines to achieve positive patient care outcomes.</li> <li>&gt; Assist the Advanced Nurse Consultant to maintain and record monitoring and evaluative research activities in the ward/unit</li> <li>&gt; Demonstrates a sound knowledge of Continuous Quality Improvement principles and actively participates in Continuous Quality Improvement projects.</li> </ul>
Professional leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Provide, with increasing capacity over time, support and guidance to newer or less experienced staff, student nurses and other workers providing basic nursing care.</li> <li>&gt; Promote continuity and consistency of care in collaboration with the Advanced Nurse Consultant the Breast/Endocrine service;</li> </ul>

<p>Contribution to effective operation of unit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; Contributing to the development of an integrated team approach and culture which is highly responsive to the needs of our consumers.</li><li>&gt; Contributing to the promotion and implementation of the objects and principles of the Health Care Act 2008 and Public Sector Act 2009 (inclusive of the Code of Ethics for the South Australian Public Sector).</li><li>&gt; Adhering to the provisions of relevant legislation including, but not limited to, the Equal Opportunity Act 1984, Work Health and Safety Act 2012 (SA) (WHS), Awards and Enterprise Agreements.</li><li>&gt; Demonstrating appropriate behaviours which reflect a commitment to the Department of Health values and strategic directions.</li><li>&gt; Undertaking training as required to attain and maintain required competency of skills and knowledge applicable to the role.</li></ul>
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## 1. ESSENTIAL MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

### Educational/Vocational Qualifications

- > Registered or eligible for registration as a Nurse by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia and who holds, or who is eligible to hold, a current practicing certificate.

### Personal Abilities/Aptitudes/Skills

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- > Effective communication skills including, problem solving, conflict resolution and negotiation skills.
- > Ability to work effectively within a multidisciplinary team.
- > Ability to prioritise workload.
- > Ability to be, creative, innovative and flexible when approaching issues within a healthcare setting.
- > Demonstrated commitment to providing consumer/client and family centred care.
- > Proven commitment to the principles and practise of:
  - EEO, Ethical Conduct, Diversity and Worker Health & Safety.
  - Quality management and the provision of person and family centred care.
  - Risk management.

### Experience

- > Demonstrated competence in outpatient/surgical/medical nursing practice in accordance with the relevant standards
- > Proven experience in delivering high quality and safe care consistent with the National Safety and Quality Health Care Service Standards. (Mandatory for all clinical positions.)

### Knowledge

- > Awareness of National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards.
- > Understanding of Delegated Safety Roles and Responsibilities.
- > Understanding of Work Health Safety principles and procedures.
- > Understanding of Quality Management principles and procedures.
- > Awareness of person and family centred care principles and consumer engagement principles and procedures.
- > Knowledge and understanding of relevant legislation, industrial agreements, standards, codes, ethics and competency standards
- > Knowledge of Australian National Safety and Quality and Safety Health Service Standards
- > Knowledge of contemporary professional nursing and or midwifery and health care issues.

## 2. DESIRABLE CHARACTERISTICS (to distinguish between applicants who meet all essential requirements)

### 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

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- > Proven experience in basic computing skills, including email and word processing.

- > Experience in quality improvement activities e.g. the development and/or implementation of clinical standards, practice guidelines, protocols/audits and quality indicators.

**Knowledge**

- > Awareness of the Charter of Health and Community Services rights.
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**Educational/Vocational Qualifications**

- > Qualifications relevant to Breast/Endocrine Surgery and Conditions
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**Other Details**

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## 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.

## SA Health Challenges

The health system is facing the challenges of an ageing population, increased incidence of chronic disease, workforce strategies, and ageing infrastructure. The SA Health Strategic Plan has been developed to meet these challenges and ensure South Australians have access to the best available health care in hospitals, health care centres and through GPs and other providers.

## 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 Department for Health and Wellbeing is an administrative unit under the Public Sector Act 2009.

## Governing Boards

The State Government is reforming the governance of SA Health, including from 1 July 2019 the establishment of 10 Local Health Networks, each with its own Governing Board.

Statewide	> Women's and Children's Health Network
Metropolitan	> Central Adelaide Local Health Network > Southern Adelaide Local Health Network > Northern Adelaide Local Health Network
Regional	> Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network > Yorke and Northern Local Health Network > Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network > Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network > Eyre and Far North Local Health Network > South East Local Health Network

## Southern Adelaide Local Health Network (SALHN)

SALHN provides care for more than 350,000 people living in the southern metropolitan area of Adelaide as well as providing a number of statewide services, and services to those in regional areas. More than 7,500 skilled staff provide high quality patient care, education, research and health promoting services.

SALHN provides a range of acute and sub-acute health services for people of all ages.

SALHN includes

- > [Flinders Medical Centre](#)
- > [Noarlunga Hospital](#)
- > [GP Plus Health Care Centres and Super Clinics](#)
- > [Mental Health Services](#)
- > Sub-acute services, including [Repat Health Precinct](#)
- > [Jamie Larcombe Centre](#)
- > [Aboriginal Family Clinics](#)





**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; it sets out the **South Australian Public Sector Values** as:

- > **Service** – We proudly serve the community and Government of South Australia.
- > **Professionalism** – We strive for excellence.
- > **Trust** – We have confidence in the ability of others.
- > **Respect** – We value every individual.
- > **Collaboration & engagement** – We create solutions together.
- > **Honesty & integrity** – We act truthfully, consistently, and fairly.
- > **Courage & tenacity** – We never give up.
- > **Sustainability** – We work to get the best results for current and future generations of South Australians.

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

**Domestic and Family Violence**

The Southern Adelaide Local Health Network (SALHN) recognises the devastating impact domestic or family violence can have on the lives, of those who experience abuse and are committed to supporting employees who experience domestic or family violence by providing a workplace environment that provides flexibility and supports their safety.

**Role Acceptance**

- > I have read and understand the responsibilities associated with the Registered Nurse Level 1, Breast/ Endocrine Surgical Unit in the SAPOM Division and organisational context and the values of SA Health as described within this document.

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