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Welcome to **Royal Darwin Hospital**

Set on a harbour twice the size of Sydney's, Darwin is a modern and tropical city – and probably Australia's most culturally diverse location. More than 50 nationalities make up the town's 100,000-plus population, including the traditional landowners, the Larrakia Aboriginal people.

Darwin is the gateway to the Northern Territory's Top End, which encompasses famous destinations such as Litchfield National Park and the Tiwi Islands. It is also the launch pad for travel to Kakadu National Park and Arnhem Land.

Royal Darwin Hospital is the largest hospital in the Territory, with 345 beds including 25 mental health beds and 1,500 staff working across the four divisions of:

- Maternal and Child Health
- Medicine
- Surgery
- Emergency and Critical Care Medicine

The hospital won international recognition for its role in the retrieval, treatment and transfer of victims of the 2002 Bali bombings. Within 62 hours of the blasts, medical staff had resuscitated 61 patients - including 20 intensive care patients and evacuated 48 patients to burns centres around Australia.

Accredited by the Australian Council on Healthcare Standards, Royal Darwin Hospital is one of five public hospitals providing comprehensive inpatient, outpatient and emergency services in the Northern Territory. Royal Darwin Hospital and Alice Springs Hospital act as referral centres for Katherine, Gove and Tennant Creek Hospitals.

Services & support

Since it was opened in 1980 – and following a \$40 million redevelopment in 2003 – the hospital has extended its specialist services to provide the following:

Anaesthetics	Ophthalmology
Cardiology	Emergency Medicine
ENT	Forensic Pathology
Microbiology	Infectious Diseases
Respiratory Medicine	Anatomical Pathology
Orthopaedics Trauma	Paediatrics
Psychiatry	Radiology
Renal	Rehabilitation Services
Surgical	Internal Medicine
Mental Health	Intensive Care
Spinal	Urology
Neurology	Rheumatology
Sleep Studies	Dermatology
Neurosurgery	Oncology
Plastics	Emergency Department
Obstetrics and Gynaecology	
Oro-Maxillo Facial Surgery	

The hospital's Emergency Department is the trauma centre for the Top End of Australia as well as South East Asia. It is also being developed as a National Trauma Centre.

Allied Health Professional & Support Services

RDH provides patients with access to an extensive range of professional and support services to assist their recovery. These include:

Physiotherapy	Occupational Therapy
Speech Pathology	Social Work
Audiology	Nutrition/Dietetics
Pharmacy	Radiology
ECG/EEG	Interpreter Services
Hyperbaric Unit	Pathology
Prosthetic and Orthotic Department	
Hospital Chaplain Service	
Aboriginal Liaison – Urban, Rural	
SEAT (Seating, Equipment and Technical Services)	

A leader in research, teaching & learning

Royal Darwin Hospital is a teaching hospital affiliated with Flinders University of South Australia (FUSA) and the University of Sydney, and is home to the NT Clinical School providing education in areas such as remote health, tropical disease and Aboriginal health.

Also located at the hospital is the Centre for Evidence Based Nursing, a joint initiative with Charles Darwin University that supports evidence-based nursing, provides staff with professional education in clinical specialities and supports research.

The Menzies School of Health Research is also located on site at the world-class Combined Health Building. The school is a multi-disciplinary research organisation conducting leading studies and research in infectious and chronic diseases and community health, with a focus on Aboriginal health.

Great salary & benefits

In addition to salaries among the highest in Australia, up to seven weeks annual leave and salary sacrificing options, we offer many other attractive conditions and benefits.

Plenty of accommodation options

To help make the transition to Darwin a bit easier, new nursing staff can rent a bed-sitter on site at the hospital during their first year, while couples both employed as nurses can rent a one-bedroom unit subject to availability. Residents at the hospital have everything at hand to enjoy a fantastic lifestyle – including swimming pool, tennis courts, squash courts, gym and barbecues.

Short stroll to pristine beaches & nature

On your days off or after your shift, take some time to enjoy the pristine beach and nature park located just a few minutes walk from the hospital.

Enjoy the beautiful, long stretch of white beach and adjacent reserve that make up the Casuarina Coastal Reserve. Here you'll find walking and bicycle paths, picnic tables and an abundance of wildlife. Chances are you will meet many Darwin locals – including fellow hospital staff – who use the reserve for jogging, walking their dogs and as a venue for Tai Chi or meditation classes.

Close to shopping & transport

The northern suburbs' major shopping centre, Casuarina Shopping Square, is nearby where you will find everything from Coles, Woolworths and K Mart to speciality shops and eateries.

A bus stop is located on the main drive into the hospital, and a feeder service operates between the hospital and the depot interchange at Casuarina Shopping Square.

Training & development

The Workforce Development Unit offers a range of clinical and organisational short courses including Aboriginal Cultural Awareness, Manual Handling, Advanced Life Support, Burns Management, Pain Management, Wound Management, Orthopaedic Nursing and Special Care Nursery. Nurses are able to access a range of management development courses through Workforce Development, the NT Department of Corporate Services and the Office of the Commissioner for Public Employment. A Graduate Nurse Transition Program is available for new Graduate Nurses and postgraduate education and training is available through the Charles Darwin University. The Department of Health and Community Services offers several studies assistance schemes to help nurses undertaking postgraduate education and training or professional development activities.

Royal Darwin Hospital offers an in-service program and has a range of Clinical Nurse Educators and Clinical Nurse Consultants that provide education, training and support to nurses in clinical practice.

About Darwin & the Top End

Darwin is the laid back capital of the Northern Territory and home to a youthful and diverse population of more than 100,000 people – and 50 different cultures. About half of the Territory's population live within a 40-kilometre radius of Darwin and, like the city itself, they are generally younger than the rest of Australia.

Thanks to its warm tropical climate and moderate sea breezes, an outdoor lifestyle can be enjoyed all year round.

Famous for its breathtaking sunsets, Darwin is also the lightning capital of the Southern Hemisphere - with about 27,000 strikes recorded in the wet season each year.

When the storms have abated, thousands of locals and visitors flock to Darwin's weekly markets, held in the city, suburbs and the dynamic satellite town of Palmerston. Each market has its own particular 'flavour' - but they're all mouth-watering, with the cuisines of dozens of nations on offer, along with fresh produce, arts, crafts, clothing, plants and more.

The sights and sounds of Darwin's markets are many and varied; families cracking open champagne as the sun sets off Mindil Beach, noodles sizzling in a wok, and the pounding of a mortar and pestle as Thai pawpaw salad is made to order.

To the north of Darwin are the Tiwi Islands – Bathurst and Melville – abundant in arts and crafts, and the colourful culture of the Tiwi people.

South of Darwin is Litchfield National Park and the magnificent Katherine region boasting the world-renowned Nitmiluk (Katherine Gorge) National Park. Exploring the Katherine region you will find treasures such as Borroloola, Roper River, Mataranka, Victoria River, the Daly Region and other amazing natural features.

East of the city discover the untouched wetlands of the Mary River Region with their amazing array of birds and wildlife and one of Australia's greatest treasures, the World Heritage listed Kakadu National Park.

Travelling further east you can explore the untamed beauty of Arnhem Land, or experience the Gove Peninsula's water wonderland – sailing, game fishing or scuba diving.

An enviable climate

Darwin's weather is perfect from May to September, during the dry season. The days are mild and the nights are balmy and cool. It's wonderful weather for enjoying the great outdoors – day or night.

The coolest months of the year are June and July, when the daily temperature range is 19 to 30 degrees. The hottest months are October and November when daily temperatures are between 25 and 33 degrees.

Being a monsoonal climate there is a distinctive wet season, with most rain falling between December and March. While the humidity during 'The Wet' is generally above 70 per cent, many locals prefer this time of year when the waterways are full, the landscape is green and lush and the electrical storms are breathtaking.

Want to know more?

If you're considering joining our team at Royal Darwin Hospital, we suggest you check out our web site at 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

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