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Profession:

Nursing - Paediatric Unit

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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 the paediatric 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 in a range of settings with excellent opportunities to experience and explore.

Locations

Alice Springs Paediatric Unit. The ward caters for the general medical, surgical and infectious patients from neonates to teenagers across the catchment area of Central Australia. Children present with the full range of conditions including pneumonia, failure to thrive, gastroenteritis and trauma. Included in the paediatric team are Aboriginal Health Workers, an Educator and a Bed Manager. Also part of the unit is a busy Outpatient Clinic and Paediatric Liaison team.

Gove District Hospital's Paediatric Unit is a combined Paediatric, Medical/Surgical unit of 22 beds. Twelve beds dedicated to paediatrics, eight medical/surgical bed and two high dependency beds. 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 Paediatric Unit is a combined Paediatric/Infection unit and a female Medical/Surgical ward with a total of 18 beds. A majority of the children that present to the ward are under the age of five, however children up to the age of 12 years are also treated in this ward. The most common types of conditions you will care for are gastroenteritis, failure to thrive and pneumonia. The adults occupying the medical/surgical beds are mobile and generally self-caring.

Royal Darwin Hospital's Paediatric Unit. Consists of two geographically separate units. The general paediatric ward has 21 beds and cares for children up to 12 years of age who are admitted due to medical illnesses, orthopaedic or having undergone surgical procedures. Visiting specialists from southern hospitals perform many paediatric operations. The Isolation

Paediatric Ward cares for children who are usually younger, often from remote communities and who are acutely ill and require a high dependency nursing including CPAP. The unit manages tropical diseases and provides great learning experience for future paediatric nurses.

Tennant Creek Hospital's Paediatric Unit is a six bed unit which offers care to children up to 13 years of age. Boarding of the carers is encouraged to help care for the children. The unit provides care for paediatric illnesses such as pneumonia, bronchitis, failure to thrive and gastroenteritis.

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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