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Profession:

Nursing - Emergency Department

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Whether you want to work in Central Australia or the Top End, there's a place for you in Australia's Northern Territory. What are you waiting for?

Job Description

Provide safe, high quality nursing care appropriate to the specific needs of patients of Alice Springs, Gove, Katherine, Royal Darwin and Tennant Creek Hospitals and guide the practice of less experienced staff.

1. Use the Northern Territory Clinical Standards as a framework to provide optimal nursing care.
2. Enhance the professional development of self and others using research and evidence-based practice including a range of excellent professional development opportunities supported by the Department.
3. Contribute to the maintenance of an environment that promotes safety, security and personal dignity of individual patients, families and groups.
4. Provide nursing care that is culturally safe.
5. Act as an effective member of a multi-disciplinary team and deal with complex issues in collaboration with team members.
6. Actively contribute to unit activities and take on the role of team leader.
7. Promote customer-focused service and participate in continuous quality improvement and clinical development.

The Northern Territory provides a unique nursing opportunity in a truly multi-cultural atmosphere with excellent opportunities to experience and explore.

Locations

Alice Springs Hospital's Emergency Department is a 17 bed unit incorporating three resuscitation bays. The unit cares for clients of all age groups with a wide variety of conditions: trauma, coronary emergencies, General Practitioner based complaints, and paediatric emergencies. The diverse and challenging presentations, 32,000 per year on average, in a young population with multiple co-morbidities. This busy department deals with entire age spectrum attending to a significant number of traumas, septic and compromised patients. A medical retrieval service is based in the department responding to the large catchment area of Central Australia. A FACEM, Fellow of the Australian College of Emergency Medicine Director and Clinical Nurse Manager jointly manage a welcoming and happy department. The department has a Nurse Educator that assist staff to adapt in this progressive and dynamic environment, which is well equipped with specialised emergency equipment.

Gove District Hospital's Accident and Emergency Department/ Out Patient Clinics is a four bed facility with a trauma, infectious, eye and cardiac stress test rooms. The unit provides emergency care for Gove, the Alcan mine and the outlying Aboriginal communities. The hospital has no intensive care facilities so all critical patients are cared for in the emergency department until they can be transferred to the Royal Darwin Hospital via the Aerial Medical Services. The unit also incorporates four Outpatients and Specialist Clinics with the visiting specialist services for ophthalmology, general surgery, medical, dermatology, and gynaecology, orthopaedic, paediatric, cardiology and ENT specialties.

Katherine District Hospital's Emergency Department is a six -bed facility with two equipped resuscitation bays, although it does have the capacity to extend to four resuscitation beds. The unit provides emergency care for a large and diverse population of approximately 21,000 including an Aboriginal population of 8000. There are approximately 12,000 presentations per annum, 80 percent of which are of Aboriginal descent. Katherine Hospital has no intensive care facilities so all critical patients for the hospital are cared for in the Emergency Department until they can be transferred to the Royal Darwin Hospital via the Aerial Medical Services, this service is similar to that of the Royal Flying Doctors Service. The Emergency Department in Katherine Hospital is an exciting place to work with many opportunities to apply advanced nursing skills.

Royal Darwin Hospital's Emergency Department has 34 beds with a 10 bed Short Stay Unit. The Department handles emergency medical conditions and is the trauma centre for the Top End of Australia as well as South East Asia. The trauma team consists of highly trained staff, including specialists in emergency medicine. There are 50,000 presentations to the department making it one of the busiest emergency departments in Australia. Nursing staff are supported in attaining postgraduate qualifications in emergency nursing through different universities throughout Australia. The department participates in the Royal Darwin Hospital's New Graduate Program. Accredited courses such as trauma nursing, advanced paediatric life support and burns courses are facilitated through this department.

Tennant Creek Hospital's Emergency Department boasts five cubicles consisting of one resus bay, one cardiac and three general bays. The unit cares for patients from all age groups with a wide variety of presentations: trauma, medical emergencies, gynae problems and paediatric illness, General Practitioner type presentations, psychiatric problems, with an average yearly presentation of approximately 10,000 cases. A medical retrieval service operates as part of the Emergency Department, servicing the Barkly Region of 270,000 kilometres.

Qualifications

The applicant should possess formal qualifications that are appropriate for:

1. Northern Territory registration as a Registered or Enrolled Nurse.
2. Applicants with Emergency Department experience and/or qualifications will be highly considered.
3. Applicants with a substantial level of acute care experience and a genuine desire to obtain Emergency Department skills will be considered.

Transfer of qualifications

Nurses who have obtained their nursing qualifications in the UK and Ireland or hold current registration in the UK and Ireland are eligible to apply for registration in the Northern Territory. In addition to holding the appropriate qualification, the applicant must satisfy the Nursing and Midwifery Board that they are competent to practice, have sufficient physical and mental capacity to practice, English language competency, professional indemnity arrangements and are of good character.

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