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Profession:

Nursing - Midwifery

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

Job Description

Provide safe, high quality midwifery care appropriate to the specific needs of mothers, babies and families and guide the practice of less experienced staff.

1. Use the Australian College of Midwives 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 Midwifery care that is culturally safe.
5. Adhere to the Northern Territory Department of Health and Community Services policies, procedures, protocols and functions within legislation governing Midwifery practice.
6. Act as an effective member of a multi-disciplinary team and deal with complex issues in collaboration with team members.
7. Actively contribute to unit activities and take on the role of team leader.

8. Promote customer-focused service and participate in continuous quality improvement and clinical development.

Types of specialities

Midwifery includes the Hospital based care, Community Midwifery Program, Maternal and Child Community Health Nurse and Remote Area Nurse/Midwife.

Locations

In the Maternity setting of Alice Springs, Gove, Katherine, Royal Darwin and Tennant Creek Hospitals, Community and Remote Health Centres.

Alice Springs Hospital's Maternity Unit.

Supporting 800 births a year, our new Maternity Unit incorporates antenatal clinics, 16 antenatal/post natal beds, four well fitted birthing suites, a domiciliary service and a spacious outside balcony for families. Midwifery led care is valued and supported by the obstetric team and embedded in protocols. An Aboriginal Health Worker on the team fulfils an important cross-cultural role. A Registered Midwife New Graduate program is in place, facilitated by the Midwifery Educator.

Gove District Hospital's Maternity Unit

supports 200 births a year with more than 70 percent of the women being of Aboriginal descent. The unit has eight beds, two birthing suites and is an accredited Baby Friendly Hospital that provides midwifery led care with support of the obstetric team, incorporating antenatal clinics.

Katherine District Hospital's Maternity Unit

has 300 to 350 births per year with more than 60 percent of the women being of Aboriginal descent. Many of these women live in remote communities and have retained much of their traditional culture. The unit is made up of 14 beds consisting of three birthing suites, staffed by Registered Midwives to the maximum staffing level of 12. The ward has gained re-accreditation as a Baby Friendly Hospital and much of the

unit's breastfeeding culture is based upon what we have learnt from our role models – Aboriginal mothers and their babies. The Maternity Unit is renowned for its midwifery led care and offers holistic care to childbearing families in the community. This is achieved through collaboration with other members of the health care team including General Practitioners, Remote Health Nurses, Physiotherapist and the support from the two part time Maternal and Child Health Educators and encompasses all facets of pregnancy, birth, postnatal care and the well neonate.

Royal Darwin Hospital's Maternity Unit has in excess of 1,500 births per year. More than 30 percent of birth women are indigenous women from remote communities. The Maternity Unit has 28 beds in the postnatal and antenatal ward, a six room Birthing Suite and two beds to accommodate women returning to us before taking babies home from the Special Care Nursery. Antenatal care is through the Outpatients Department and includes a midwives clinic. A caseload Community Midwifery Practice operates in the community with all births occurring in the hospital. A Birth Centre will be built in the next year and a midwifery model of care is proposed to compliment this facility.

Tennant Creek Hospital's Maternity Unit offers antenatal, postnatal care including anti-natal clinic. The maternity unit has two maternity beds with the Medical Unit being used if there is an overflow of birthing mothers. There is one birthing suite and one emergency back up suite if required. On an average the unit has 40 births per year. Midwives work closely with the Infant & Maternal Health Nurse.

Qualifications

The applicant should possess formal qualifications that are appropriate for:

1. Northern Territory registration as a Registered Midwife (Direct Entry) or
2. Northern Territory registration as a Registered Nurse and authorisation to practice as a Midwife.

Transfer of qualifications

Nurses who have obtained their nursing/midwifery 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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