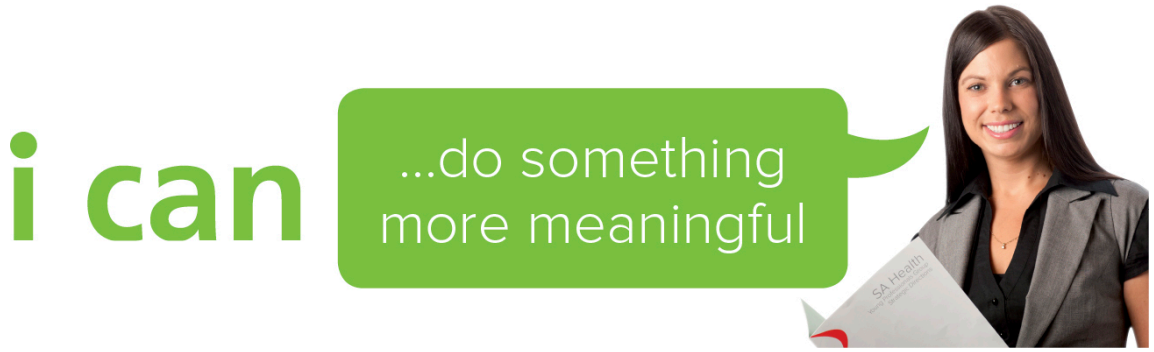


SA Health Job Pack

Job Title	Registered Nurse
Eligibility	Open to Everyone
Job Number	776429
Applications Closing Date	19 May 2022
Region / Division	Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network
Health Service	Mental Health Inpatient Acute Service
Location	Whyalla Integrated Mental Health Inpatient Unit
Classification	RN/M1
Job Status	Ongoing Full Time
Salary	$68,481 - $93,439 per annum

Contact Details

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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 Screening - **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 - 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 http://www.sahealthcareers.com.au/information/ for further information regarding

- The Indicative Total Remuneration which is inclusive of Award salary, superannuation and other monetary benefits.
- Information for Applicants
- Criminal History Assessment requirements

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ROLE DESCRIPTION

Role Title:	Registered Nurse
Classification Code:	Registered Nurse Level 1 (RN1)
LHN / HN / SAAS / DHA:	Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network (LHN)
Hospital / Service / Cluster	Mental Health (MH)
Division:	Flinders and Upper North
Department / Section / Unit / Ward:	Whyalla Mental Health (MH) Inpatient Services
Role reports to:	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.
Role Created / Reviewed Date:	Reviewed August 2020
Criminal History Clearance Requirements:	☒ DHS Working With Children Check (WWCC) ☒ NPC – Unsupervised contact with vulnerable groups ☐ DHS Disability Services Employment Screening
Immunisation Risk Category	☒ Category A (direct contact with blood or body substances) ☐ Category B (indirect contact with blood or body substances) ☐ Category C (minimal consumer contact)

ROLE CONTEXT

Primary Objective(s) of role:

The Registered Nurse (RN) will contribute 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. The RN will consolidate knowledge and skills and develop in capability through continuous professional development and experience.

The RN contributes to the delivery of integrated clinical mental health care to consumers across community, acute and rehabilitation service settings and will utilise and develop a combination of preventative, early intervention, therapeutic and evaluative approaches, including individual and family therapeutic approaches, group programs, health promotion and community development programs.

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/midwifery care and for activities delegated to others.

Key Relationships/ Interactions:

Internal
- Provides supervision of students and Enrolled Nurses.
- Maintains cooperative and productive working relationships within all members of the health care team.

External
- Maintains relationships with non-government and/or other government organisations to meet the needs of the consumer group.

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.
- 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) 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 2008 (SA), and the SA Health (Health Care Act) Human Resources Manual;
- Relevant Australian Standards;
- Duty to maintain confidentiality;
- Smoke Free Workplace;
- Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (SA) 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's policies, procedures and standards;
- 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; and
- Applying the principles of the South Australian Government's Risk Management Policy to work as appropriate.

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:

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

Partnering with Consumers:

The Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network is committed to involving consumers, communities and carers in the planning, design and evaluation of our health services. We do this through (but not limited to) Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network Board Consumer and Community Engagement Committee, Health Advisory Councils, Community Network Register and with consumer representation on operational committees. Furthermore, advocacy and advice is sought as appropriate from specialist support group Experts by Experience and representatives for mental health, aged care, child and youth care, disability and other groups.

Special Conditions:

- 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.

- 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 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 through the South Australian Police confirming the clearance is for the purpose of employment involving unsupervised contact with vulnerable groups.
- National Police Certificates and Disability Services Employment Screening 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.
- Fulfil all SA Health and the LHN 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.
- 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.
- Meet immunisation requirements as outlined by the Immunisation Guidelines for Health Care Workers in South Australia 2014.
- Appointment is subject to immunisation risk category requirements (see page 1). There may be ongoing immunisation requirements that must be met.
- Flinders and Upper North 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, Flinders and Upper North 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 or indirect consumer care	> Assess individual consumer needs, plan, implement and/or coordinate appropriate service delivery from a range of accepted options including other disciplines or agencies. > Provide direct person centred nursing care and/or individual case management to consumers on a shift by shift basis in a defined clinical area with increasing autonomy over time. > Plan and coordinate services with other disciplines or agencies in providing individual health care needs.
Support of health setting services	> Participate in quality improvement activities that contribute to consumer safety, risk minimisation and safe work activities within the practice setting. > Provide ward/team leader/coordination as required on a shift by shift basis. (A team leader is a RN assigned responsibility for supporting staff and coordinating consumer care). > Contribute to procedures for effectively dealing with people exhibiting challenging behaviours.
Education	> Provide health promotion and education, to consumers or groups and carers to improve the health outcomes of individual. > Support nursing practice and learning experiences for students undertaking clinical placements, orientation for new staff and preceptorship of graduates.
Research	> Participate in evaluative research activities within the practice setting. > Use foundation theoretical knowledge and evidenced based guidelines to achieve positive consumer care outcomes.
Professional leadership	> Provide, with increasing capacity over time, support and guidance to newer or less experienced staff, Enrolled Nurses, student nurses and other workers providing basic nursing care. > Review decisions, assessments and recommendations from less experienced Registered Nurses and Enrolled Nurses and students.

Knowledge, Skills and Experience

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.
- Be enrolled and/or willing to enrol in further postgraduate studies within Mental Health practice.

Personal Abilities/Aptitudes/Skills

- 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 mental health setting.
- Demonstrated commitment to providing consumer and family centred care.
- Ability to engage with Aboriginal community/consumers in a culturally appropriate manner and a willingness to undertake further training in this manner.

Experience

- Demonstrated competence in the relevant area of nursing practice in accordance with the appropriate standards of practice.
- Experience working with Aboriginal consumers.

Knowledge

- Knowledge and understanding of the role of the Registered Nurse within a mental health care setting.
- Knowledge and understanding of relevant legislation, industrial agreements, standards, codes, ethics and competency standards, National Mental Health Strategy, Mental Health Standards and relevant legislation.
- Knowledge of Quality Improvement Systems as applied to a healthcare setting.
- General understanding of Aboriginal culture and a willingness to undertake further training in this area.

DESIRABLE CHARACTERISTICS

Educational/Vocational Qualifications

- Qualifications relevant to Mental Health Nursing.

Personal Abilities/Aptitudes/Skills

- Ability to use technology and computer skills.

Experience

- Experience working with and understanding of people from varying cultural backgrounds, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- Experience working with Mental Health consumers and carers, families and associated support networks in an evidenced based, recovery oriented framework.
- Experience in Mental Health service settings.
- Experience working in a rural setting.

Knowledge

- Knowledge of community and health service resources relevant to the local community.
- Knowledge of contemporary professional nursing / mental health 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 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.

Flinders and Upper North 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

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.

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 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: