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SA Health Job Pack

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| Job Title | Registered Nurse / Clinical Nurse - Intensive Care Unit - NALHN |
| Job Number | 669101 |
| Applications Closing Date | 21 September 2018 |
| Region / Division | Northern Adelaide Local Health Network |
| Health Service | Lyell McEwin Hospital / Modbury Hospital |
| Location | Elizabeth Vale / Modbury |
| Classification | RN/M2 |
| Job Status | Ongoing various positions |
| Indicative Total Remuneration* | \$73, 544 / \$92, 963 |

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 Communities and Social Inclusion (DCSI) Criminal History Check and/or a South Australian Police (SAPOL) National Police Check (NPC). The following checks will be required for this role:

- ☒ Child Related Employment Screening - **DCSI**
- ☒ Vulnerable Person-Related Employment Screening - **NPC**
- ☐ Aged Care Sector Employment Screening - **NPC**
- ☐ 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.

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Government of South Australia
SA Health

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



ROLE DESCRIPTION

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| Role Title: | Registered Nurse |
| Classification Code: | Registered Nurse Level 1 – RN1 |
| LHN/ HN/ SAAS/ DHA: | Northern Adelaide Local Health Network |
| Hospital/ Service/ Cluster | |
| Division: | |
| Department/Section / Unit/ Ward: | |
| Role reports to: | Nurse Unit Manager |
| Role Created/ Reviewed Date: | April 2017 |
| Criminal History Clearance Requirements: | <input type="checkbox"/> Aged (NPC) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Child- Prescribed (DCSI) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vulnerable (NPC) <input type="checkbox"/> General Probity (NPC) |

ROLE CONTEXT

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/midwifery care and for activities delegated to others.

Direct Reports:

> Nil

Key Relationships/ Interactions:

Internal

- > Provides supervision of students, Assistants in Nursing, and Enrolled Nurses.
- > 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 to meet the needs of the client group.

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 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
- > Dealing with challenging behaviours

Delegations:

- > Nil

Resilience:

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Performance Development

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General Requirements:

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Key Result Area and Responsibilities

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| Direct/indirect patient/client care | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Assess individual patient/client 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/midwifery care and/or individual case management to patients/clients 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Participate in quality improvement activities that contribute to patient/client 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 patient/client care). > Contribute to procedures for effectively dealing with people exhibiting challenging behaviours. |
| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Provide health promotion and education, to patients/clients or groups and carers to improve the health outcomes of individual. > Support nursing/midwifery practice and learning experiences for students undertaking clinical placements, orientation for new staff and preceptorship of graduates. |
| Research | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Participate in evaluative research activities within the practice setting. > Use foundation theoretical knowledge and evidenced based guidelines to achieve positive patient/client care outcomes. |
| Professional leadership | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > 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

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Personal Abilities/Aptitudes/Skills: (related to the job description and expressed in a way which allows objective assessment):

- > 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.

Experience

- > Demonstrated competence in the relevant area of nursing practice in accordance with the appropriate standards of practice.

Knowledge

- > Knowledge and understanding of the role of the Registered General Nurse within a healthcare setting
- > Knowledge and understanding of relevant legislation, industrial agreements, standards, codes, ethics and competency standards
- > Knowledge of Quality Improvement Systems as applied to a healthcare setting.

DESIRABLE CHARACTERISTICS

Educational/Vocational Qualifications

- > Qualifications relevant to specialty / clinical area.

Personal Abilities/Aptitudes/Skills:

- > Ability to use technology and computer skills.

Experience

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

Knowledge

- > Knowledge of contemporary professional nursing issues
- > Knowledge of the South Australian Public Health System.

Organisational Context

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SA Health Challenges:

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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:



ROLE DESCRIPTION

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| Classification Code: | Registered Nurse/Midwife Level 2 – RN/M2 |
| LHN/ HN/ SAAS/ DHA: | Northern Adelaide Local Health Network |
| Hospital/ Service/ Cluster | |
| Division: | |
| Department/Section / Unit/ Ward: | |
| Role reports to: | Nurse Unit Manager (NUM) |
| Role Created/ Reviewed Date: | June 2017 |
| Criminal History Clearance Requirements: | <input type="checkbox"/> Aged (NPC) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Child- Prescribed (DCSI) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vulnerable (NPC) <input type="checkbox"/> General Probity (NPC) |

ROLE CONTEXT

Primary Objective(s) of role:

Provide nursing and/or midwifery services in a variety of health service settings which has been consolidated by experience and/or further study with staff at this level developing from competent to proficient practitioners.

Accepts accountability for their own practice standards, activities delegated to others and the guidance and development of less experienced staff.

The Clinical Nurse role at this level continues to be predominantly clinical in nature; however employees are assigned appropriate portfolios. The allocation of portfolio responsibilities should be negotiated with each employee and be consistent with the career development plan for the employee as determined by their performance review/development plan.

Direct Reports:

> Nil

Key Relationships/ Interactions:

Internal

The Clinical Nurse:

- > Maintains a close working relationship with the Associate and Nurse/Midwife Unit Manager.
- > Maintains cooperative and productive working relationships within all members of the health care team
- > Supports and works collaboratively with less experienced members of the nursing team

External

- > Maintains relationships with non-government organisations or other government organisations to meet the needs of the client group.

Challenges associated with Role:

Major challenges currently associated with the role include:

- > Keeping up to date with, implementing and monitoring evidence based practice and quality management initiatives consistent with organisational policies
- > Dealing appropriately and relevantly with patients and their families where there are multiple complexities, diverse cultural backgrounds and expectations of clients
- > Accepting responsibility for the maintenance of own knowledge and professional competence and contemporary practices.
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| Support of health service systems | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Assists and supports the Nurse/Midwife Unit Manager or equivalent in management, clinical, and education activities; > Plan and coordinate services including those from other disciplines; > Act to resolve local and/or immediate nursing/midwifery care or service delivery problems; > Support change management processes. > 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. |
| Education | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Participate in clinical teaching, overseeing learning experience, and goal setting for students, new staff and staff with less experience; > Assist the Nurse/Midwife Unit Manager and Nurse/Midwife 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. > Required to participate in and/or provide clinical teaching and/or research. |
| Research | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Participate in clinical auditing, clinical trials and/or evaluative research; > Integrate advanced theoretical knowledge, evidence from a range of sources and own experience to devise and achieve agreed patient/client care outcomes; > Assist the Nurse/Midwife Unit Manager or equivalent to maintain and record monitoring and evaluative research activities in the ward/unit. |
| Professional leadership | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Promote continuity and consistency of care in collaboration with the Nurse/Midwife Unit Manager or equivalent of the ward/unit/service; > Provide shift by shift leadership in the provision of nursing/midwifery care within a team or unit and facilitate patient flow; > Act as a resource person within an area based on knowledge, experience and skills. > Required to undertake specific activity and/or portfolio responsibility. |

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DESIRABLE CHARACTERISTICS

Educational/Vocational Qualifications

- > Where applicable, qualifications relevant to practice setting.
- > Tertiary qualifications in nursing or human services related discipline.

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

- > Experience with quality improvement activities.
- > Experience in evaluating the results of nursing research and integrating, where relevant, the results into nursing practice.

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