



ROLE DESCRIPTION

Role Title	Assistant in Nursing
Classification Code	Assistant in Nursing (AIN)
Position Number	P54061
Local Health Network	Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network Inc
Hospital/ Service/ Cluster	Strathalbyn & District Aged Care
Division	Nursing
Department/Section / Unit/ Ward	BHFLHN
Role reports to	Nurse Unit Manager/s Strathalbyn & District Aged Care
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 type="checkbox"/> NDIS Worker Screening Please click here for further information on these requirements
Immunisation Risk Category	Category A (direct contact with blood or body substances) Please click here for further information on these requirements

ROLE CONTEXT

Primary Objective(s) of role:

Employees classified at this level support Enrolled and Registered Nurses in the delivery of general patient/client care and undertake basic nursing duties that would otherwise have been performed by an Enrolled or Registered Nurse.

Employees at this level are accountable for their own actions.

Key Relationships/ Interactions:

Internal

- > Work under the direct or indirect supervision of a Registered Nurse and work may be overseen by an Enrolled Nurse within a care team.
- > Maintains cooperative and productive working relationships within all members of the health care team

External

- > Maintain relationships with non-government organisations or other government organisations.

Challenges associated with Role:

Major challenges currently associated with the role include:

- > Working with consumers/patients 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 Reference 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.
- > 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 / Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network Inc 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 Statement:

Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network Inc welcomes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and values the expertise, cultural knowledge, and life experiences they bring to the workplace. This LHN is a culturally inclusive work environment that is respectful of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture.

Special Conditions:

- > 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 National Police Certificate (NPC).
- > Prescribed Positions under the Child Safety (Prohibited Persons) Act 2016 must obtain a satisfactory Working With Children Check (WWCC) through the Department of Human Services (DHS) Screening Unit.
- > 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 unsupervised contact with vulnerable groups.
- > Prescribed positions under the Disability Services Act 1993 must obtain a satisfactory Disability Services Employment Screening through the Department of Human Services (DHS) Screening Unit
- > NPCs and DHS Disability Services Employment Screenings must be renewed every 3 years thereafter from date of issue.
- > WWCCs must be renewed every 5 years thereafter from date of issue.
- > Must be an Australian Resident or hold a current working visa.
- > 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, Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network Inc 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.
- > The incumbent will be required to advise when they are available to work shifts on a casual basis at mutually agreed locations and sites across the network.

Key Result Area and Responsibilities

Key Result Areas	Major Responsibilities
Direct/indirect resident/client care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Assist nurses in routine tasks with patients/clients associated with the activities of daily living. > Performs a range of duties that require basic skills, knowledge, training and experience. > Routine technical support functions at the level of setting up for nursing procedures, cleaning equipment, and managing local stock levels. > Provide person centred care.
Support of health service systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Contributing to the maintenance of a physically and culturally safe environment for residents/clients and staff. > Participation in quality improvement activities through recording and reporting of data. > Follows established guidelines, protocols, procedure, standards, and systems of work as set out by the organisation.
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Undertake nursing care and procedures that assist them in their learning capacity to develop the competencies required to achieve the qualification in which they are enrolled (within the defined organisational scope of an AIN).
Research	<p>Contributes to evaluative research activities through recording and reporting of data.</p>

Knowledge, Skills and Experience

ESSENTIAL MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Educational/Vocational Qualifications

- > Be enrolled as a student in an undergraduate program in nursing (can state year of program eg 3rd year) and have completed any training required by the employer relevant to the safe and competent performance of work at this level; **OR**
- > Be employed on the basis that the person is, or will be, undertaking a course approved by the Registration Authority for the preparation of Enrolled Nurses; **OR**
- > Hold a Certificate III or IV in one of the following health related disciplines:
 - Basic Health Care
 - Aged Care
 - Health Services Assistance: (Qualifications to include elective units recommended for AIN Acute care)
 - Home and Community Care
 - Individual Support Work
 - Or such other nationally recognised courses approved within the healthcare setting by full agreement of DHA and the ANMF

Personal Abilities/Aptitudes/Skills:

- > Effective verbal and written communication skills.
- > Ability to work in a multidisciplinary team environment.
- > Ability to provide person-centred care
- > Ability to engage with Aboriginal community / consumers in a culturally appropriate manner and a willingness to undertake further training in this area
- > Ability to work across a range of units/sites and adapt to different work environments

Experience

- > Experience, within the boundaries of their education and skill preparation, in the provision of nursing/midwifery care in the healthcare setting in accordance with the appropriate standards of practice.
- > Experience in the use of computer packages e.g., Microsoft Word, Excel
- > Experience working with Aboriginal consumers.

Knowledge

- > Understanding the role of the Assistant in Nursing/Midwifery within the healthcare setting.
- > Knowledge and understanding of relevant legislation, industrial agreements, standards, codes, ethics, and competency standards.
- > General understanding of Aboriginal culture and a willingness to undertake further training in this area.

DESIRABLE CHARACTERISTICS

Educational/Vocational Qualifications

- > Qualifications or education courses relevant to role

Personal Abilities/Aptitudes/Skills:

- > Ability to work with technology and computer skills
- > Demonstrates values aligned with BHFLHN

Experience

- > Provision of personal care to resident/client/patient/ client within Community, Nursing Home or supported accommodation service.

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 Ageing and the Minister for Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

The legal entities include but are not limited to Department for Health and Ageing, Central Adelaide Local Health Network, Northern Adelaide Local Health Network, Southern Adelaide Local Health Network, Women's and Children's Health Network, Country Health SA Local Health Network and SA Ambulance Service. SA Health is the brand name for the health portfolio of services and agencies responsible to the Minister for Health and Ageing and the Minister for Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

Health Network/Division/Department:

Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network has an employed workforce of over 3000.

The LHN encompasses country hospitals and health services that provide support and services to approximately 12% of the South Australian population.

The region is an area of significant population growth for South Australia. Our sites and services are located at Mt Barker, Gawler, Victor Harbor (Southern Fleurieu), Strathalbyn, Kingscote, Mt Pleasant, Angaston, Tanunda, Gumeracha, Eudunda and Kapunda. The LHN has 11 public hospitals, 6 aged care facilities and an extensive range of community-based services.

A range of clinical services are delivered including Acute care, Medical, Accident and Emergency, Surgery, Birthing and Midwifery, Specialist Consultancy, Renal Dialysis, Chemotherapy, Transfusions, Rehabilitation, Residential Aged Care, Respite Care, Transitional Care Packages, Aboriginal Health, Mental Health, Allied Health, Community Health (Country Health Connect), Community Nursing, Palliative Care, Community Home Support Packages and Home Modifications.

The Rural and Remote Mental Health Service at Glenside, Adelaide, provides services to the region with a team including psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, occupational therapists and mental health nurses. There are also specialist youth mental health clinicians and access to specialist older persons mental health services.

The Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network is the host LHN for the Rural Support Service. The RSS supports all six regions LHNs by bringing together a number of specialist clinical and corporate advisory functions focused on improving quality and safety.

Values

BHFLHN Values

The values BHFLHN are used to indicate the type of conduct required by our employees and the conduct that our customers can expect from our Local Health Network:

- > We are committed to the values of trust, respect, integrity, collaboration and kindness.
- > 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.

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.

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:

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 SA Health as described within this document.

Name:

Date:

Signature: