



ROLE DESCRIPTION

Role Title	Enrolled Nurse
Classification	Enrolled Nurse Certificate and Diploma (ENDP)
Local Health Network	Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network
Hospital/ Service	Barmera Health Services
Stream	Residential Care and Acute Hospital
Role Created/ Reviewed Date	October 2024
Criminal History Clearance Requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NPC – Unsupervised contact with vulnerable groups <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DHS Working With Children Check (WWCC) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NDIS Worker Screening
Immunisation Risk Category	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Category A <input type="checkbox"/> Category B <input type="checkbox"/> Category C

ROLE CONTEXT

Primary Objective(s) of role:

The Enrolled Nurse supports the Registered Nurse 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 elderly 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

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 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's Protection Act 1993 (Cth)* – '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 / CHSALHN policies, procedures and standards.

Cultural Statement:

Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network (RMCLHN) welcomes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and values the expertise, cultural knowledge and life experiences they bring to the workplace. RMCLHN is a culturally inclusive work environment that is respectful of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.

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.

Special Conditions:

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

- > Meet immunisation requirements as outlined by the *Immunisation Guidelines for Health Care Workers in South Australia 2014*.
- > 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 Children's Protection Act (1993) must obtain a satisfactory Background Screening and National Criminal History Clearance through the Screening and Licensing Unit, Department for Communities and Social Inclusion (DCSI)
- > 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 working in Aged Care.
- > Prescribed Positions will also require a NPC general probity clearance.
- > This position involved working a 7 day roster across 24 hours.
- > Background Screening and National Criminal History Clearances must be renewed every 3 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, CHSALHN 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 CHSALHN employees with continuous employment with CHSALHN which commenced prior to 1 October 2016.

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.
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.

Knowledge, Skills and Experience

ESSENTIAL MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Educational/Vocational Qualifications:

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

Personal Abilities/Aptitudes/Skills:

- > Effective verbal and written communication skills.
- > Ability to work in a multidisciplinary team environment.
- > Ability to operate a computer and basic skills
- > Ability to prioritise workload, recognise and report changes in clinical condition
- > Ability to provide person-centred care

Experience:

- > Experience in the provision of nursing care in the healthcare setting in accordance with the appropriate standards of practice.

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:

- > Nil

Experience:

- > Experience in assisting with quality improvement activities within a healthcare setting.

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, Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network, Eyre and Far North Local Health Network, Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network, Limestone Coast Local Health Network, Riverland Mallee Coorong 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 GPs and other providers.

Health Network/ Division/ Department:

Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network aspires to be the best provider of rural and remote health services in Australia. RMCLHN, through the inspiration and hard work of its people, delivers high quality and innovative health services to improve health outcomes for country South Australians.

RMCLHN delivers a comprehensive range of health services in hospital and community settings according to population needs. It focuses on integrating its service delivery with metropolitan hospitals and other service providers in country locations. The safety and quality of health services in country South Australia is of primary importance. RMCLHN participates in rigorous national accreditation processes and engage local community members to provide insight and knowledge of the needs of consumers and potential strategies to achieve the best service.

RMCLHN Values

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

- > **Respectful** - We treat everyone as equals and value each other's sense of worth.
 - > **Motivated** - We are driven to excel and provide the best quality care to our consumers and communities, when and where they need it.
 - > **Compassionate** - We take care of others and act with kindness, empathy, patience and understanding, in all that we do.
 - > **Consumer Focused** - We partner and collaborate with consumers, their families, carers and communities, to ensure the planning, delivery and evaluation of our health services is tailored to their needs.
 - > **Accountable** - We are dedicated to fulfilling our duties and obligations as a public health service, and endeavour to act with honesty and integrity in all that we do.
 - > **Resourceful** - We are agile, adaptable and able to deal skilfully, creatively and promptly with new situations and challenges.
 - > **Excellence** - We strive to continually improve and redefine processes, exceed standards and expectations, and deliver access to high quality contemporary care for people in our communities.
 - > **Service** - We serve people and our communities courteously, fairly and effectively.
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Integrity Statement

As a public sector employee, you have the 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.

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.

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 and RMCLHN's 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: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Role Acceptance

Incumbent Acceptance

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

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____