

Community and Oral Health

Chronic Disease Graduate Program

The Chronic Disease graduate program offers a unique opportunity for graduate nurses in Metro South Health, by providing a 6-month rotation in both a community and acute hospital setting to complete a 12 month MSH graduate program.

There are 2 rotation pathways available in 2025.

- Graduates complete 6 months at Princess Alexandra Hospital in the nursing pool followed by 6 months in the Brisbane South Chronic Disease Service based at Eight Mile Plains.
- Graduates complete 6 months with the Logan Chronic Disease Service followed by 6 months at Logan Hospital. Graduates are able to apply via an expression of interest process, for their clinical area of choice at Logan Hospital.

This 12 month program facilitates clinical skill development in both acute and community settings providing multiple career development pathways with opportunities to achieve your future nursing career goals.

This program aligns to the MSH graduate nurse program and included study days and access to graduate support.

Aim of the graduate program

- To develop confident and competent graduate nurses
- Equip the graduate nurse with skills and experience to work either community or acute health facilities
- Connect graduate nurses with high calibre nurse preceptors and mentors.
- Develop nurse leaders of the future
- To provide a supportive transition to practice
- To foster excitement and enthusiasm for continuing their nursing career

Chronic Disease Service Overview

Chronic Disease is a community based multidisciplinary, multi-site team which offers education and support to adults with

- Unstable or complicated diabetes
- Respiratory disease
- Chronic heart failure
- Following diagnosis of a cardiac condition
- Complex care needs

There is a strong focus on hospital avoidance and prevention of hospital re-admissions.

The service provides care in the home or community setting including, group education programs, home visiting and phone consultation services for eligible clients. The principal objective is to reduce risk of long-term complications, facilitate early discharge from hospital and reduce the risk of hospitalisation for patients with complex chronic disease conditions.





Supporting Graduates

Orientation

- Comprehensive Metro South Health orientation
- Dynamic supernumerary period
- Structured transition program

Education

- 4 workshop study days
- Multidisciplinary Team approach
- Case Conferencing
- Insight – Quality Initiative program

Support and opportunities

- Preceptor support
- Nurse Educator support
- A warm and friendly team of experienced nurses

Testimonials

‘Work with lovely people who all really want the best for their clients’

‘Enthusiasm and willingness to support graduate nurses.’

‘Quality interprofessional practice’

‘I sincerely believe it is a good place to work.’

‘I love my job and often encourage friends to apply for positions here’.

Find out more

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