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Profession:

Nursing - Medical Unit

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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, Gove, Katherine, Royal Darwin and Tennant Creek 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 Medical Unit. Adults present to this 45 bed unit with a variety of acute/general medical conditions: chronic renal failure, chronic obstructive airway disease, asthma, cerebrovascular accidents, cardiac and diabetes, with the incidence of chronic disease in the indigenous Central Australian population is higher than the national average. The unit also has two palliative care beds, two rehabilitation beds and four beds with facility to dialyse in the ward.

Gove District Hospital's Medical Unit is a combined Medical/Surgical and Paediatric unit of 22 beds. The unit is made up of eight medical/surgical beds, two high dependency beds and 12 beds dedicated to paediatrics. The unit also operates as an after hours emergency ward. Staffed by registered and enrolled nurses with access to allied health professionals, Aboriginal Liaison Officer/Interpreter and supported by a General Nurse Educator.

Katherine District Hospital's Medical Unit otherwise know as the Jack Roney Ward is a combined Medical/ Surgical Unit of 28 beds staffed by both registered and enrolled nurses with access to allied health professionals such as the Occupational Therapist and the General Clinical Nurse Educator when required. The unit is made up of four single rooms, which are generally used for isolation, two high dependency beds, the Palliative Care Unit and the remaining 21 beds are for general medical/surgical clients. Clients admitted to the unit have either acute and/or chronic conditions. These include - cardiac, COPD, TB, asthma, diabetes, scabies, palliative care, orthopaedics, renal disease, pneumonia and general surgery.

Royal Darwin Hospital's Medical Unit is made up of two wards, 4A and 4B. 4A is a 34 bed unit staffed by registered and enrolled nurses, patient care assistants and a ward clerk. Clients admitted to the unit require palliative care, ongoing chemotherapy care, tropical diseases including meloidoses, acute and chronic medical conditions, and at times gynaecological conditions. 4B is a 30 bed unit with staffing equivalent to 4A. 4B clients comprise of respiratory isolation including tuberculosis, tropical diseases, acute and chronic medical conditions, and it is also the main infectious diseases unit. Both wards have nine teams of medical staff to cover oncology, respiratory diseases, general medicine, endocrinology, infectious diseases, renal, cardiology and palliative care. All allied health professionals cover both wards. Quality projects are also important, and both wards have made a combined effort and won an award for the project entitled 'Raising the Bar', which looked at improving basic nursing care and standards for the improvement of care for both patients and staff. 4A was also the trial ward for the successful electronic prescribing, which enables medical staff to prescribe medications via a laptop, and nursing staff to administer medications using a laptop instead of a paper chart. The unit has the support of a Clinical Nurse Educator.

Tennant Creek Hospital's Medical/Surgical Unit is a 20 bed unit, which is part of the General Adult ward, offering medical, surgical, gynaecological, palliative, respite and oncology care to patients. Conditions presented are chronic lung disease, diabetes, COAD, CAN, cardiac, diabetes, and skin diseases.

Qualifications

The applicant should possess formal qualifications that are appropriate for:

1. Northern Territory registration as a Registered or Enrolled Nurse.
2. Authorisation to practice as a midwife if working in Maternity.

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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