



ROLE DESCRIPTION

Role Title:	Clinical Nurse		
Classification Code:	RN2C	Position Number	M58531
LHN/ HN/ SAAS/ DHA:	Central Adelaide Local Health Network (LHN)		
Site/Directorate	Royal Adelaide Hospital/The Queen Elizabeth Hospital		
Division:	Specialty Medicine 2		
Department/Section / Unit/ Ward:	Palliative Care		
Role reports to:	Nurse Unit Manager – Palliative Care		
Role Created/ Reviewed Date:	June 2024		
Criminal History Clearance Requirements:	<input type="checkbox"/> Aged (NPC) <input type="checkbox"/> Working With Children’s Check (WWCC) (DHS) <input type="checkbox"/> Vulnerable (NPC) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Probity (NPC)		
Immunisation Risk Category:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Category A (direct contact with blood or body substances) <input type="checkbox"/> Category B (indirect contact with blood or body substances) <input type="checkbox"/> Category C (minimal patient contact)		

ROLE CONTEXT

Primary Objective(s) of role:
<p>Provide advanced nursing services in the community which has been consolidated by experience and/or further study with staff at this level developing from competent to proficient practitioners.</p> <p>Accepts accountability for their own practice standards, activities delegated to others and the guidance and development of less experienced staff.</p> <p>The Clinical Nurse in the Central Adelaide Palliative Care Service is responsible for providing nursing care and individual case management to patients with terminal illness in collaboration with and the support of the senior nursing & multidisciplinary team.</p> <p>The role encompasses support and clinical management designed to meet the individual patients physical, emotional, social, cultural and spiritual needs and to support their care givers within their home/community environment.</p> <p>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.</p>

Direct Reports:

Key Relationships/ Interactions:

Internal

The Clinical Nurse:

- Maintains a close working relationship with the Nurse 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 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.

Delegations:

Refer to [HR Delegations](#) and [Finance Delegations](#)

Special Conditions:

- It is mandatory that no person, whether or not already working in SA Health, may be appointed to a position in SA Health unless they have provided the a satisfactory current Criminal and Relevant History Screening, as required by the *SA Health Criminal and Relevant History Screening Policy Directive*.
- *For appointment in a Prescribed Position* under the *Child Safety (Prohibited Persons) Act (2016)*, a current Working with Children Check (WWCC) is required from the Department for Human Services Screening Unit. For other positions, a satisfactory National Police Certificate (NPC) assessment is required.
- For '*Prescribed Positions*' under the *Child Safety (Prohibited Persons) Act (2016)*, the individual's WWCCs must be renewed every 5 years from the date of issue; and for '*Approved Aged Care Provider Positions*' every 3 years from date of issue as required by the *Accountability Principles 2014* issued pursuant to the *Aged Care Act 1997 (Cth)*.
- Appointment is subject to immunisation risk category requirements. There may be ongoing immunisation requirements that must be met.
- 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.

General Requirements:

Managers and staff are required to work in accordance with the Code of Ethics for South Australian Public Sector, Directives, Determinations and Guidelines, 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.
- Meet immunisation requirements as outlined by 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)* 'Notification of Abuse or Neglect'.
- Disability Discrimination.
- *Independent Commissioner Against Corruption Act 2012 (SA)*.
- *Information Privacy Principles Instruction*.
- 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.

The SA Health workforce contributes to the safety and quality of patient care by adhering to the South Australian Charter of Health Care Rights, understanding the intent of the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards and participating in quality improvement activities as necessary.

Performance Development

The incumbent will be required to participate in the organisation's Performance Review & 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.

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 Commitment:

CALHN welcomes and respects Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and values the expertise, cultural knowledge and life experiences they bring to the workplace. In acknowledgement of this, CALHN is committed to increasing the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Workforce.

Resilience:

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

Key Result Area and Responsibilities

Key Result Areas	Major Responsibilities
Direct/indirect patient/client care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide proficient, person centred, clinical nursing/midwifery care and/or individual case management to patients/clients in a defined clinical area; • Monitoring patient/client care plans to ensure appropriate care outcomes are achieved on a daily basis; • Oversee the provision of nursing/midwifery care within a team/unit. • Required to, within pre-determined guidelines, and in a multi-disciplinary primary health care setting, assess clients, select and implement different therapeutic interventions, and/or support programs and evaluate progress. • Understanding Advance Directives and End of Life choices in patient assessment, care planning and team communication; • Educating patients and colleagues about Advance Care Planning and End of Life choices and assisting with the process.
Support of health service systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assists and supports the Nurse 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 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. • Promote and support the role of the Diabetes Link Nurse
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 Unit Manager 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. • 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 Unit Manager or equivalent to maintain and record monitoring and evaluative research activities in the Diabetes Education Service.
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.

Knowledge, Skills and Experience

ESSENTIAL MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

Educational/Vocational Qualifications

- Registered or eligible for registration 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 communication, problem solving, conflict resolution and negotiation skills.
- Ability to work effectively within a multidisciplinary team.
- Ability to prioritise workload and meet set timelines, whilst working under minimal supervision.
- Ability to be creative, innovative and flexible when approaching issues within the clinical setting.

Experience

- > Registered Nurse/Midwife with at least 3 years, full time equivalent, post registration experience.
- > Demonstrated competence in the relevant area of nursing practice in accordance with the appropriate standards of practice.
- > Experience in the leadership and direction of student nurses, enrolled nurses and less experienced registered nurses.
- > Demonstrated competence in acute nursing and experience in the care and management of patients who are dying

Knowledge

- > 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.
- > Knowledge of contemporary nursing and health care issues.

DESIRABLE CHARACTERISTICS

Educational/Vocational Qualifications

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

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

- Previous experience in community palliative care nursing
- Experience with quality improvement activities.
- Experience in evaluating the results of nursing research and integrating, where relevant, the results into nursing practice.
- Experience and knowledge of best practice nursing care of the patient with a terminal illness.

Knowledge

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

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

The legal entities include but are not limited to the Central Adelaide Local Health Network Inc., Northern Adelaide Local Health Network Inc., Southern Adelaide Local Health Network Inc., Women's and Children's Health Network Inc., Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network Inc., Eyre and far North Local Health Network Inc., Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network Inc., Limestone Coast Local Health Network Inc., Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network Inc., Yorke and Northern Local Health Network Inc. and SA Ambulance Service Inc.

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.

Central Adelaide Local Health Network:

CALHN is one of five Local Health Networks (LHNs) in South Australia established in July 2011. CALHN is responsible for the following health services:

- Royal Adelaide Hospital (RAH)
- The Queen Elizabeth Hospital (TQEH)
- Hampstead Rehabilitation Centre (HRC)
- St Margaret's Rehabilitation Hospital (SMRH)
- Glenside Health Service (GHS) Psychiatric Intensive Care Unit; Inpatient Rehabilitation Services and Acute beds only
- Adelaide Dental Hospital (ADH).

CALHN also has governance over numerous community mental health and primary health services including Prison Health Service, SA Dental Service and DonateLife SA. Of note also is governance of the Statewide Clinical Support Services (SCSS) including Imaging, Pathology and Pharmacy, responsibility of which has vacillated between CALHN and DHW over the past few years.

CALHN is one of three metropolitan LHNs and its core population is approximately 390,000 people. CALHN also provides services to patients from other SA networks, rural and remote areas, the Northern Territory, NSW (Broken Hill) and western parts of Victoria. These services usually relate to complex services such as head and neck cancer, radiation therapy, cardiac surgery, spinal surgery or rehabilitation.

CALHN's purpose is to deliver quality and sustainable healthcare. While the delivery of high quality patient care is our number one priority, we face a significant challenge in achieving financial sustainability. A quality-assured financial recovery plan has been developed to meet these challenges. Through effective leadership and change management, the plan which is applicable to all Directorates and departments, will be implemented over the next three years.

Values

Central Adelaide Local Health Network Values

Our shared values confirm our common mission by promoting an organisational climate where the patient's needs are put first and where the teamwork and professionalism of our workforce help us to attract and retain the best staff. These values guide our decisions and actions.

Patient Centred:	Our patients are the reason we are here and we will provide the best service to our patients and customers
Team Work:	We value each other and work as a team to provide the best care for our patients
Respect:	We respect each other, our patients and their families by recognising different backgrounds and choices, and acknowledging that they have the right to our services
Professionalism:	We recognise that staff come from varied professional and work backgrounds and that our desire to care for patients unites our professional approach to practice

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.

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 CALHN as described within this document.

Name: _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____