

EYRE & FAR NORTH LOCAL HEALTH NETWORK

2021 Transition to Professional Practice Program (TPPP) for Registered Nurses

About the Eyre and Far North Health Services

The Eyre and Far North Local Health Network (EFNLHN) includes the Eyre Peninsula and Far North Outback, and includes the townships of Ceduna, Cleve, Coober Pedy, Cowell, Cummins, Elliston, Kimba, Port Lincoln, Streaky Bay, Tumby Bay, Wudinna, Oodnadatta, Lock, and Amata on the APY Lands.

EFNLHN has a mix of 11 multi-purpose (MPS) hospitals, including 1 General Hospital, 2 Health Clinics, 3 Medical Practices, 1 Wellbeing Centre and 6 Community Health Services with 6 Health Advisory Councils. It services a resident population of approximately 40,000.

A wide range of health care services are offered in a number of locations throughout the Local Health Network. These services vary in size and function and include accident and emergency, day and inpatient surgery, Aboriginal health, obstetric services, community health and aged care services.

What does the TPPP look like in the Eyre & Far North Local Health Network?

The EFNLHN Transition to Professional Practice Program (TPPP) provides new graduates with:

- Support and guidance in their first year of practice as a Registered Nurse (RN)
- Experience working in a country setting that assists participants to become resourceful, flexible and adaptable - a great start and solid foundation for your nursing career

The EFNLHN TPPP program aims to support the newly qualified Registered Nurses to consolidate and develop skills and knowledge reflected in high quality nursing practice. The transition program is evidence-based, developed by rural nurses and midwives and informed by the practical experience of our rural and regional workforce.

Differences in location, size/type of health unit will make each Registered Nurse experience in their first year unique. These opportunities enable development of the skills required for a 'rural generalist' RN. This may include surgical, medical, maternity, aged care, theatre, accident and emergency and outpatient services. A EFNLHN TPPP incorporates practice support, clinical time allocated to enhance learning supported by an online learning platform and a minimum of four professional development/study days.

Opportunities exist for clinical rotation to specialty areas within the larger health services. Some sites may offer opportunity to work across health units. Opportunities for positions within this program are available, and should be discussed with the relevant site prior to application.

There is a local health network approach to management of the program and education days are scheduled with TPPP participants from EFNLHN.

The health unit contact person will be able to answer questions about the TPPP at their site including information about:

- Start dates – most programs commence between January and March although there may be some programs which commence later
- Whether the position is full or part time
- What experiences that particular site can offer and whether clinical rotations are available
- Whether the program includes rotations to more than one health unit
- The TPPP with a speciality focus e.g. perioperative, aged care
- The local community, transport, accommodation and the local area

Combined Registered Nurse and Registered Midwife TPPP

If you are also a new Registered Midwife and interested in a combined Registered Nurse and Registered Midwife TPPP EFNLHN is pleased to offer this program. The combined program gives graduates new to both the nursing and midwifery professions support as they start their careers. A separate application for the combined RN/RM TPPP can be submitted via the Registered Midwife TPPP application portal which will be available mid July 2020.

For more information about the Combined RN/RM Program contact:

Carol Salmon

Nurse & Midwife Education Facilitator

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The Eyre & Far North Local Health Network will be offering TPPP RN positions in the following health services:

1. Port Lincoln Hospital

The Port Lincoln Hospital is a modern 48 bed facility that provides a range of acute clinical services including an Emergency Department, medical, surgical, obstetric, chemotherapy and renal dialysis. The Operating Room Department is operational week days with emergency on call services also being available. Port Lincoln offers a combined Registered Nurse and Registered Midwife program. It is estimated that there will be approximately 300 births in 2020.

Contact: Ms Sandy Le Brun, Director of Nursing & Midwifery
Phone: 86832257 or Email: sandy.lebrun@sa.gov.au

2. Ceduna District Health Services

The Health Service is a modern 15 bed facility that provides a range of acute clinical services including accident & emergency, medical, surgical, obstetric, palliative, chemotherapy, renal dialysis & 38 bed residential aged care service. Services also include primary health care, community health nursing & general practice.

Contact: Mr Andrew Lane, Executive Officer/Director of Nursing & Midwifery
Phone: 8626 2110 or Email: Andrew.lane@sa.gov.au

3. Cowell District Hospital & Aged Care Service

Cowell District Hospital is a 15 bed health unit serving District Council area of Franklin Harbour and the surrounding rural community. The health unit provides general medical care including aged care, acute care, palliative care and service for outpatients. Adjoining the main hospital is a 10 bed hostel providing accommodation for people requiring a low/high level of care. Education days are scheduled with TPPP participants from Port Lincoln Hospital and held in Port Lincoln.

Contact: Ms Debra Clements, Executive Officer/Director of Nursing & Midwifery
Phone: (08) 8629 3000 or Email: debra.clements@sa.gov.au

4. Kimba District Hospital & Aged Care Service

Kimba is a 20 bed health unit serving Kimba and the surrounding rural community. The health unit has a 24 hour Accident & Emergency Department, 12 beds for patients receiving active medical treatment and eight aged care beds. Kimba also has an 11 bed hostel for clients requiring a low level of care, and eight independent living units. Education days are scheduled with TPPP participants from Port Lincoln Hospital and held in Port Lincoln.

5. Wudinna Hospital

Wudinna Hospital is a 23 bed health unit serving Wudinna and the surrounding rural community. The health unit provides general and specialist medical and surgical care including minor surgery, acute care, palliative care and service for outpatients. Trudinger Residence has 10 beds on site and provides accommodation, including short-term respite care, for older people with a high level of needs and for those with a low level of needs. Education days are scheduled with TPPP participants from Port Lincoln Hospital and held in Port Lincoln.

For more information for **Kimba and Wudinna**:

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Comments from 2019 TPPP Registered Nurses:

"Above all, this has been an amazing learning curve"

"I think the TPPP program is really well thought out, and I have not experienced any problems with my TPPP. It is a good experience and a good start to help enter workforce as a nurse."

"I have really felt so privileged to be part of the TPPP Program, it has been so very nice to feel like I was valued enough to be given this foundation for my career."

"The TPPP has been an invaluable opportunity, I've learnt so much and grown into the role."

Where to get more information?

Applicants are encouraged to attend one of the following information sessions:

Face to Face

Room 2, Glenside Campus, 226 Fullarton Road

Thursday 2nd July, 2020: 11:00am – 13:00pm

Due to Covid-19 restrictions – places are limited at the face to face sessions. Up to 4 sessions will run on this date. Please ensure you RSVP to the email below to book your session.

For applicants located in rural areas or on rural placement, the information session will be repeated via Microsoft Teams. Please register your interest in participating with the Rural Support Service Clinical Development Team via email Health.RSSClinicalDevelopment@sa.gov.au to receive a link to participate.

Further information contact:

Rural Support Service Clinical Development Team

Health.RSSClinicalDevelopment@sa.gov.au

We are continually working to increase opportunities for TPPP positions in the health services.

Please check the SA Health TPPP updates section for news of any change as to where TPPP positions are offered.