



# We're building healthier communities.

## Welcome to **Alice Springs Hospital**

Alice Springs is Australia's Oasis, the capital of the outback and the most romantic country town in the world. It's where the Arrernte Aboriginal people have lived for 20,000 years and where pioneer men and women gave "tough" a new meaning. It's where they race camels and hold boat regattas in dry riverbeds.

Alice Springs Hospital is the regional base hospital of Central Australia, servicing communities across a one million square kilometre catchment area. Offering many services not often seen in a hospital of its size, Alice Springs Hospital is central to the health of our communities – including half a million people from around the world who visit Alice Springs every year – and is a leader in Aboriginal cross-cultural treatment. The hospital houses 165 beds, catering mostly for acute care clients.

“After completing my undergraduate training in New Zealand, my family and I moved to Alice Springs where I undertook the Postgraduate Nursing program offered to me by the Alice Springs Hospital. Like a lot of overseas travellers we came here for twelve months and four years later I'm still here! During my last rotation of my graduate program I worked in the Intensive Care Unit where I remain today. My career as a Registered Nurse has been an exciting journey and the opportunities that have been available to me have been amazing. Last year I finished my Critical Care Certificate, which I received a Northern Territory Government scholarship for, and this year I travelled to Perth to speak at the 6th Institute of Continuing Education Conference. The ongoing support and opportunities that I have received from Alice Springs Hospital in the last four years has been absolutely wonderful. Alice Springs Hospital offers a unique and exciting career pathway for any Registered Nurse, and the career opportunities are endless!”

**Natasha Franklin BN CCRCpN**

### Central to Health

We provide diagnostic and therapeutic services for both inpatients and outpatients. We maintain a strong focus on education and training, research and health promotion, and in contributing to the regional development of health services. Our hospital is well equipped, not only to provide the best possible care for our patients, but also to support the wellbeing of our staff.

### Patient services include:

Obstetrics and Midwifery  
Emergency Department  
Special Care Nursery  
Intensive Care/High Dependency Units  
Paediatric Inpatient and Outpatients  
Renal Dialysis  
Outpatient and Specialist Clinics  
Medical  
Surgical  
Day Procedure Unit  
Operating Theatre

### Specialist medical services

Because of its geographic isolation, Alice Springs Hospital provides full-time and visiting specialist medical services beyond the level usually provided by hospitals located closer to major cities. At our hospital, you'll find Specialist Medical Officers and Resident Medical Officers in all fields.

Visiting specialists service the hospital in the areas of cardiology, neurology, endocrinology, plastics, oral surgery, pain relief, dermatology rehabilitation, paediatric orthopaedic, urology and paediatric surgery.

### A leader in research, teaching & learning

Thanks to the hospital's involvement with leading research institutions across Australia, nurses at Alice Springs Hospital have access to the latest research in nursing and health care, and a supportive learning environment.

The hospital is a Special Teaching Hospital for Flinders University, Charles Darwin University, University of Sydney, University of New South Wales and the University of South Australia. Through its links with the universities, the hospital is a site for clinical placement for post-graduate midwifery training as well as undergraduate clinical placements.

Alice Springs Hospital is also the campus for The Centre for Remote Health, is an important facility for Flinders University Northern Territory Clinical School, and has strong ties with the Menzies School of Health Research in Alice Springs and Darwin.

## Great salary and benefits

In addition to salaries among the highest in Australia, up to seven weeks annual leave and salary sacrificing options – which may include full rental rebate – we offer many other attractive conditions and benefits.

## Accommodation

There are plenty of accommodation options for our nurses, including:

- Comfortable nursing quarters with communal kitchens and bathrooms, located at the hospital with access to an on-campus pool, tennis court and the government gym
- One bedroom partly furnished units located just 200 metres from the hospital
- Two-bedroom partly furnished townhouses, located two kilometres from the hospital
- Head leased accommodation can also be arranged to enable staff and their families to move to this great location.

Our on-campus accommodation is also a short distance from the bustling Todd Mall, cinemas, the town swimming pool and other amenities.

## Staff training

The hospital's Workforce Development Unit offers many training and education programs including a First Year Graduate Program for tertiary trained nurses. All nurses have access to a comprehensive in-service education program, with courses related to midwifery, orthopaedic nursing, neonatal nursing, paediatrics, critical care and advanced cardiac life support. Scholarships are also available to support ongoing study, training and attendance at conferences.

## Making the move easy

Once you've decided to join our team at Alice Springs Hospital, we'll do our part to make your move as easy as possible.

As well as offering financial support for relocation, we also provide a comprehensive orientation program that involves aboriginal cultural awareness. You'll also find that our nurses are a tight knit group of individuals who share not only passion for their work – but a genuine camaraderie.

## About our Town

There's nothing ordinary about Alice Springs. It sits alongside a ribbon of bitumen road that dissects the nation for 3,000 kilometres from north to south – about 1,300kms from both Adelaide and Darwin.

If you think The Alice is hot, flat and dusty then think again! We have stunning ranges, spectacular gum trees, refreshing waterholes, awesome colours, a lush green golf course – rated one of the top ten desert courses in the world.

From shopping to the arts to sport and recreation, Alice Springs offers something for everyone – and is a gateway to some of the country's most famous natural wonders including Uluru, Devil's Marbles and Kings Canyon.

Our world-class performing arts centre hosts acts from around the country – and the world – and our traditional and contemporary Aboriginal artists are internationally renowned. And if you're sports minded, we've got you covered. We are into all football codes, cricket and hockey, and have an aquatic centre equipped with three pools catering for the littlies to the advanced serious swimmers.

And of course, there's our nightlife. You can choose from late-night pubs, Lasseters Casino and nightclubs or join locals on the 'Friday night ABC' – a time-honoured tradition starting with the Alice Springs Memorial Club and taking in the town's major night spots. On the first Saturday of every month the Alice Springs Resort features local latin, jazz, classical and hip-hop performers.

Other night time activities range from tenpin bowling under disco lights at the Dust Bowl or demolition derby at Arunga Park speedway, to cycling the Simpson's Gap bike path by moonlight. There is also a host of dining options, from affordable backpacker style fare to fine dining.

The town has all the infrastructure and amenities expected of a bustling city but on a smaller scale. There is a range of public and private schools to choose from, and tertiary education is offered at Charles Darwin University and the TAFE campus.

## An enviable climate

Our climate is world famous – and suits a healthy, outdoors lifestyle. There are two distinct seasons in Central Australia; winter and summer. From May until September days are generally dry, with cool nights and mornings. From November to April you can expect hot and dry days and nights.

## Want to know more?

If you're considering joining our team at Alice Springs Hospital, we suggest you check out our nursing web site at [www.nursing.nt.gov.au](http://www.nursing.nt.gov.au)

Or call our nursing recruitment hotline today on **1800 000 648** or email us at [nursinginfo.ths@nt.gov.au](mailto:nursinginfo.ths@nt.gov.au)

Our staff will answer any questions you have about living in Alice Springs and working at our hospital.