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Profession:

Nursing - Operating Theatres

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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'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 Operating Theatres has the capacity for three theatres. Nurses are required to be experienced in all facets of theatre work from scrubbing, scouting and recovery. Shifts include morning and afternoons and some on call after a certain time period. The Peri-Operative and Day Procedure Unit provides facilities in the following surgical specialties: general, vascular, ENT, ophthalmic, urology, gynaecology/obstetrics, dental and oral, orthopaedics, and anaesthetic/pain procedures. It provides an eight bed recovery unit.

Gove District Hospital's Operating Theatres and Same Day Procedure Unit has a theatre suite that incorporates four chair Same Day Procedure Unit. The unit undertakes minor elective surgery, caesarean sections and some emergency procedures. Nursing staff covers scouting, scrubbing, anaesthetics, recovery and day surgery. Types of procedures include general, obstetrics and gynaecology, minor orthopaedics, ophthalmology, ENT and endoscopic procedures.

Katherine District Hospital's Operating Theatres has two theatres with the capacity for elective and emergency procedures. Nursing staff need to be competent in all areas of scouting, scrubbing, anaesthetics, recovery and day surgery. Types of procedures include general, obstetrics and gynaecology, minor orthopaedics, ophthalmology, ENT and endoscopic procedures. Operating staff cover after hours and weekends on-call.

Royal Darwin Hospital's Operating Theatres is a dynamic operating theatre complex comprising five elective and one emergency theatre. We put through over 9,000 cases each year performing most specialties excluding spinal, neuro, cardiac and transplant surgery. The young population in

the Northern Territory leads to a high percentage of trauma in our patients resulting in a variety and unpredictability in our work that gives staff the opportunity to expand their skills in a supportive environment. The Operating Theatre is supported by educators and an experienced and dedicated team. There is an emphasis on professional development to skill staff in scouting, scrub, anaesthetics, recovery and team leading. The unit works closely with the Same Day Procedure Unit and the Elective Surgery Unit to promote efficient flow of elective surgery patients. The Surgical Division at RDH is an innovative team focused on excellent patient care delivery.

Tennant Creek Hospital's Operating Theatres.

The hospital has one equipped operating theatre suite that is available for visiting specialists to perform theatre lists. Nursing staff employed in this area need to be able to perform in all areas of operating theatres, scrubbing, scouting, anaesthetics and recovery. Tennant Creek's operating theatres run during morning shifts only. The Day Short Unit is attached to the theatres caring for patients post recovery until they are discharged.

Qualifications

The applicant should possess formal qualifications that are appropriate for:

Essential

1. Northern Territory registration as a Registered or Enrolled Nurse.

Desirable

2. Postgraduate studies in Peri Operative Nursing.

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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