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Profession:

## Nursing - Intensive Care and High Dependency Units

### ● *Attention nurses ... quick responses needed!*

In Australia's Northern Territory we have great opportunities right now for Critical Care trained nurses or nurses keen to obtain skills and qualifications in Critical Care.

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Whether you want to work in Central Australia, the Top End or anywhere in between, 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 and the Royal Darwin Hospitals and guide the practice of less experienced staff.

1. Use the Northern Territory's 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 multicultural atmosphere with excellent opportunities to experience and explore.

### Locations

**Alice Springs Hospital's Intensive Care and High Dependency Unit** is a combined High Dependency Unit, Coronary Care, Neonatal/ Paediatric and Adult Intensive Care Unit.

There are four ICU and four HDU beds. The year 2004 saw the unit manage 885 patients, 208 of which were ventilated. The type of care provided includes coronary care, high dependency surgical and medical care, neonatal and paediatric intensive care and trauma management, with the three most common patient conditions being septicaemia/pneumonia, post-operative observation and cardiac. The unit has the support from a full time Nurse Educator.

**Royal Darwin Hospital's Intensive Care and High Dependency Unit** is a level five unit, according to the NSW role delineation model.

The 18 bed unit is a combined paediatric, adult intensive care and high dependency unit. The unit provides intensive care to patients across the spectrum of patient admissions. We provide a comprehensive range of treatments including mechanical ventilation, CRRT, IABP, intracranial pressure monitoring and oscillator ventilation. Patients requiring specialist cardiothoracic care, extensive burns treatment and intracranial surgery are evacuated to a centre capable of providing the necessary treatment. The unit has a full time Clinical Nurse Educator and part time Clinical Instructors.

## Qualifications

The applicant should possess formal qualifications that are appropriate for:

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